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On the new Road Research Track at Crowthorne, testers can skid to their heart's content, safe as houses unless they overturn. That's how they learn all about surfaces, brakes and tyres, all for the benefit of the ordinary driver, going about his ordinary business.

A trailer has a device that locks its wheels for two or three seconds. The straight track was sprayed to help skidding and see what the trailer-wheel registered.

A moving paper chart records the force between the read and the locked wheel of the trailer. But now for a driver's view of something like a skid.

If it weren't for crowded reads, buildings and pedestrians, skidding would be a real pleasure.