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## Best Vittoria tires for the 2019 Tour de France [#VittoriaCorsa GRAPHENE 2.0](#)

We are approaching the 2019 Tour de France and teams are getting ready with all equipment necessary to fight for the yellow jersey. Tire choice is of course one of the most crucial. Riders' confidence in the tire is everything, and it affects their chances to fight for the victory.

Riders trusting in Vittoria tires are numerous. Here are the teams using Vittoria tire at the Tour this year:

- EF Education First
- Lotto Soudal
- Team Dimension Data
- Team Jumbo – Visma
- UAE Team Emirates

2019 Tour de France will feature seven mountain stages including five mountaintop finishes. In particular, for the first time ever, the route will include three mountaintop finishes above 2,000 metres on the Col du Tourmalet, Tignes and Val Thorens. The peloton will also have to go over several other mid-stage mountain passes that are above that altitude. For such stages, the obvious choice for riders is [#VittoriaCorsa GRAPHENE 2.0](#). Corsa uses premium cotton casing to conform closer to the road's surface, providing a smoother ride, easier rolling, and better grip while being lightweight and soft. The innovative GRAPHENE 2.0 compound allows for higher speed and mileage.

The Tour will feature also 54 kilometres of time trialling that are split between one team time trial and one individual time trial. [#VittoriaCorsaSpeed GRAPHENE 2.0](#) is the tire specifically designed for time trials. Rated as the fastest tire in the world, Corsa Speed uses the lightest cotton casing and thinnest tread available from Vittoria for maximum speed.

The choice of the tire is not only a matter of tire model but also of tire casing. Vittoria top-of-the-range tires (Corsa, Corsa Speed and Corsa Control) are available in tubeless clincher and tubular versions. Tubeless-ready set up is the lightest and fastest casing option. The tubeless ready bead allows the tire to be used with no tube. Tire sealant can be added inside the tire to prevent air loss in case of punctures. Tubeless set up is chosen for its unique performance: it locks into the rim wall to provide an airtight seal and ensure easy tubeless installation, and to optimize air retention (minimize burping).

In Vittoria tubulars, the tread is glued by hand on the casing, a labor-intensive process exclusively used for premium tubulars. The tubular tire's round profile gives it several advantages over any clincher. Cornering is more predictable and shock absorption is superior. Also, the broad glued interface to the rim spreads shock loads more evenly through the casing, letting the tire absorb big hits without deflecting or slowing down.



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Watch this video to discover the differences between tubulars, clinchers and tubeless tires: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJFFH8qDL2s>

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