**Press release**

**Hankook’s Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV gains ‘Recommended’ award in the Auto Express 2022 SUV Summer Tyre Test**

* **Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV tyre aced the wet tests and performed well in the dry**
* **Reviews commend its grip, excellent road handling and overall performance**
* **The 4th Auto Express award for Hankook Tyre UK in 2022**

**Daventry, UK, 27 July 2022** – Premium tyre manufacturer Hankook has received its 4th award this year from Auto Express with the Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV being placed 2nd in the Auto Express SUV Tyre Test 2022 and receiving the ‘Recommended’ accolade. This new test from Auto Express is the result of the growing popularity of SUVs on today's roads. Hankook very nearly did the double with this SUV version of its 2021 test winning Ventus S1 evo 3 with the S1 evo 3 SUV being described as ‘the tyre to have in the wet’ (Auto Express, 20 July 2022) with two section victories and decent results in aquaplaning. The report highlights that over 700 customer reviews gave this tyre a high rating of 4.6/5 with Blackcircles.com commenting “This new tyre is proving to be a popular choice early on, with reviews commending its grip, excellent road handling and overall performance” (20 July 2022). Hankook has already picked up three awards from Auto Express this year, namely 2022 Product of the Year accolades for the ultra-high-performance Ventus S1 evo 3 and the all-season Kinergy 4S 2 with the Winter i\*cept RS 2 securing a ‘Commended’ rating.

Chang Yool Han, Managing Director of Hankook Tyre UK commented “This is an excellent achievement for the Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV and extends our award-winning credentials into the SUV market. Hankook is proud to be a global premium tyre manufacturer and achieving recognition from Auto Express demonstrates Hankook’s commitment to such high levels of quality and performance.”

**Summer performance for SUVs**

The Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV has significantly increased sidewall strength compared to standard products thanks to "bead packing", the use of a special nylon material in the sidewall area. The two-layer carcass and the use of an aramid composite material reduce the unwanted expansion of the rolling circumference at high speeds by up to 60 percent compared to previous patterns. The tyres therefore have very high driving stability and steering precision, as well as increased durability due to lower overall heat development. The sporty and dynamic performance on both dry and wet roads is further enhanced by a new tread compound using high-performance natural resins. As a result, the Ventus S1 evo 3 SUV achieves a consistently high level of performance across a wide range of temperatures and conditions.

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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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