CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system, comprising:

a wheel comprising;

a disc portion which defines a central opening therethrough; and

a radially outermost portion extending axially from the disc portion, wherein the wheel has a circular cross-section;

a plurality of carrier members removably connected to the radially outermost portion of the wheel; and

a plurality of wear pads, wherein each carrier member has at least one of the wear pads connected thereto.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the wheel is a road wheel of a tracked vehicle.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein:

the wheel defines a plurality of axial grooves; and

at least one of the carrier members defines a projection which is received by one of the axial grooves.

4. The system of claim 3, wherein a shape of the projection corresponds to a shape of the one of the axial grooves.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the carrier members comprises at least one of the following:

a metal material;

a plastic material; and

a composite material.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the carrier members is removably connected to the wheel by a snap fit connection.

7. The system of claim 1, further comprising a second wheel, wherein at least one of the carrier members is removably connected to the second wheel.

8. The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of fasteners, wherein at least one of the carrier members is removably connected to the wheel by at least one of fasteners.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein the at least one of the fasteners is threadedly engaged with the at least one of the carrier members.

10. The system of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of wear rings, wherein at least one of the wear rings is connected to the at least one of the fasteners.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the at least one of the fasteners is threadedly engaged with the at least one of the wear rings.

12. The system of claim 1, further comprising a lock ring, wherein the lock ring is removably connected to the wheel.

13. The system of claim 12, further comprising a plurality of fasteners, wherein the lock ring is removably connected to the wheel by at least one of the plurality of fasteners.

14. The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one of the wear pads comprises an elastomeric material.

15. The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one of the wear pads is one of the following:

adhered to a corresponding carrier member;

bonded to a corresponding carrier member;

cured to a corresponding carrier member; and

over-molded onto a corresponding carrier member.

16. The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of fasteners, wherein at least one of the wear pads is connected to a corresponding carrier member by at least one of the fasteners.

17. A system, comprising:

a first wheel;

a second wheel axially aligned with the first wheel;

a carrier member removably connected to the first and second wheels;

a first wear pad connected to the carrier member and radially aligned with the first wheel; and

a second wear pad connected to the carrier member and radially aligned with the second wheel.

18. The system of claim 17, further comprising a lock ring removably connected to the first wheel, wherein the carrier member is removably connected to the first and second wheels by the lock ring.

19. The system of claim 18, further comprising a plurality of fasteners, wherein the lock ring is removably connected to the first wheel by at least one of the fasteners.

20. The system of claim 17, further comprising:

a plurality of carrier members removably connected to the first and second wheels;

a plurality of first wear pads; and

a plurality of second wear pads, wherein each carrier member has at least one first wear pad and at least one second wear pad connected thereto.