

# Continental Trade Fair Highlight: Plug-and-Play Concept to Link Digital Tachographs with the Cloud



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Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany, August 11, 2022. At this year's IAA TRANSPORTATION, the technology company Continental will be presenting a broad portfolio of products, technologies and digital solutions relating to sustainability, connected commercial vehicles, data-based services as well as safe and fair transport. Under the motto “Mastering Challenges. Seizing Opportunities. Together.”, visitors to the Continental booth (Hall 12, Booth C29) can expect to see numerous innovations, including intelligent driver assistance systems and autonomous driving functions, all-round connected components, services for greater compliance, high-performance computing, and sustainable tires for the commercial vehicle sector. The most important leading trade fair for logistics, commercial vehicles, buses and the transport sector will take place in Hanover, Germany, from September 20 to 25.

One highlight will be a new solution for compliance in logistics: The VDO Link concept closes the gap between digital tachographs and online platforms for fleet management. The plug-and-play solution is the first of its kind, allowing tachograph data such as driving times and rest periods to be retrieved and processed in real-time from a distance – without the need for permanently installed telematics modules in the vehicle. “In particular, smaller fleets haven’t been able to make the most of their tachograph data because their vehicles often didn’t have the necessary telematics infrastructure,” explains Marcello Lucarelli, Head of the Connected Commercial Vehicle Solutions business segment at Continental. “VDO Link is an easy-to-use solution that closes this gap.”

Thanks to the open interface concept, more usage scenarios and services based on tachograph data can and will be developed in the

future. VDO Link is yet another contribution by Continental to the digitalization of haulages and supply chains. “The technological advancement of the tachograph – that will reach a new level by mid-2023 with the release of the second version – means not only new tasks for companies in road transportation,” says Marcello Lucarelli. “Data from the tachograph nowadays give the opportunity to automate processes, simplify tasks and even to achieve productivity gains.”

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