

Continental named Ground Support Equipment Supplier of the Year by Southwest Airlines

- **Southwest Airlines' Supplier of the Year award recognizes superior product design and continued product quality**
- **The ContiRV20 is a popular tire for ground support equipment operations at airports**

Fort Mill, SC. 31 May 2019. Continental has been named the 2018 Supplier of the Year for ground support equipment by Southwest Airlines. The award was presented at the annual Southwest Airlines Ground Support Equipment (GSE) Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN in April and accepted by Continental's Commercial Specialty Tire team.

Continental offers a variety of tires for ground support equipment at airports, as well as other material handling operations. The ContiRV20 is one of the most popular tires for ground support equipment due to its high productivity and low operating cost in fast moving applications. The Supplier of the Year award is given in recognition of superior product development and design, customer service and warranty, providing continued product quality and for dedication to overall cost to life value.

"We are honored to receive this award from Southwest Airlines," said Pavel Prouza, head of sales and marketing, the Americas at Continental Commercial Specialty Tires. "Building strong relationships with our customers is a top priority and we are committed to providing them with quality products and quality customer service."

Picture texts

Picture 1: Continental named Ground Support Equipment Supplier of the Year by Southwest Airlines

Left to Right: Allen Brown (Southwest Airlines), Larry Laney (Southwest Airlines), Chris Bennett (Continental CST District Manager), Rick Waugh (Southwest Airlines), Jason Sticklely (Continental CST Key Account Manager), Charles Johnson (Southwest Airlines), and Don Redwine (Southwest Airlines).

Picture 2: The ContiRV20 is one of the most popular tires for ground support equipment

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 sales of €44.4 billion and currently employs around 245,000 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 56,000 employees, the division posted sales of €11.4 billion in 2018. 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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