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PRESS RELEASE

New KMAX Low Platform Trailer Tires from Goodyear

High mileage 17.5” tires for low platform trailers

Extending its range of high mileage KMAX tires, Goodyear is introducing the KMAX T trailer tire for low platform trailers. This new tire is for 17.5” rims and will be available in five sizes to meet the demanding applications of low platform trailers. KMAX T 17.5” tires have been developed for high mileage performance and all season mobility by qualifying for the 3 Peak-Mountain-Snow-Flake (3PMSF) snow tire requirements. The new tires will be available from May 2017.

Low platform or low loader trailers are typically used for transporting large or heavy equipment such as construction plant and agricultural equipment or long indivisible loads like wind turbine parts. Often such trailers have many axles, some of which may be steerable. The new tires are designed specifically to meet the challenging requirements of this type of haulage offering high mileage.

*“The transportation of heavy goods is a very specialist area where reliability is essential. The new KMAX T low platform trailer tires are designed specifically for this type of haulage; offering high levels of durability and robustness, high mileage, low rolling resistance and all season performance thanks to the 3PMSF classification.”* said Benjamin Willot, Director Marketing Commercial Tires at Goodyear Europe, Middle East and Africa. *“Especially the all season performance of the KMAX T low platform trailer tires is an important benefit for fleet operators helping them not only keeping their trucks running during all seasons but also being compliant with stricter becoming winter tire regulations across Europe.”*

The tread profile of Goodyear KMAX T range provides optimal pressure distribution in the footprint for high mileage, even wear and low rolling resistance. High contact stresses typical with Low Platform Trailers are distributed the over a wide surface by the robust 4-rib tread design. Longitudinal sipes in the tread blocks grip in wet and snowy conditions, giving high mileage with all season mobility thanks to the tires all fulfilling the strict 3PMSF snow tire requirements by the EU. Grip and traction is further enhanced by the grooves, which are designed along zig-zag lines to provide multiple gripping edges to the circumferential ribs as they go through the footprint. The cross-section of these grooves is designed to promote the ejection of stones. For greater casing durability, the construction of the bead is engineered for the demanding applications of low platform trailers. The tread compound’s chemical formulation is designed to withstand the high contact stresses, typical with low platform trailers, giving high mileage, robustness and high retreadability. Thanks to the tread design and tread compound the KMAX T low platform trailer tires offer high all season performance even in winter conditions which is proven by the 3PMSF classification, which is a standardized definition from the EU for snow tires.

The table below refers to the new KMAX T low platform trailer tires: showing sizes, load and speed indices, availability and winter performance qualification.

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| **Tire** | **Size** | **Load/Speed**  **Index 1** | **Load/Speed**  **Index 2** | **Available** | **RR** | **WG** | **Noise** | **3PMSF** |
| **KMAX T** | **205/65R17.5** | **129/127K** | **130/130J** | **May 2017** | **C** | **B** | **71 ))** | **√** |
| **KMAX T** | **205/65R17.5** | **129/127K** | **132/132F** | **May 2017** | **C** | **B** | **71 ))** | **√** |
| **KMAX T** | **245/70R17.5** | **143/141J** | **146/146F** | **May 2017** | **B** | **C** | **69 )** | **√** |
| **KMAX T** | **215/75R17.5** | **135/133J** |  | **June 2017** | **C** | **C** | **69 )** | **√** |
| **KMAX T** | **235/75R17.5** | **143/141J** | **144/144F** | **July 2017** | **C** | **B** | **69 )** | **√** |

The full of KMAX T trailer range further comprises six tires. One is for 19.5” rims in size 435/50R19.5 and five 22.5” tires comprising 385/55R22.5, 385/65R22.5 (Load index 164), 425/65R22.5 and 445/65R22.5.

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Goodyear Dunlop Europe’s range of tires for commercial vehicles, buses and coaches includes more than 400 different tires covering in excess of 55 sizes. Many of the world's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers fit tires from Goodyear as standard, including DAF, Iveco, MAN, Mercedes-Benz, Renault Trucks, Scania and Volvo Trucks. Goodyear also supplies tires to all major trailer manufacturers. With FleetFirst, which includes the TruckForce service network, ServiceLine24h roadside assistance, FleetOnlineSolutions (an internet-based fleet management system) and Goodyear retreading services, Goodyear provides one of the broadest ranges of fleet-efficiency services in the industry.

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