**Hankook's Kinergy 4S 2 all-season tyres**

**prove to be award-winning once again**

**In independent tyre tests conducted by various European trade magazines, the Hankook Kinergy 4S 2 once again demonstrated its impressive performance capabilities this year. With more than 20 years of development expertise in the field of all-season treads, the tyre maker is one of the global pioneers in this field. The independently determined test results of the European trade press speak for themselves.**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany, December 8, 2020*** – With the all-season passenger car tyre Kinergy 4S 2, which is also available in an SUV version as the Kinergy 4S 2 X, premium maker Hankook offers a product for customers who want to avoid having to change tyres twice a year, but still want to be able to drive safely all year round. The editors of the German car magazine Auto Bild Allrad praised the Hankook Kinergy 4S 2 as this year's winner of their all-season tyre test, commenting: "All-round talent with excellent driving characteristics in all weather conditions, dynamic handling characteristics, harmonious steering behaviour as well as short snow and wet braking distances".

The V-shaped tread pattern and the ultra-modern tread compound, which consists of components made from natural oils, also won over the testers of its sister magazine Auto Bild. "Convincing driving characteristics on wet roads, good snow qualities, short wet and dry braking distances, very good reserves in case of aquaplaning," was the conclusion of the editorial team, who granted the Hankook Kinergy 4S 2 the overall rating of "Good". The experts from the online magazine Tyre Reviews described the Hankook all-weather pattern as "highly recommended" and also affirmed its very balanced characteristics. The tyre also convinced the test editors of the British car magazine Auto Express, who recommended it for purchase to its readers.

**2020 season test results:**

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| **Medium:** | **Tread:** | **Tested size:** | **Test result:** | **Version:** |
| Auto Bild Allrad | Kinergy 4S 2 | 215/60 R16 | Test winner, exemplary | 12/2020 |
| Tyre Reviews | Kinergy 4S 2 | 225/45 R17 | Highly recommended | 2020 All Season Tyre Test |
| Auto Express | Kinergy 4S 2 | 225/45 R17 | Purchase recommendation | 25/11/2020 |
| Auto Bild | Kinergy 4S 2 | 205/55 R16 | good | 39/2020 |
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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. Thanks to the snowflake symbol (3PMSF), which has been mandatory for winter tyres in Europe since January 2018, the tyre can also be driven all year round in countries with situational or static winter tyre requirements.

As an all-season tyre, the Kinergy 4S 2 is a true all-rounder, combining the specific summer and winter features of a tyre without temperature-related performance degradation. At the same time, it offers high reliability in wet, dry and snowy conditions. This is made possible by features such as the directional tread pattern. The V-shaped interlocking tread blocks ensure sufficient driving stability even in the cold season. They are complemented by extra wide, two-stage main drainage grooves, which allow water to drain to the sides even during heavy rain. The drainage system therefore prevents aquaplaning and is also able to channel slush out of the tread more effectively than before. These properties are supported by the tread compound of a high-density silica-polymer composite, which ensures excellent wet grip thanks to a proportion of natural oils and resins.

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**About Hankook Tire**

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 Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK and Ukraine. Hankook products are sold directly 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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