**Press release**

**Hankook gains three awards at the 2022 Auto Express Product of the Year Awards including two wins**

* **Double "Product of the Year Award" for Hankook tyres in latest Auto Express awards**
* **Summer tyre Ventus S1 evo 3 convinces with its excellent wet braking properties and the all-weather tread Kinergy 4S 2 performed exceptionally in the aquaplaning tests**
* **Winter i\*cept RS 2 secured a “Commended” rating, scoring highly for its handling in the wet and snow**

**Daventry, UK, 9 June 2022** – Premium tyre manufacturer Hankook was crowned by the renowned car magazine Auto Express with three of its summer, all-season and winter tread flagship products. In its special issue published on 26th May 2022, the magazine highlights the outstanding properties of the Ventus S1 evo 3 which gained its first award win last year in the Auto Express Summer Tyre Test 2021 with a "well deserved first win" (Auto Express 01/09/21). The newly developed tyre compound pays off especially well and provides a particularly good result in wet braking. In general, the testers verified: "A great all-round performance" (01/09/21). This resulted in the magazine also awarding the Hankook Ventus S1 evo 3 the title of Summer Tyre Product of the Year 2022. The Kinergy 4S 2 was able to prevail against well-known competitors, especially with the results of the aquaplaning tests and achieved top values in braking performance and handling. The "Product of the Year" award follows last year's test victory, also in Auto Express. Last but not least, Hankook's Winter i\*cept RS 2 achieved a solid "Commended" in the same test. The tyre “felt particularly good for handling, with relatively lively steering and low slip”, according to Auto Express (05/10/2021).

"We are delighted with the latest awards from Auto Express. They prove once again that our products are a great choice all year round. In particular, the 'Product of the Year' awards for our summer and all-season flagship tyres are an important indication to our UK customers that they can rely on Hankook and its ongoing research and development," comments Chang Yool Han, Managing Director of Hankook Tyre UK.

**Safe driving all year round – The features of the three award-winning tyres**

The **Ventus S1 evo 3** is equipped with a high-strength bead core which, in combination with the reinforced sidewall, not only ensures sporty, dynamic handling but also high driving stability, directional stability and steering precision, particularly at high speeds. Further improvement in the areas of wet grip and handling/steering precision was emphasised. Numerous well-known car manufacturers use this tyre as original equipment for their top models.

With the **Kinergy 4S 2**, premium tyre maker Hankook has developed an all-season specialist for various weather and temperature conditions. Now in its fifth generation, the Kinergy 4S 2 offers an even more balanced and consistent performance. The tyre is aimed especially towards quality and cost-conscious drivers who want to do without the six-monthly tyre change, but still want year-round balanced performance and safety. Particularly in view of the increasingly changeable weather conditions in Europe, as well as predominant use in a more urban environments, the tyre offers an attractive alternative for ensuring year-round mobility in compliance with the law.

Developed to deliver balanced performance in all wintery driving conditions, the Hankook **Winter i\*cept RS 2** comes equipped with a special nano-sized, high dispersible silica compound, resistant to hardening in low temperatures, and a new solution-styrene butadiene rubber. The compound ensures the tread stays elastic even at very low temperatures, thus providing excellent traction and braking power by increasing the tyre’s contact area, in particular in the cool temperatures and wet roads typical during the colder seasons.

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**About Hankook**

Hankook Tire manufactures globally innovative, award-winning radial tyres of proven superior quality for passenger cars, light trucks, SUVs, RVs, trucks, and buses as well as motorsports (circuit racing/rallies).

Aspiring to bring consumers the utmost excellence in product quality, technological excellence and driving satisfaction, Hankook Tire continuously invests in research and development maintaining five R&D centres and eight production facilities around the world. Bespoke tyre solutions for the European markets as well as European Original Equipment according to the requirements of leading premium car manufacturers, are developed in the company’s regional Technical Centre in Hanover/Germany. Production for the European region is taking place in the state-of-the-art manufacturing site in Rácalmás/Hungary which was inaugurated in June 2007 and is continuously being expanded. Currently around 3,000 employees produce up to 19 million tyres a year for passenger cars, SUVs and light trucks.

Hankook Tire’s European headquarters are located in Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt am Main in Germany. The manufacturer operates further branches in several European countries and sells its products through regional distributors in other local markets. Hankook Tire employs approximately 20,000 people worldwide and are selling their products in over 180 countries. Internationally leading car manufacturers rely on tyres made by Hankook for their original equipment. Approximately 34 percent of the company's global sales are generated within the European and CIS-Region. Hankook Tire has been represented in the renowned Dow Jones Sustainability Index World (DJSI World) since 2016.

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