**Press release**

**Hankook Ventus original equipment tyres fitted on the VW Golf GTI, Golf R and Tiguan R models**

* **Tyre maker Hankook equips three further Volkswagen models with Ultra-High-Performance products**
* **Sport models Golf GTI, Golf R and Tiguan R to roll off the lines fitted with Hankook Ultra-High-Performance tyres**
* **19-inch Ventus S1 evo 3 tyres fitted on both VW Golf models**
* **The VW Tiguan R will be delivered with 20-inch Ventus S1 evo 2 SUV tyres or optionally with 21-inch Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV tyres**

**Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 17 March 2022** – Premium tyre maker Hankook, an original equipment supplier to Volkswagen for many years, is equipping three further vehicles from the Wolfsburg-based car manufacturer with its tyres. Ultra-High-Performance (UHP) tyre patterns Ventus S1 evo 3 will be fitted on the Golf GTI und Golf R; and Ventus S1 evo 2 SUV or evo 3 SUV on the Tiguan R.

“The tyres deployed on the Volkswagen Golf GTI, Golf R, and Tiguan R, are also ideal for everyday use, thereby further expanding our portfolio of original equipment. This shows once again the wide range of our products, which are designed to fulfil the most diverse requirements,” commented Klaus Krause, Head of the Hankook European Development Center. “We placed particular emphasis on ensuring that the tyres perfectly combine sportiness and the comfort required for a high level of everyday use.”

The particularly sporty R variant of the Tiguan will be exclusively fitted with the Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV which has a wheel size of 21 inches. The Ventus S1 evo 2 SUV, which has already received many awards from the European trade media, is available for the 20-inch wheel size. Both SUV patterns demonstrate a successful combination of high-level dynamic response, comfort and wet grip, especially in challenging conditions.

The Ventus S1 evo 3 is equipped with a high-strength bead core, which in combination with the reinforced sidewall ensures high driving and directional stability, as well as steering precision. These features support sporty and dynamic handling, which is particularly beneficial for the high-performance Golf GTI and R models. In addition, the particularly light rayon carcass and the use of a special aramid composite material in the belt area reduce unwanted increases in the rolling circumference by up to 60 percent, even at very high speeds, compared to previously commonly-used materials. This also has a positive effect on driving stability and steering precision. The special tread compound uses high-performance natural resins and ensures the necessary grip, as well as excellent traction and braking performance on both dry and wet road surfaces.

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| **Hankook tyre size overview for the VW Golf GTI, VW Golf R and VW Tiguan R** | | |
| **Dimension** | **Model** | **Profile** |
| 235/35R19 91Y | VW Golf GTI, VW Golf R | Hankook Ventus S1 evo 3 |
| 255/40R20 101Y XL | VW Tiguan R | Hankook Ventus S1 evo 2 SUV |
| 255/35R21 98Y XL | VW Tiguan R | Hankook Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV |

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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 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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