

## Ahead of the field: TÜV SÜD tests the WinterContact TS 870

- **Certified product performance: WinterContact TS 870 receives TÜV SÜD Performance Mark**
- **Independent comparison with competitors' most important winter products**
- **Top marks in handling and braking in wet conditions and in snow traction**

Hanover, July 14, 2021. With the WinterContact TS 870, Continental is presenting a new winter tire this year for vehicles up to the mid-size class. The successor to the tried-and-tested WinterContact TS 860, which has received numerous awards from the automotive trade press, once again combines outstanding winter performance with excellent wet weather performance. It is not only superior to the previous model in all safety-relevant disciplines, but also impresses from an ecological perspective – including through a further reduction in rolling resistance and significantly higher mileage.

The outstanding performance of this innovative cold weather tire is now also confirmed by an independent test carried out by TÜV SÜD at Continental's request in February and March 2021 on a VW Golf VII with the widely-used size 225/45 R 17. The manufacturer of premium tires decided to take this approach because the measures taken last year to combat the coronavirus pandemic delayed the start of production. "The market launch had to be postponed," says Ralf Hoffmann, head of Marketing and Pricing for the passenger and light truck replacement business in Germany. "As a result the WinterContact TS 870 will probably not be included in the 2021 ADAC winter tire test. To provide our sales partners and end users with independent, qualified proof of performance despite this, we have tasked TÜV SÜD with certifying the product characteristics in comparison to its most important competitors."

The extensive program encompassed all standard tests on snow and wet and dry roads, as well as environmental criteria such as rolling resistance and noise. The mileage was also documented in a supplementary test in March and April. On the basis of these tests, TÜV SÜD certifies the WinterContact TS 870 as having balanced winter qualities at the highest level. In all test disciplines, the new cold weather tire from Continental achieved top three rankings – with top marks in wet braking, handling in wet conditions, and snow traction.

“The new WinterContact TS 870 offers the high level of balance in all disciplines that end users have always been used to from Continental winter tires,” says Hoffmann. “And we are pleased that we have found a way to prove this in good time by means of independent tests.”

Compared with its predecessor, the WinterContact TS 870 offers three percent shorter braking distances on ice and five percent better handling in snow, as tests by Continental have shown. The new Continental WinterContact TS 870 is also considerably superior when it comes to grip on snow, in wet conditions, and handling on dry roads. Mileage increased ten percent and rolling resistance was reduced by two percent.

The WinterContact TS 870 was developed for mini and compact class vehicles such as the VW up!, the VW Golf and the Citroen C4. With the new Continental winter tire, even sportier compact passenger cars can safely get through the cold season. The product range initially includes 21 articles for rims between 14 and 17 inches in diameter, with tire cross-sections from series 45 to 65 and widths from 175 to 225 millimeters – including with rim protection ribs and/or XL markings for elevated load capacity. They are approved for speeds of up to 240 km/h.

The test was carried out by TÜV SÜD Product Service GmbH on behalf of Continental between February and March 2021. The tire size was 225/45 R 17 94 V, test vehicle was a Golf VII; test sites: snow: Continental Arvidsjaur (S), Arctic Falls Plantskolan (S), wet and dry tests: Contidrom, (D), ATP Papenburg (D), rolling resistance: TÜV SÜD PS Garching (D), rolling noise: Neubiberg (D), report no. 713205316-PM.

The test report can be viewed [here](#).

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