

## E-mobility: Continental launches first tire optimized for electric buses in city traffic

- **Increased load index: The new Conti Urban HA3 315/60 R22.5 carries up to eight tons per axle**
- **Even and slow wear thanks to optimized tread compound and robust casing structure**

Hanover, April 8, 2019. Tires for electric buses need to support a usually high overall vehicle weight due to the heavy electric battery and stand instant torque delivery. To master these challenges, they need to combine grip, robustness, and above-average load carrying capacity. Continental, the technology company and premium tire manufacturer, meets this new need with its new Conti Urban HA3 315/60 R22.5 154/148J (156/150F) tires. These all-axle tires for the safe electric passenger service feature superb grip and a load carrying capacity of eight tons per axle, 0.5 tons more than the standard for this tire size.

The Conti Urban HA3 has an increased load index thanks to its extremely robust casing featuring high wire density and thickness. It also has a sturdy and durable tread with a high proportion of natural rubber, which increases resistance to cuts, cracks, chipping, chunking, and abrasion, and leads to a long service life and utilization of the tire's full mileage potential. Its special urban bus tire contour layout adds to endurance and even wear, while its wide tread width ensures excellent cornering stability and handling for maximum safety in urban traffic. High-density interlocking sipes provide optimum grip and lane holding, even in extremely wet conditions, throughout the tire's service life. The sipes are also staggered in order to reduce noise for increased ride comfort. Reinforced sidewalls ensure that the Conti Urban HA3 reliably withstands frequent curbstone contact. Thanks to its good retreadability, the Conti Urban HA3 allows for multiple service lives. Three Peak Mountain Snowflake tested, the Conti Urban HA3 is well-suited for year-round use in many European regions.

"The new Conti Urban HA3 optimized for electric buses brings to fruition the valuable experience we've gathered from our recent collaboration with commercial vehicle manufacturers and municipal bus companies," says Lutz Stübner, Head of Product Management for Continental truck and bus tires in Europe, Middle East, and Africa. "Thanks to its balanced performance profile, it provides a



safe, comfortable, and cost-effective solution for enabling e-mobility in challenging stop-and-go traffic.”

**Continental** develops pioneering technologies and services for sustainable and connected mobility of people and their goods. Founded in 1871, the technology company offers safe, efficient, intelligent, and affordable solutions for vehicles, machines, traffic and transportation. In 2018, Continental generated preliminary sales of €44.4 billion and currently employs around 244,000 people in 60 countries and markets.

The **Tire division** has 24 production and development locations worldwide. As one of the leading tire manufacturers with around 54,000 employees, the division posted sales of €11.3 billion in 2017. Continental ranks among the technology leaders in tire production and offers a broad product range for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and two-wheelers. Through continuous investment in R&D, Continental makes a major contribution to safe, cost-effective and ecologically efficient mobility. The Tire division’s portfolio includes services for the tire trade and for fleet applications, as well as digital management systems for commercial vehicle tires.

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