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## **GOODYEAR LAUNCHES OPTITRAC R+ IN AUSTRALIA**

Goodyear will extend its popular OPTITRAC farm-tyre range with the launch of its innovative OPTITRAC R+ tyre at the Beaufort stand at Gunnedah's AgQuip field days, August 18 to 20.

Steve Ryan, Goodyear Farm Product Manager, said that the OPTITRAC R+ tyre incorporates Goodyear's latest technologies offering farmers greater load capacity and higher on-road speeds.

"Featuring innovative tyre materials, a stronger carcass and Goodyear's Aero Tie-in bead concept, the OPTITRAC R+ is a modern, high-performing tyre ready for the next generation of powerful, high-speed tractors," Mr Ryan said.

"For example, the OPTITRAC R+ can reach speeds up to 65 km/h against the current tyre with the same load capacity and inflation pressure.

"Alternatively, the tyre can also hold up to 31 per cent more load than the standard tyre at a regular speed and tyre pressure," he said.

The OPTITRAC R+ has larger air volume inside the tyre achieved by reducing the rim diameter. The larger air volume in combination with appropriate tyre pressure allows the tyre to generate extra traction in a wider range of operating conditions.

"Carrying the same load capacity, the OPTITRAC R+'s ability to generate significantly higher traction at lower tyre pressures, reduces unnecessary soil compaction," Mr Ryan said.

Goodyear's Aero Tie-in technology, derived from its aircraft tyres, ensures that the OPTITRAC R+ can transmit high torque and provide increased traction while staying securely anchored to the rim, even with smaller rim diameters.

"The addition of the OPTITRAC R+ to the OPTITRAC range gives farmers greater flexibility for multi-functional tractor use," he said.

The OPTITRAC R+ is already an approved fitment to a wide range of tractors in Europe and available for OEM specification including John Deere, Claas, Fendt and Massey Ferguson.

The 6 rear and 7 front sizes line up of the OPTITRAC R+ range allows for many different front and rear combinations. The chart shown below illustrates some of the popular combinations currently fitted to high horsepower tractors.

<b>Rear / Front</b>	<b>650/75R34</b>	<b>650/75R38</b>	<b>650/85R38</b>	<b>710/75R42</b>
<b>540/65R28</b>	R+			
<b>540/75R28</b>	R+	R+		
<b>600/70R30</b>			R+	
<b>620/75R30</b>			R+	R+
<b>650/65R34</b>				R+

Available from Beaufort, Goodyear Autocare and selected independent dealers, Goodyear will launch nine OPTITRAC R+ sizes with four additional sizes to follow.

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**About Goodyear**

Goodyear is one of the world's largest tyre companies. It employs approximately 70,000 people and manufactures its products in more than 60 facilities in 25 countries around the world. For more information on Goodyear and its products, visit

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## TECHNOLOGY: FEATURES AND BENEFITS

	Features	Benefits
	Wide performance spectrum	High traction with lower soil compaction. Same load as 50 km/h tyre with lower operating inflation pressure.
	65 km/h speed rating	Carry regular loads at higher speed improving transport speed.
	Reinforced carcass and Aero Tie-In bead construction derived from aircraft tyre construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High torque, low inflation.</li> <li>- Greater loads.</li> <li>- Faster transport speed.</li> </ul>

## TECHNICAL DATA (Specifications are based on drive wheel single fitment usage)

CODE	SIZE & SERVICE DESC.	RECC RIMS	O.D. (MM)	S.W. (MM)	R.C. (MM)	S.LR (MM)	MAX SPEED km/h	LOAD kg / INFLATION kPa															
								60	80	100	120	140	160	190	200	220	240						
4122258	540/65R28 142D/145A8	W18L W16L	1415	530	4228	630	65			2050	2250	2450	2650										
							50			2155	2365	2575	2785										
							25	1955	2190	2430	2665	2905	3140										
4123000	540/75R28 149D/152A8	W18L W16L	1500	550	4477	663	65			2570	2800	3025	3250										
							50			2700	2940	3175	3415										
							25	2510	2780	3045	3320	3585	3850										
4123018	600/70R30 152D/155A8	DW20A W18L	1602	611	4780	704	65			2880	3100	3325	3550										
							50			3025	3255	3490	3730										
							25	2880	3145	3415	3675	3940	4205										
4123026	620/75R30 163D/166A8	DW20A DW21A	1692	600	5032	766	65			3185	3415	3645	3875	4125	4375	4625	4875						
							50			3345	3585	3825	4070	4330	4595	4855	5120						
							25	3230	3500	3775	4045	4320	4590	4890	5185	5480	5775						
4123034	650/65R34 161D/164A8	DW20A DW21A	1719	650	5140	755	65						3875	4065	4250	4440	4625						
							50						4070	4270	4465	4660	4855						
							25						4590	4815	5035	5260	5480						
4123042	650/75R34 162D/165A8	DW21A DW20A DW23A	1838	652	5483	812	65			3745	4080	4415	4750										
							50			3930	4285	4635	4990										
							25	3645	4040	4440	4835	5230	5630										
4123050	650/75R38 169D/172A8	DW21A DW20A DW23A	1941	655	5800	863	65			3900	4225	4550	4875	5105	5340	5570	5800						
							50			4095	4435	4780	5120	5360	5605	5850	6090						
							25	3850	4235	4620	5005	5390	5775	6050	6330	6600	6875						
4123068	650/85R38 173D/176A8	DW21A DW20A DW23A	2059	694	6147	909	65			4370	4730	5090	5450	5715	5975	6240	6500						
							50			4590	4965	5345	5725	6000	6275	6550	6825						
							25	4325	4750	5180	5605	6030	6460	6770	7080	7395	7705						
4123076	710/75R42 175D/178A8	DW23A	2157	710	6450	959	65			4725	5150	5575	6000	6225	6450	6675	6900						
							50			4960	5410	5855	6300	6535	6775	7010	7245						
							25	4590	5095	5600	6105	6605	7110	7375	7645	7910	8175						