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## **ProovStation is partnering with Michelin in automated vehicle inspections**

- Michelin is enhancing ProovStation's offering of automated vehicle inspection solutions.
- Michelin is contributing its expertise in tire data analysis to reduce the time and costs of tire inspection.
- MICHELIN QuickScan technology, a unique solution on the market that was initially designed for truck tires, is now being adapted to automobile needs.

The vehicle inspection solution developed by ProovStation, the European leader in automated inspection, is being enhanced by the expertise offered by leading mobility player Michelin thanks to its MICHELIN QuickScan solution. This technology can be used to check tire wear automatically and instantaneously with millimeter precision.

Not long ago, the typical manual car inspection lasted about 30 minutes. 10% of this time was dedicated to tire inspection. Now, thanks to ProovStation and Michelin's combined solutions, inspections can be reduced to less than a minute for the entire vehicle, including just a few seconds on the tires, while also cutting the cost of these checks and increasing their reliability.

In addition to MICHELIN QuickScan technology, which is protected by more than 15 patents, Michelin is contributing its experience in analyzing tire data using its proprietary artificial intelligence algorithms.

Already tested in the world of truck tires, MICHELIN QuickScan works using a road-surface scanner. This technology has, for the first time, been adapted to cars. It can be set up quickly, in under four hours, without any installation of electrical equipment. The magnetic scanner works in all weather conditions (rain, snow, etc.), for every type of tire and vehicle, regardless of the brand. It does not need to be cleaned of dirt, mud when used in given environments or usage conditions, and is the only technology on the market to offer this advantage.

*"After months of work, we are proud to announce this first technological and commercial partnership with such a leading company as Michelin. It confirms the viability of our strategy, focused on collaborating and pooling expertise to best serve our customers. With this shared global innovation, we can deliver unparalleled levels of quality, speed and unit cost with every inspection,"* said Cédric Bernard, CEO of ProovStation.

*"We are delighted about this partnership with ProovStation, which gives us the opportunity to pool our knowledge in the field of digital inspection. Leveraging complementary strengths in this way is perfectly aligned with Michelin's open innovation approach. The new offering demonstrates our ability to use mobility data through artificial intelligence to provide our customers with innovative services,"* said Anton Thomas, Director of Connected Mobility Services at Michelin.

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<https://contentcenter.michelin.com:443/portal/shared-board/77cdaafa-74e9-4e9e-a0fe-9cd6650d1f06>

### **About ProovStation**

Operating in 13 European countries, ProovStation is a DeepTech start-up specializing in computer vision. Since 2017, its goal has been to scale up, automate and standardize the automotive inspection process worldwide to automatically estimate repair costs. Its mission is to reduce the total cost of vehicle inspection and increase the efficiency of the entire process to improve the customer and employee experience. ProovStation develops a range of high-tech vehicle scanners which, assisted by a combined array of optical technologies, conduct a 360° scan of the vehicle in just three seconds. This technique covers all angles and analyzes all damages at millimeter scale. The "Station" uses artificial intelligence to detect, measure and locate all of the damages sustained by the vehicle. It then generates a time-stamped, geolocated and secured report. ProovStation customers are subsequently given access to range of SaaS solutions (automatic reconditioning quotes; automatic vehicle pricing for resale; check in/check out, vehicle identification; 2D/3D photo studio; and activity management).

### **About Michelin**

Michelin, the leading mobility company, is dedicated to enhancing its clients' mobility, sustainably; designing and distributing the most suitable tires, services and solutions for its clients' needs; providing digital services, maps and guides to help enrich trips and travels and make them unique experiences; and developing high-technology materials that serve a variety of industries. Headquartered in Clermont-Ferrand, France, Michelin is present in 170 countries, has 123,600 employees and operates 71 tire production facilities which together produced around 170 million tires in 2020. (www.michelin.com)

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