

# Continental tires now available for purchase in Clinton

By Susan Gray

Earlier this spring, Mark Wilson, owner of Wilson Tire and Auto Care in Clinton, became a Continental Tire Dealer.

It's a show of support, he said, for

Continental's new commercial tire plant, which broke ground in Hinds County near Clinton this past November.

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC, is building the commercial tire manufacturing plant near Clinton.



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Wilson proudly. "To be a Continental Tire dealer, you have to commit to sell a large volume of tires. In the first year, it's about 400."

The good news, he says, is that it's a great product.

"I want to support Continental for other reasons, too. It's not just one factor. Continental is one of the largest OE [original equipment] suppliers for tires. A lot of consumers like to replace their tires with the brand that came on vehicle when they purchased it."

Wilson also touts the Continental tire warranties. Among them is the three-year free nationwide roadside flat assistance that comes with all Continental Tires, along with a free one-year road hazard warranty, a workmanship and defect warranty, and tread wear-out warranty up to 90,000 miles.

Wilson says it fits right into what Wilson Tires represents.

"Our tagline is we are the lowest priced with the very best warranty," Wilson said, "from the most economical to the most high performance."

Wilson Tire and Auto Care has been in business at the same location, at 310 Clinton Boulevard in Clinton, for thirty-six years.

"The mayor decreed all the vehicles of the City fleet would have Continental or General Tires (owned by Continental)," said Wilson. "There is a demand now for Continental tires. The mayor was looking for a supplier to sell Continental tires. WGK Engineers in Clinton also wanted Continental tires. Because of those two mainstays of Clinton wanting to support the big tire plant coming to Clinton, I started looking at it to be supportive, as well."

Wilson Tire and Auto Care offers about sixteen different brands of tires. Wilson's is an actual "tire dealer" for Michelin and now Continental.

"Wilson Tire is already on Continental's website as a dealer," said

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Work continues at the new site near Clinton, where Continental Tire the Americas, LLC is locating a commercial vehicle tire plant.

According to Continental Project Manager Grant Bovim, "Continental Tire has made great progress at its site in Hinds County. Site clearing is complete, and the earthworks are thirty percent complete."

Bovim says that "construction of the training center is set to begin this fall. We are on track to start construction for the commercial vehicle tire manufacturing plant in early 2018."

Site clearing at Norrell Road off I-20 in Hinds County near Clinton began in September 2016. The \$1.4 billion project reportedly will ultimately create 2,500 new jobs.

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC is a manufacturer of passenger, light truck and commercial vehicle tires that is headquartered in Fort Mill, South Carolina. Its parent company, Continental Tire, started in 1871 in Hanover, Germany. The company is the fourth largest tire manufacturer in the world.

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Thank you,  
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