

Continental Summer Tires Score a String of Test Successes

- Continental tires recommended by automobile clubs and car magazines
- 9 test wins and 12 highest ratings in 15 tire tests in Europe
- *Auto Zeitung* magazine praises PremiumContact 6's "extremely high safety reserves"

Hanover, April 15, 2020. In this year's comparative summer tire tests, Continental tires frequently came out on top or won endorsements from automobile clubs and car magazines. Across the board, testers praised the high safety standards offered by the tires engineered at Continental's development department in Hanover. And the top marks were not restricted to German magazines, with Continental tires also topping the podium in tests staged in Russia and Poland. Continental tires achieved a total of 9 test wins and 12 highest ratings in 15 European tire tests.

PremiumContact 6: Best in test for ADAC, *AutoBild* and international media

As a summer tire for cars from compact to luxury class, the PremiumContact 6 was a key focus of attention for the tire testers. This was the model tested by the major German, Austrian and Swiss automobile clubs and by popular German car mag *AutoBild*. In the automobile club test, a 225/40 R18 version finished in first place (adac.de, oeamtc.at, tcs.ch, Feb. 25, 2020). *AutoBild* named it "Best in Test and Eco-Champion" as the only tire to score a top "1+" rating in the mileage test (issue 10/20, p. 56). Meanwhile, *Auto Zeitung* (issue 6/20, p. 82) praised this test-winning tire for its "extremely high safety reserves on wet roads." The PremiumContact 6 also came through tests staged by international media with flying colors: For Polish auto magazine *Motor* it led the field (issue 12/20, p. 32), while Russian car mag *Za Rulem* (issue 3/20, p. 38) rated the PremiumContact 6 "best tire for dry braking and best for handling in wet and dry conditions," as it again secured top step on the podium.

In this spring's tire tests, the major automobile clubs also tested the EcoContact 6 from Continental with its very low rolling resistance and high safety reserves. Austrian automobile club ÖAMTC, for example, awarded it "recommended" status (oeamtc.at, Feb. 25 2020).

SportContact 6 rated “outstanding”

The SportContact 6, Continental’s high-tech tire for luxury limousines and sports cars, picked up two test wins this spring. The tests were conducted by *sportauto* (issue 4/20, p. 66) and *AutoBild Sportscars* (issue 4/20, p.83). The journalists from *sportauto* rated the tire “outstanding”, while *AutoBild Sportscars* called it “a top-class sports tire”.

Continental summer tires do well in specialist tests too

Along with the high-profile tests by the car mags and auto clubs, there were also more specialized tests staged by specialist publications and here too Continental tires came in for praise. By way of example, the VanContact 4Season, a specialist tire for vans and recreational vehicles, won first place in the tire test run by RV magazine *AutoBild reisemobil* (issue 4/20, p. 100). “Best in test – an exemplary tire,” was the experts’ verdict. Meanwhile *Gute Fahrt*, a magazine about vehicles built by the VW Group, tested original equipment tires in size 215/50 R 18 (issue 3/20, p. 32). “Highly recommended, displayed no weaknesses” wrote the test journalist after putting the ContiSportContact 5 through its paces.

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