



## **Textar Aftermarket brake pads achieve best results in strict AMS braking test**

Leverkusen, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017. In a strict AMS braking test TMD Friction once again proofed the high quality of Textar Aftermarket brake pads. The car is loaded up to the permissible gross vehicle weight with two people and weights for the test. The car is brought to a standstill by braking from a speed of 100 km/h ten times in a row. The first and the tenth braking application are evaluated to provide information about the characteristics of the brake pads when they are cold and when they are hot.

The internationally accepted AMS test was originally developed by the automobile magazine “auto motor sport”. TMD Friction performed the test within the scope of their benchmark series in order to secure und expand the high quality and performance of their products based on the results gained.

In the current test Textar competed against three competitors and the respective OEM material, with which both test vehicles (Audi A5 and VW Passat Variant) were equipped with ex works. Overall, Textar achieved the best results compared to the competitor’s products and scores even better results (VW Passat Variant) than the OEM material.

On the Audi A5 Textar performed identical to the OEM material for cold and hot braking and was the most stable performer in comparison with its competitors: The difference between the first and tenth braking application was only 0.2 m. This is exactly the same as the amount achieved by the brake pad fitted as part of the original equipment from the manufacturer. The biggest deviation by a competitor is 2.8 m. For cold braking Textar brake pads and all three competitors achieve even better results than the OEM material. For hot braking nearly every brake pad except a single one beat the OEM pad in terms of braking distance. Textar is the supplier with the lowest deviation between the first and tenth braking application: Only 0.2m, compared to a competitor with 8.7m which corresponds to two vehicle lengths.

“Today, in a time of high-tech, high performance cars and increasing traffic brakes have to generate maximum performance with speeds up to 250 kilometers per hour”, states Vincenzo Di Caro, Product Engineer of TMD Friction. “Significant testing cycles are very important to us in order to check and improve our products. The AMS test shows as one of many examples the great importance of safety for Textar. Moreover, it clears up with prejudices because it shows that Aftermarket brake pads can be even better than OE products when we deal with original spare parts.

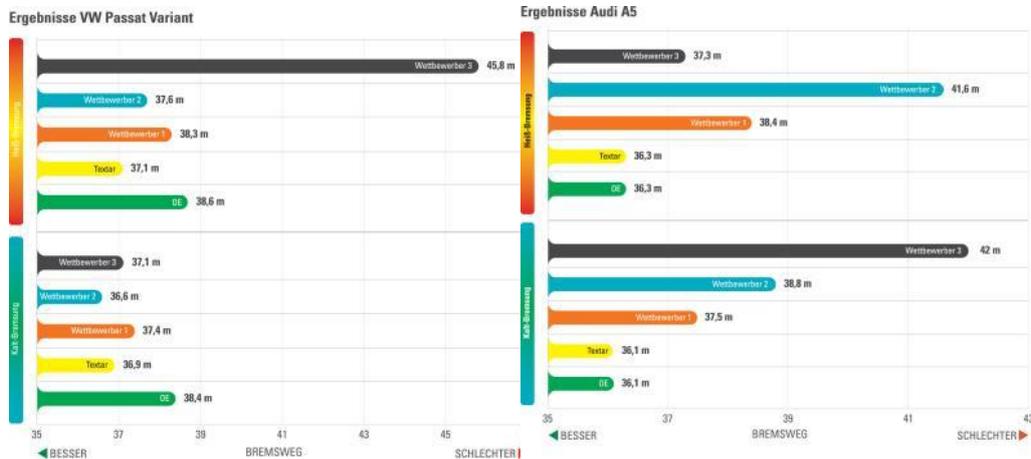


**Caption:** The car is loaded up to the permissible gross vehicle weight with two people and weights for the test. The car is brought to a standstill by braking from a speed of 100 km/h ten times in a row.

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**Caption:** Overall Textar achieved the best results compared to all three competitors und even better results than the OEM material.

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