

VanContact Ultra: New Van Summer Tire with a Long Service Life and Robust Design



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Hanover, Germany, June 23, 2022. The new VanContact Ultra has been specially developed by Continental as a summer tire for delivery services and craftsmen's vehicles. Therefore the tire comes with important capabilities for economical driving, even in urban environments. Very high mileage, robust design, low tire/road noise and low rolling resistance, make this product a winner when it comes to sustainable van tires. This year, Continental will manufacture 20 variations of the new delivery van tire, for rims between 15 and 17 inches in diameter and for load capacities of up to 1,450 kg (load index 121); approved for speeds up to 210 km/h. Production of the first VanContact Ultra sizes is started in March 2022.

Trips by van in urban environments have seen a particular increase over the years, with experts expecting an annual growth of 7 percent in "door-to-door" deliveries by 2025 (BPEK, Bundesverband Paket- und Expresslogistik e.V., June 2021, German trade association). The sales volumes of transport vehicles and tires are rising in line with this. According to the European trade association ACEA in Europe, vehicle sales in this segment increased by 40 percent between 2014 and 2019 alone. The Alzura Tyre 24 sales platform also reports a rise in delivery van tire sales of 20 percent in the first five months of last year, compared to the previous year.

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