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Continental and Clariant: celebrating 75 years of safe braking technology

- **Two companies proud of long-lasting partnership spanning seven decades**
- **The collaboration has helped push forward brake safety and performance**
- **Companies focused on developing a next-gen safe brake fluids**

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Automotive multinational, Continental, and specialty chemicals company, Clariant, are celebrating the 75th anniversary of a collaboration that has helped to push the evolution of vehicle braking technology and safety.

“In our close collaboration with Clariant spanning over seven decades we celebrate a shared history of industry innovation,” said Mariya Eneva, Continental’s Global Category Manager Aftermarket. “The cooperation between both technology departments has allowed us to improve the capabilities of braking systems to achieve maximum safety.”

Braking systems are one of the most critical safety elements in any vehicle and as a long-standing, globally proven brake system specialist, Continental’s portfolio of braking systems pushes the boundaries of performance.

One often underestimated contributor within every modern vehicle’s braking system is brake fluid and this is where Clariant’s leadership in specialty chemicals comes in. Brake fluid needs to be constantly adapted to new systems to ensure the functionality of state-of-the-art technologies such as electronic stability control (ESP), anti-lock braking systems (ABS), emergency brake systems & hill-start assistance.

In addition, newly developed brake fluids enable safe handling and filling in both professional and home use. Additional features, like low viscosity, make the new type of fluids advantageous for modern driver assistance systems such as ESP and ABS. On request they can be provided as a carbon neutral, mass balanced version to contribute to the protection of our planet.

“Thanks to our partnership with Continental we have brought to the market safer chemistry in brake fluids that achieve state-of-the-art performance. Teamwork with Continental has been essential for developing our high-performance brake fluids,” said Clariant’s Dennis Mistreanu, Head of Industrial Applications EMEA.

Continental and Clariant will continue to build on their longstanding relationship to further advance brake solutions contributing to human safety, health and sustainability and look forward to tackling the evolutions to come.



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