

Locally-produced tyre a game changer for trucking industry

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Buying local is key to rebuilding the South African economy following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Produced in the state-of-the-art Ladysmith, KwaZulu-Natal Truck Bus Radial manufacturing plant to meet the needs of the 'always on the road' trucking industry, Sumitomo Dunlop has launched a new premium drive truck tyre. Locally researched, produced and tested, the SP835A ticks all of the boxes for the long haul, highway trucking fleet.



SP835A

“The SP835A is a big deal for both the company and the trucking industry,” said Riaz Haffeejee, CEO of Sumitomo Dunlop. “The launch of the SP835A sees the beginning of a new era where we are now able to supply a full set of locally produced tyres for the entire truck, for all positions – from Steer, to Drive and Trailer.”

A premium drive tyre, the SP835A was developed for improved cost per kilometre (CPK), high mileage in long-haul highway applications. Exhibiting even tread wear and low rolling resistance due to DECTES* technology (reducing fuel consumption), the tyre has been manufactured using a cut resistant compound and has a heel and toe resistant pattern. Better heat dissipation is achieved using base tread material in the tread construction which enhances re-treadability.

Key features include:

- **Reinforced bead:** Bead with nylon reinforcement for even wear performance
- **Optimised breakers angle:** Better distribution of ground contact pressure results in uniform tread wear improvement.
- **Pattern highlights:**
 - Lug groove with different angle aimed at minimizing retention of stones and keeping block stiffness.
 - Less partial abrasion during block movement for even wear and higher mileage.
 - Tie-bars on the shoulder blocks reduces heel and toe wear, increasing driver comfort.

- Performance improvement between wear, cut/chipping and stone trapping.

- **Available sizes:** 315/80R22.5 and 295/80R22.5.

In house field application tests on 315/80R22.5 showed best performance in the drive application for the SP835A versus 31 competitors and 19 Dunlop tyres in three different fleets, showing an up to 18% improvement on mileage.

Looking for improved CPK and enhanced re-treadability while supporting local? Visit <https://www.dunloptyres.co.za/Tyre-Range/BusTruck> for more information.

* DECTES – Dunlop Energy Control Technologies

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