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MICHELIN BRINGS XTRA POWER TO HARD-WORKING WHEEL LOADERS

- The new MICHELIN Xtra Power L5** 26.5 R25 features optimised load capacity and improved torque transmission for increased productivity.
- Developed for challenging environments, the new tyre offers enhanced robustness and longevity.
- An innovative design provides more stability, comfort, and safety during use.

Michelin has launched a new tyre designed specifically to deliver the high-performance required by the latest generation of powerful mine and quarry loaders.

The MICHELIN Xtra Power L5** 26.5 R25 combines robustness and productivity in extreme and demanding conditions, while optimising operator comfort.

Following the initial version of the MICHELIN Xtra Power L5*** 35/65 R33 in 2021, this new size complements Michelin's tyre offerings for loaders.

Clifford de Jager, CES Technical Manager, Beyond Road – Mining, Construction, Material Handling at Michelin, says: "At Michelin, we are always adapting and developing our products to ensure they match the needs of the latest machinery on the market.

"The MICHELIN Xtra Power L5** 26.5 R25 can handle the most challenging working environments, while delivering optimised load capacity and improved torque transmission in a stable, comfortable and safe manner."



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Designed for complex applications, it meets various needs: face work, block handling, and operations subjecting the tyre to extreme stresses and high working speeds.

Acknowledging the new generation of larger vehicles with high-capacity buckets, the MICHELIN Xtra Power L5** 26.5 R25 allows for a load capacity increase of up to 18.5 tonnes, 23% more than the previous generation¹.

Michelin engineers have developed an innovative structure for this new tyre size. It features a curved design and improved support of the rubber blocks that reduce stress on the contact surface and maximize protection. The tread and shoulders of the tyre have been reinforced for added protection against damage. Torque transmission is improved by the larger bead heel.

Thanks to its new tread design and unique rubber compound, the MICHELIN Xtra Power L5** 26.5 R25 possesses improved robustness². It withstands abrasive soils and aggressive surfaces, and facilitates movement on varied terrains such as stones, debris, and rock, thereby enhancing machine productivity. These innovations also contribute to reducing the risk of rim slip due to the larger bead heel preventing premature wear.

Designed to be retreadable, the MICHELIN Xtra Power L5** 26.5 R25 allows fleet managers to optimise its use, as well as operational costs in the long term. The comfort and safety of users is a priority for Michelin in the design of its products. This new size can be used up to 7.5 bars, improving the stability of machines by 20%³ and further enhancing operator comfort, even during intensive loading cycles.

The focus on a higher quality design has led to strengthening the product through the addition of metal in the crown and protective layers. This results in a more robust tyre that is highly resistant to damage.

Note to editors



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¹ Internal comparison between MICHELIN Xtra Power L5 and MICHELIN XLD D2, same size 26.5 R25, measurements certified by the Michelin R&D Centre in Ladoux in 2025.

² Based on an internal comparison between MICHELIN XLD D2 and Competitor one, same size 26.5 R25, measurements certified by the Michelin R&D Centre in Ladoux in 2025. Xtra Power offers a 7% higher wear potential compared to XLD D2. Taking XLD D2 as the baseline at 100, Competitor one scores 91 and Xtra Power scores 107. This means XTRA POWER = 107/91 = 15% more wear potential.

³ Internal comparison between MICHELIN Xtra Power L5 and MICHELIN XLD D2, same size 26.5 R25, measurements certified by the Michelin R&D Centre in Ladoux in 2025.

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