

# The UK Market & Survival as an Independent Retreader



# <u>Agenda</u>

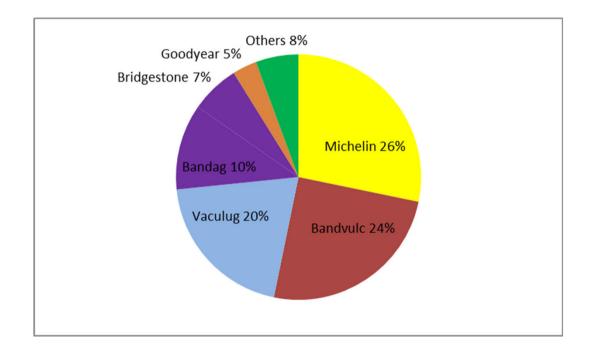
- Background to Vacu-Lug
- The UK Market
- A Plan for Survival
  - The One Stop Shop
  - The Importance of Fleet
  - Making a Top Class Retread
  - Contract Manufacturing



# Vacu-lug over the years...

- Family-owned Business founded in 1950 making Truck and OTR Retread Tyres
- Processes 115,000 Retread Tyres/year
- Sales 80% Truck and 20% OTR
  - Retread manufacturer for Pirelli GiTi and Hankook
    - Partnership with Pirelli, Yokohama and Westlake New Tyres for Truck
    - Partnership with Yokohama and Magna for OTR
    - Fleet Management VMS manages 36,000 vehicles; plant and trailers

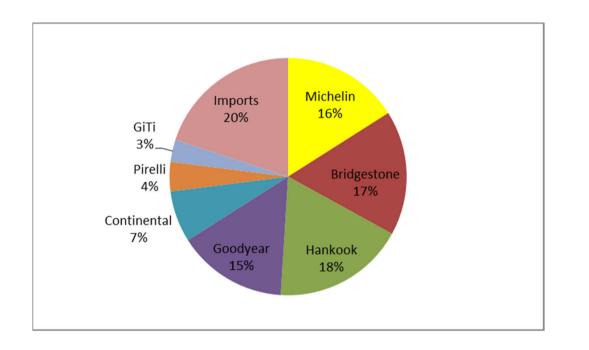
# UK Retread Market 475,000 units per year



- Dominated by large manufacturers
- Majority of sales to Fleet
  Market
- Bandag & BST together
- Continental now own
  Bandvulc
- Includes contract retreading



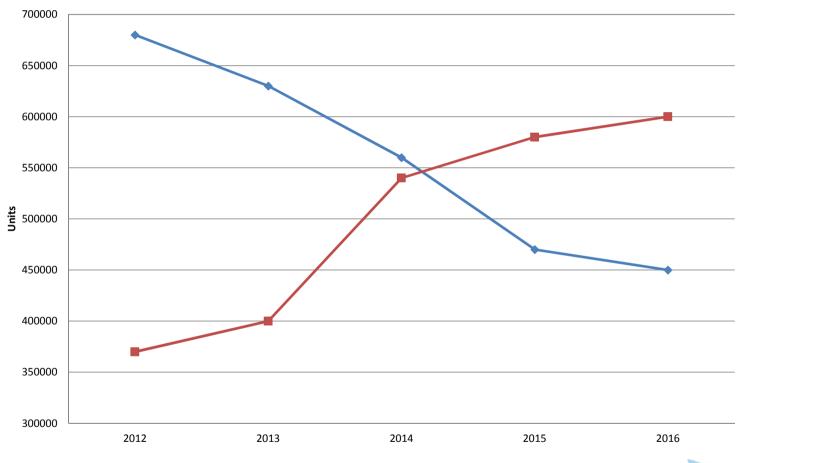
# New Tyre Market



- Note importance of Hankook
- 3 way battle for market leader joined by Goodyear
- Imported cheaper tyres also replacing remould



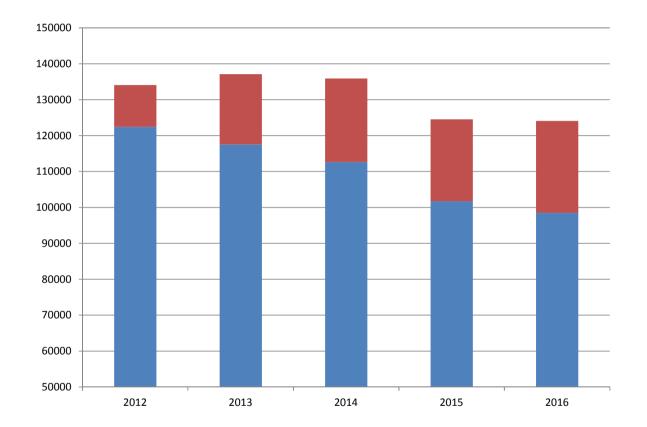
# UK Remould v Budget Tyre Sales



Remould sales reduced by over 30%

Vacu-Lug

## Vacu-Lug Remould & New Tyre Sales



Remould units reduced by 12%



# <u>Why Choose to Survive</u> <u>When Surely It's Best to Thrive?</u>





# Strategy for Surviving Thriving

- Be more than "just a retreader" offer a one stop shop tyre solution
- Fleet Business is essential to ensure sales and compete against new tyre competitors
- Offer a range of retread products lead by a world class product and production
- Work with new tyre companies to give them a retread product
- Use your size as an advantage



# The One Stop Shop

 It is not just about retread – important to offer a wide range of new products and other services to ensure you are the customer's first choice for all their tyre needs



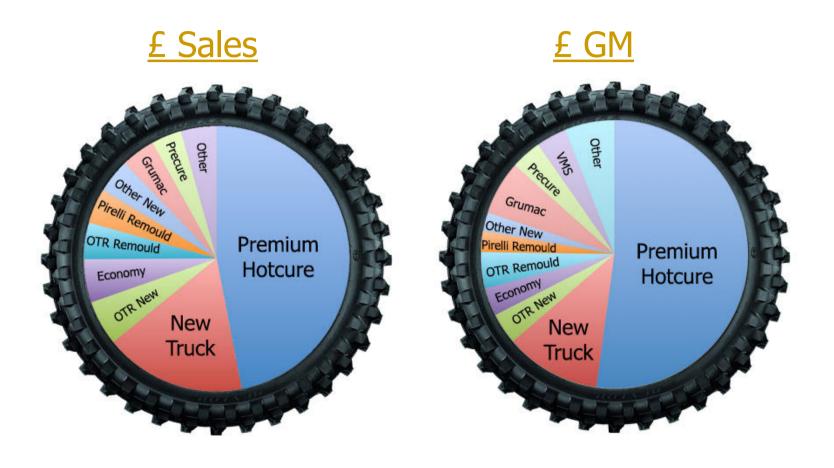
# Tyres for **All** Applications





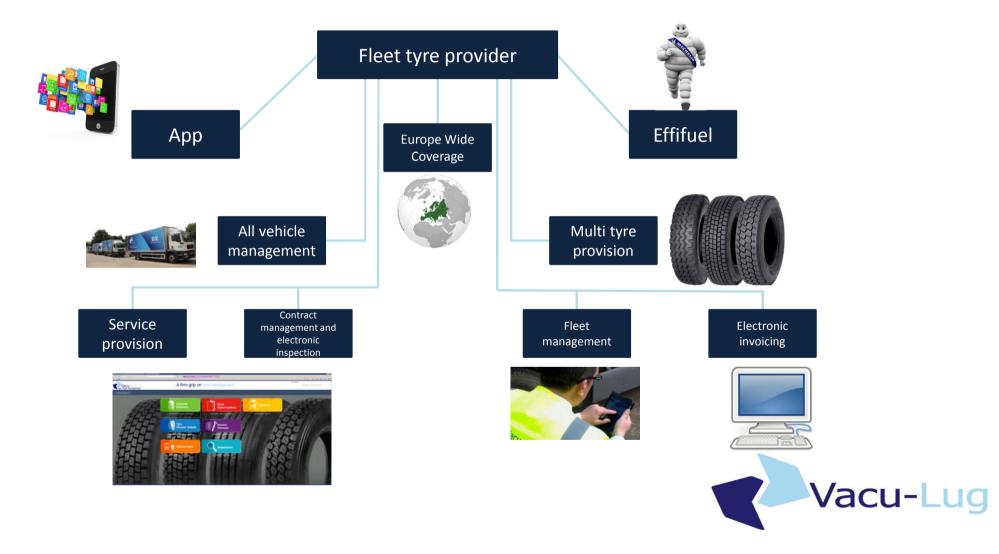








# The Elements of a Fleet Offer



#### Internet-Based Activity Management & Web Reporting





## Measure & Record Tyre Information

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### **Turn Information into Intelligence**





## **VMS** Mobile

VMS Mobile summarises individual vehicle information held within VMS Online and is an essential tool for vehicle monitoring and compliance control.





# **VMS Mobile**

VMS Mobile also reveals the date of the most recent tyre inspection via a vehicle schematic, disclosing each tyre fitted by make and tread depth. Full inspection history can also be viewed.

Where work has been identified as being needed, a toolkit symbol is visible, alerting the customer and informing them of the reason for the work and action required.





# Why it Works for The Fleet and The Retreader





- Good fleet management reduces overall cost
- One stop shop simplifies supplier base
- They have a solution provider not an order chaser
- Management time can concentrate on core business

- You ensure long-term supply with larger customers
- Opportunity for margin from fleet performance as well as tyre
- Product is stocked by Fleet Service Providers
- Not a commodity but an essential partner

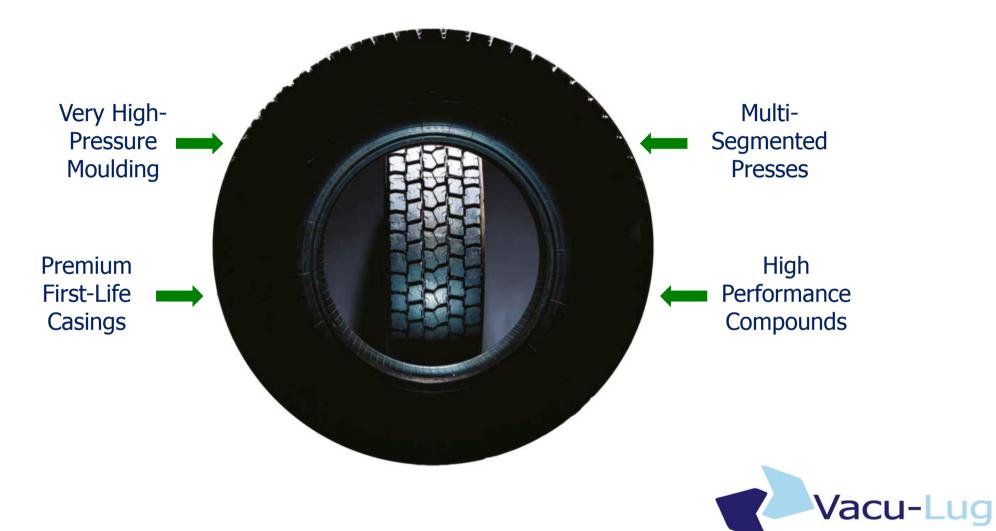


# The Importance of Top-Class Products





## **Elements for Top-Class Hotcure Products**



# **Higher Pressure Improves Consolidation**







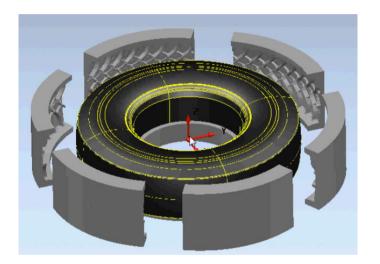
# **LOGISTIK HP Press Installation**

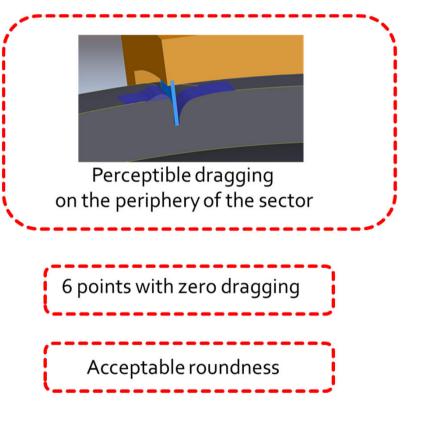


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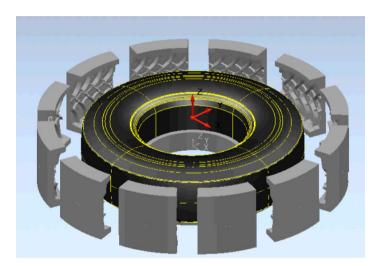
## **Standard Six Segment Matrix**

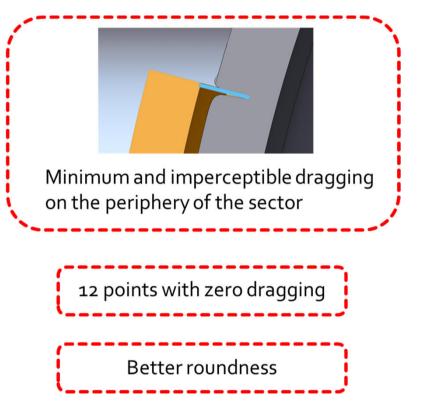






# **Twelve Segment Matrix**









High Rolling Resistance



Low Rolling Resistance



# Advantages Of Hotcure

- Better finished product that provides universal brand for the fleet
- Able to make greater use of range and types of casings
- More efficient and cheaper to manufacture at higher volume
- Ability to develop specialised compounds to match customer need







# **Leading Edge Production**





Inflation Testing 150 psi (10.3 bar) In 3 Seconds





# Contract Retread Ranges We Manufacture





