

## **Dr. Peter Zmolek**

### **Director of Research & Development for Passenger & Light Truck Tires, Continental Tire the Americas, LLC**

Dr. Peter Zmolek is the Director of Research and Development for Continental Tire the Americas. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of California, San Diego in 2000. After completing a two year research and teaching fellowship at UCSD, Dr. Zmolek moved to Mainz, Germany where he was a post-doctoral researcher at the Max-Plank Institute for Polymer Research, prior to joining Continental in 2004.

Dr. Zmolek joined Continental in July 2004 as a trainee in Hannover, Germany and then transitioned to the role of Product Developer for the Commercial Vehicle Tire division in January 2005. Over the next five years, Dr. Zmolek held various positions within the Research and Development team, including Tread Compound Developer and Head of Tire Reinforcement Materials for Development and Industrialization. Dr. Zmolek's position changed in May 2010 when he took the role as Product Development Manager for Original Equipment tires. Dr. Zmolek remained in this role until he moved back to the U.S. in August 2013 where he obtained his current position of Director of Research and Development for Continental Tire the Americas, based in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

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