



### **UNDERSTANDING GRAPHENE**

Vittoria's revolution of tires and wheels





#### From a TRADITIONAL tire maker...

#### ....to a company pioneering a

**REVOLUTIONARY MATERIAL.** 

### **J** Question: What is Graphene?

Answer:

- Graphene is a recently discovered **REVOLUTIONARY** material (Vittoria uses only the purest form, called pristine Graphene)
  - Graphene comes from Graphite, which is a natural mineral
  - You know graphite from the black part of a pencil
  - Graphene was discovered when scotch tape was used to take a layer off a piece of graphite repeatedly



## The specific properties of graphene making it truly **UNIQUE**:



- **1.** enormous surface area: 1 gram = around 2630 m<sup>2</sup> that can facilitate any chemical process;
- 2. high mechanical resistance: approximately 200 times stronger than steel;
- 3. high thermal conductibility: more than 2 times that of a diamond;
- 4. less density: is equal to half that of aluminum;
- 5. high elasticity: equal to 6 times that of steel;
- 6. high electrical conductibility, transparency, lightness, flexibility and mechanical resistance



Question: What does Graphene mean for rubber in our tires?

### 200 x Stronger than STEEL

### More flexible than STEEL

6 x



## More info on Graphene in tires

#### NO COMPROMISE.

#### **Background:**

- Graphene changes everything. When developing compounds, Vittoria had to balance its properties very carefully. A tire that was designed for pure speed had to compromise significantly on grip and durability.
- The use of Graphene is such a positive influence, that it allows us to develop with virtually no compromise. The use of Graphene offers more grip, more speed, more puncture resistance and more overall strength, leading to a revolution in tires.

# Graphene tires are intelligent

Vittoria tires with Graphene are now intelligent. IT'S compounds become harder and softer, depending on the needs of the rider.

- If the tire is rolling straight, the rubber is at its hardest and offers low rolling resistance.
- If the rider breaks, accelerates or corners, the compounds soften and offer significantly more grip.



### **Road tires**

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### The world's fastest tire CORSA SPEED

#### 50km time trial advantage in seconds.

Wind tunnel resistance average calculation (at 50 Km/h): 10.0 Watt=1sec/1min.



Source for independent testing: Wheel Energy, Finland

## Internal proof: Graphene increases speed



## Proof: Graphene improves wet grip



# More info on Graphene in road tires

3 compounds

#### **Background:**

 The impact of Graphene in percentage of improvement fluctuates significantly, depending on the objective for different compounds. Our R&D focus for development per product determines if we use 1 or as many as 4 compounds (4C) for optimal performance. It is not a matter of 'sprinkling some Graphene' and we have applied elaborate scientific research and methods for our remarkable results. As you mention this, it is always safe to talk about double-digit percentages of improvement rather than being very specific.

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4 compounds



### Winning with Graphene in MTB









# Question: What does Graphene mean for our MTB tires?



greatly increased knob strength

longwearing durability

confidence-inspiring (wet) grip

# More info on Graphene in MTB tires



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## New: MTB e-bike tires with Graphene



Graphene provides the **increased strength** and **durability** that allows the tires to resist damaging the tread due to acceleration torque of MTB electric engines .

