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Futuristic Superbus rides on Apollo Vredestein tyres

Superbus prototype being showcased in Dubai

Apollo Vredestein BV, an established and recognised specialist in the field of ultra high-performance tyres for premium and luxury vehicles, has yet again proved its ability to come up with tyre solutions that inspire confidence and ensure safety even at speeds beyond 250 kmph (155 mph) for a new bus system that weighs around 9000 kg.

Since existing buses usually do not travel faster than 80 to 100 kmph, a bus tyre suitable for speeds of up to 250 kmph had never been designed before – till Vredestein took up the challenge of making this technologically advanced and innovative product!

Developed by Apollo Vredestein, Ultrac Sessanta Superbus tyre is one of its kind in the world and has been tested extensively not only for speed and load, but also durability and rolling resistance. The maximum speed achieved to date during tests is 340 kmph, more than enough for Superbus.

The Giugiaro-designed, Ultrac Sessanta Superbus tyre has the dimensions and load carrying capabilities of a truck tyre, but with the aesthetics and speed requirements of an enlarged high-performance car tyre. It was developed by Vredestein engineers in the size 315/50 ZR22 XL 124W (the speed code W indicates a maximum approved speed of 270 km/h). The number 124 specifies the load index of the tyre, which means that one Superbus tyre can support a weight of 1,600 kg. This tyre has a total diameter of 875 mm and a width of approximately 328 mm.

The first Superbus prototype was presented in Dubai, on the opening day of the World Exhibition of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) hosted by Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), on April 10, 2011. Superbus is a futuristic and greener public transport vehicle system developed by the Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands. It combines existing aerospace, Formula 1 and logistical technologies in an attempt to address the growing needs for a flexible, efficient and sustainable mode of commuting in various cities of the world.

For more information on the Superbus: <http://www.superbusproject.com>

For more information on the Superbus in Dubai: <http://www.uitpdubai2011.org/exhibition/welcome/>

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Apollo Tyres Ltd is a high-performance company and the leading Indian tyre manufacturer. It is built around the core principles of creating stakeholder value through reliability in its products and dependability in its relationships. The company has four manufacturing units in India, four in Southern Africa and one in the Netherlands. Apollo's subsidiary companies are Apollo Tyres South Africa Pty Ltd (previously known as Dunlop Tyres) and Apollo Vredestein BV in the Netherlands. India, South Africa and Europe are the company's three domestic markets from where products are exported to over 70 countries. In each of the domestic markets the company operates through a vast network of branded, exclusive and multi-product outlets.

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