



The new Gislaved Speed 606:

**New summer tyre for speeds of between
130 and 168 mph**

Hanover, January 2006. Speed 606 is a new summer tyre to be launched this spring by the traditional Swedish tyre brand Gislaved. The development of this new tyre was focused on safety in wet and dry road conditions, good ride comfort and high tyre mileage.

The longitudinal tread pattern with V-shaped grooves in the center provides exceptional safety during wet-weather driving. Two wide drainage grooves combined with streamlined sections in the outer shoulder provide excellent anti-aquaplaning characteristics. They enable the Speed 606 to disperse large quantities of water from under the tyre in wet-road driving.

A high number of sipes and block edges, combined with a latest generation silica compound, provide shorter braking distances and improved grip in the wet. Special sipes in the shoulder blocks split the film of water, ensuring ultimate traction on wet surfaces.

Safe handling in the dry is guaranteed by the large, stable shoulder blocks and stiff tread. The long, interconnected blocks in the tread center provide outstanding traction and improved braking performance on dry roads.

The stiff tyre profile along with the round footprint and the flat contour deliver uniform tyre wear and long mileage.

Slightly staggered blocks of varying length ensure reduced tyre-road noise and a comfortable ride, even at high speeds.

Compared with the predecessor model, Speed 606 features significant improvements in tyre properties: Wet traction has been improved by 5 percent. Braking distance is four percent shorter, while the aquaplaning risk has been lowered by two percent. Dry handling has been improved by three percent. Tyre life is also eight percent longer.

The Speed 606 tyre will be available from spring this year in 17 different sizes and speed rated for up to 168 mph. Another 13 sizes will follow in spring 2007.

The range (spring 2006):

Series 65:

195/65 R 15 91 H

195/65 R 15 91 V

205/65 R 15 94 V

Series 55:

195/55 R 15 85 V

205/55 R 16 91 V

205/55 R 16 91 W

Series 60:

185/60 R 15 88 H XL

195/60 R 15 88 H

195/60 R 15 88 V

205/60 R 15 91 H

205/60 R 15 91 V

205/60 R 16 92 V

Series 50:

205/50 ZR 16 87 W

205/50 ZR 17 93 W XL FR

Series 45:

215/45 ZR 17 91 W XL FR

225/45 ZR 17 91 W FR

Series 40:

205/40 ZR 17 84 W XL FR

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