The coefficient of friction was determined according to the downhill test by performing an additional braking action with cooled brake system. This allowed determining the exact performance of the brake pad after the extreme descent. A high coefficient of friction thus requires less pedal force when braking. This means that low coefficients of friction can increase the braking distance significantly in case of panicked braking, since the reactivity of the brake is worse and more pedal pressure is required.

In this test, Hella Pagid also performed significantly better than the comparative products, at 0.46 μ compared to 0.39 μ on average. The greater coefficient of friction of Hella Pagid brake pads makes all the difference. While the competition is still rolling, the Hella Pagid test vehicle is already standing still. And we continue to evolve – Hella Pagid brake pads may even increase their coefficient of friction (hot value) during strong braking actions, so that the driver has an ever better safety feeling thanks to lower pedal pressure.

Pedal feel, coefficient of friction and wear – Hella Pagid takes it home in all three categories and leaves other, well-known original equipment manufacturers behind. Beyond OE quality standards, our products meet the highest demands regarding safety, quality and sustainability – for we favour the strong performance of “Made in Europe”, e.g. at our company’s plants in Germany, France and England.
Alpine Run Stilfser Joch

Dream Destination for Car Aficionados and Hella Pagid Test Run.

Lab tests are important and a matter of course with Hella Pagid. We test at state-of-the-art test stands according to the latest knowledge—but the lab can never replace road testing.

However, we don’t just speak of any road but the second-highest Alpine asphalt mountain pass—the Stilfser Joch. Great height, extreme curves, and up to 15% gradients are a great challenge to both humans and equipment. We have accepted the comparison with two renowned original equipment manufacturers of brake pads in order to test pads’ performance. Coefficients of friction and wear of the test pads matter the 18 kilometers of winding road with bravado.

Yet not only the technical conditions make the road the most suitable candidate for our test. Car journalists Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond, and James May called the Stilfser Joch “the world’s most magnificent road” several years ago in the most successful car television show in the world (Top Gear).

Mountain roads generally pose the strongest and most enduring strain for brake pads. Especially a sporty driving style will require at times constant braking on the serpentines. A too long braking distance can be fatal here.