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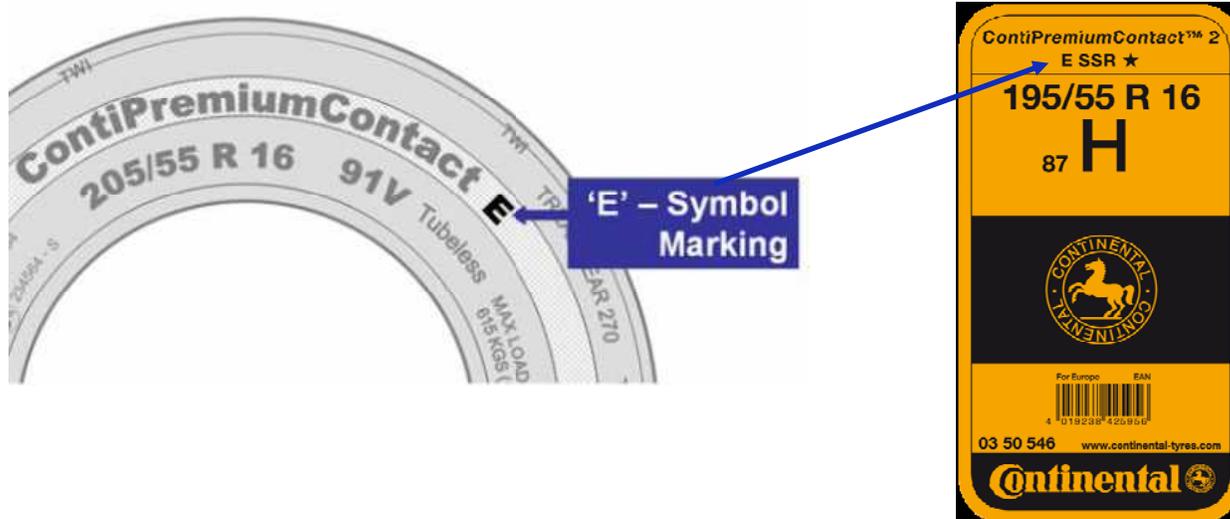
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### Continental ‘E’ Marked Tyres

„E“ symbol tyres have been in our market for several years now and a question which is periodically asked is *“can they be mixed with standard non „E“ symbol tyres on the same vehicle?”*

„E“ symbol low rolling resistance tyres only came into being because of requests from OEM’s for tyres with significantly reduced rolling resistance for specific fuel efficient vehicles. To meet this demand Continental developed optimised rolling resistance versions of standard tyres already within our portfolio. As visually, the optimised RR tyre looks identical to the standard tyre in terms of Tread Pattern and Service Description (LI + SS) it became necessary to optically distinguish the two and mark the optimised tyre versions with the symbol “E”, following the pattern name (see illustration).



Whenever one performance criterion is significantly changed there is often a trade off in another criterion, hence an „E“ symbol tyre will have different characteristics to a non „E“ symbol standard tyre with the same tread pattern and service description.

For this reason **we do not recommend** the mixing of „E“ symbol tyres with non „E“ symbol tyres. This statement applies to products that are otherwise visually the same.

The only known exception to this is the 175/65R14 82T ContiPremiumContact 2E and the ContiEcoContact3 tyre of the same size and service description which may, if one or the other is unavailable, be mixed as the tread compound of the two tyres is the same.