



## DIK ranked »very good«

On behalf of the Lower Saxony Ministry of Trade, Labor and Transport, DIK and two other research institutes with close ties to the business world were evaluated by a consulting company. In addition to the institute's specialist and economic basis, its relationship to Lower Saxony business and the specific benefits it provides to customers were put under close scrutiny.

DIK garnered top marks for its research at an international level. As frontrunner in the field of rubber technology, the institute's reputation helps to make Lower Saxony well known far beyond its borders as a technology center and an excellent place to locate businesses.

*»As an institute geared to addressing the needs of many sectors, DIK has a welcome position that is unique among similar organizations in Germany.«*

Excerpt from the evaluation report

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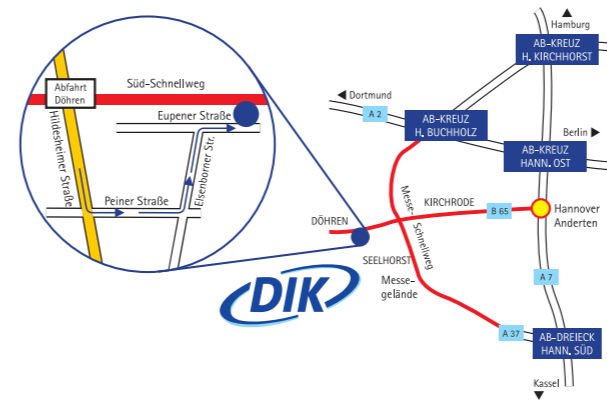
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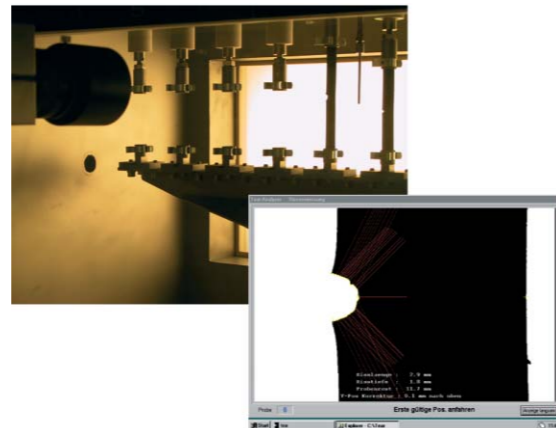
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## Taking the lead with networking

The German Institute for Rubber Technology e.V. (DIK) is a non-university research institute with close ties to the business world. Thanks to the broad, interdisciplinary scope of the institute's activities, it is unique in Germany: Approximately 55 chemists, physicists, engineers and technicians work together, in a cohesive and supportive team environment. This is the optimum way to research the complex system of rubber, characterized by the close interaction between the individual disciplines and the subject of top-performance rubber-based elastomers.



## DIK – the rubber expertise center

Founded in 1984, DIK puts the know-how and experience gathered during its many years of research to good use.

This is reflected in the number of scientific publications DIK staff members have written. Numerous articles, essays, journal papers and books have resulted. In addition, over 70 doctoral theses have emerged from DIK.

Other indicators show that DIK is renowned and valued throughout the world as a rubber expertise center. Since it was founded, more than 15,000 research orders from around the globe have been processed by DIK.

## The range of services

DIK provides a wide range of research and services. Through the years, the following focal points have developed:

- characterization of compounds and networks
- reinforcement
- material concepts
- materials development
- processing methods
- simulation and continuum mechanics.

To cover these fields, DIK has six specialist departments that work at a high scientific level, using an interdisciplinary approach, while focusing on issues of current interest. Their activities include applied fundamental research, industrial contract research, pilot productions, quality tests and damage analyses.

## DIK also offers training and education:

- advance-study program in rubber technology
- further education courses
- special seminars.



## DIK at a glance

- founded in 1984
- approx. 64 employees
- 70 member organizations
- over 500 publications
- more than 70 doctoral theses
- 250 different testing procedures
- state-of-the-art equipment
- numerous partnerships and cooperative ventures in Germany and other countries



## The members of DIK

As an association, one of DIK's goals is to cooperate closely with the business world and gear its activities to meet the requirements and demands of business. Members include many renowned companies from the following fields:

- raw materials suppliers
- machine manufacturers
- rubber industry.

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- A list of all the services you provide.
- Your current company report.
- Information about your education and training programs
- Please call me to arrange an appointment.