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**EXPLODING WATER HEATERS, DUCT TAPE AND BULLETS, OH MY!**  
**MYTHBUSTERS CONTINUES ITS 7<sup>TH</sup> SEASON WITH ALL-NEW FALL PREMIERES**  
**WEDNESDAYS AT 9 PM BEGINNING OCTOBER 7**

(Silver Spring, Md.) – Fresh off its Emmy® nomination for Outstanding Reality Program, **MYTHBUSTERS** returns Wednesday, October 7 with explosive world premiere episodes throughout the remainder of 2009. Hosted by Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage, and co-hosts Tory Belleci, Kari Byron and Grant Imahara, the popular Discovery Channel science series airs **Wednesdays at 9 PM (ET/PT)**.

Currently continuing its seventh season, **MYTHBUSTERS** aims to uncover the truth behind popular myths and legends by mixing scientific method with gleeful curiosity and plain old-fashioned ingenuity to create a signature style of experimentation. Since the series launched on Discovery Channel in 2003, the team has tested more than 700 myths, conducted nearly 2,300 experiments, set off 711 explosions and destroyed 104 vehicles – all in the name of science.

In the October 7 premiere episode, Adam and Jamie test the classic physics textbook theory “bullet dropped versus bullet fired.” In a scientifically complex experiment so difficult no one has ever tried it before, they ask: If one bullet is fired and the other is dropped simultaneously from the same height, which will hit the ground first? Or will they hit at the same time, owing to gravity? Meanwhile, Kari, Grant and Tory test an old saying: can you really knock someone out of their socks? In true **MYTHBUSTERS** fashion, their tests involve a crash test dummy, a boxing ring, a nitrogen cannon, a battering ram and, of course, explosives.

Additional premiere episodes this fall tackle myths, legends and sayings both well-known and obscure, including:

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- Does a muddy car get better mileage than its clean cousin?
- Does duct tape really have the strength and sticking power to lift a 5,000-lb. car into the air? Can you build a sailboat made entirely from the stuff? Or a working cannon?
- Will mixing your drinks really make your hangover worse than if you stick to one type of alcohol?
- If a car drives over a cliff, would it really explode in a fireball upon hitting the ground below, as in nearly every action movie with a car chase scene?
- The team also tackles fan favorites from previous seasons, including testing whether a hot water heater can explode through your roof (this time, from the basement), and whether you can shoot a gun around corners. Also, the team finds a new, bigger way to test the famous snowplow split.

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Called “the best science show on television,” **MYTHBUSTERS** is produced for Discovery Channel by Beyond Productions. Dan Tapster is executive producer for Beyond Productions; Tracy Rudolph is supervising producer for Discovery Channel.

Viewers can learn more about **MYTHBUSTERS** online at <http://discovery.com/mythbusters>.

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