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Corsa: the 2018 Tour de France tyres

Half of the peloton rides on Vittoria Corsa

Today, the best pro teams of the world are going to face each other in the most demanding and fascinating stage race of the year; and Vittoria is ready to support them with its top-of-the-range products.

2018 Tour de France edition will see half of the peloton using Vittoria Corsa tyres. This is an impressive achievement for the brand as well as a straightforward evidence of Vittoria products' outstanding performances and reliability.

As mentioned already, [Corsa](#) is the favourite tyre choice for competitions by pro-teams and athletes alike. Corsa is the world's best-known and most-used tubular tyre that has been proven by millions of race kilometers by professionals and enthusiasts. The Corsa benefits from a combination of all of Vittoria's latest innovations: based on the stronger cotton casing of the Vittoria Pavé and evolved to be lightweight and most versatile, this top performance product is the tyre of choice for all circumstances. The fine-woven cotton is dense (320 tread-per-inches) and reinforced with Kevlar®, protecting extremely well against punctures and cuts. The supple handmade cotton Corespun casing (discover Corespun cotton casing [here](#)) ensures maximum traction. No energy is lost on uneven road surface because the casing allows small deformations instead of bouncing up.

A tyre compound, together with its casing, determines how well it holds the road. Vittoria tirelessly researches new compounds to give riders tyres with even better performance, grip and longer life, in all conditions. This is the reason why the Corsa is built with 4 different types of rubber: Vittoria exclusive [4C \(4 compounds\)](#) process offers unmatched versatility, by allowing for separate base and surface compounds, in both the center and side areas of the tread.

Vittoria Corsa's tread benefits by the presence of [Graphene](#). Prior to the advanced development of Graphene, there was always the requirement of choosing between optimizing, or aiming at, speed, grip, durability and puncture protection. Effectively, the introduction of Graphene in the Corsa, allows for natural material barriers of rubber to be removed. This means that there is no longer the need for such compromises between speed, grip, durability and puncture resistance.

Coming back to the Tour de France tyres, every stage has particular demands and requirement concerning terrain and weather conditions. When asked about Tour de France tyres, Richie Porte – rider of BMC Racing Team – made clear the fact that different stages require tailored assets (read the complete interview [here](#)).

For example, stage 9 of the Tour of France will be on cobble stones and for this road surface, the most appropriate tyre choice is Vittoria Corsa Control.

Whether the competition is held on cobble stones like the iconic race Paris-Roubaix, in rainy or slippery conditions, or on rough and poor road conditions, the [Corsa Control](#) is designed specifically for such purposes. Using the same finest 320 TPI CoreSpun-K casing of the Corsa, it also uses aramid reinforcements as well as a thicker tread for enhanced strength and major puncture protection. Corsa Control still offers the flexible casing and 4 compound graphene-powered tread to offer the best performance in speed, grip, durability and puncture protection.



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Tour de France tyres choice is a matter of concern for riders as well as for mechanics. Before the race, tyres check-up and maintenance are fundamental in order to provide riders with the best set-up. The feedback from team mechanics and team product managers related to Vittoria products are extremely important to pushing our times always one step forward in terms of performances.

Listen to what Jurgen Landrie - mechanic of BMC Racing Team – has to say about tyre choice and check-up before and after the race:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRCsn33liwv&feature=youtu.be>

James Griffin from EF Drapac Cannondale tells about tyres check-up and maintenance before and after the race:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-OdFZh9atg&feature=youtu.be>

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