

Brussels, 12 April 2013 – Weak performance of the European Tyres market in the first quarter 2013

The European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers' Association (ETRMA) has published figures about the tyre replacement sales, first quarter 2013.

- ✓ The market for consumer tyres was **down by 12%** due to, amongst other factors, bad weather conditions, delay of the change from winter to summer tyres, and not least the current economic environment.
- ✓ The truck tyre market remained **on the low level** of the previous year.
- ✓ Agro and motorcycle tyres also at **significantly lower** levels compared to same period 2012!

REPLACEMENT MARKET EUROPE FIRST QUARTER 2013 IN 000 OF TYRES			
	2012	2013	
	53.239	46.586	-12%
	1.900	1.879	-1%
	504	463	-8%
	3.121	2.702	-13%

Industry expects that the market for summer tyres will perform in the coming months slightly above last year.

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