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Michelin expands X Multi range with more versatile and longer-lasting truck tyres

Michelin has extended its X Multi truck tyre range, popular for regional haulage, with the addition of 315/80 R22.5 X Multi Z (multi-position) and X Multi D (drive) fitments. It is also introducing two new 385/65 R22.5 high load carrying capacity tyres: the X Multi HLZ (multi-position) and X Multi HLT (trailer), primarily for logging trucks and crane-mounted tractor units.

315/80 R22.5 X Multi Z & D

The new 315/80 R22.5 X Multi Z and D replace the equivalent size X MultiWay 3D tyres, and have been launched to meet substantial market demand.

Internal testing by Michelin points to an increase in mileage potential of up to 15 per cent for the new multi-position tyre, which is most commonly fitted to steer axles, and up to a 10 per cent mileage boost for the drive tyre.

Both fitments are packed with patented Michelin technologies, with the new X Multi Z featuring a self-regenerating tread called Regenion, which delivers grip in all conditions and throughout its working life. Other technologies include InfiniCoil, a continuous steel wire wrapped around the tyre to improve mileage potential and fuel efficiency, and Forcion, a new material that helps to increase mileage potential and also improve resistance to abrasions, cuts, chunking and chipping.

The X Multi D tyres also benefit from Regenion technology within the tread, along with Powercoil – the name Michelin gives to strong steel cables which ensure a lighter casing and contribute towards the drive tyre's superior longevity and lower rolling resistance.

385/65 R22.5 X Multi HLZ and X Multi HLT

The launch of these new high load carrying capacity tyres addresses a demand from operators of crane-equipped tractor units and tandem-axle trailers, while also delivering all the advantages of the X Multi range's hallmark versatility and durability.

The new X Multi HLZ stands apart for its 10 tonnes per axle load carrying capacity while delivering a potential mileage increase of 30 per cent compared to the equivalent size X MultiWay HD XZE it replaces.

Designed for all types of road generally encountered in regional and nationwide haulage, they feature a special compound in the tread that enables the original grooves to be shallower, while also permitting superior mileage performance.

Completing the launch is the X Multi HLT for load-bearing trailer axles. This tyre is being launched by Michelin to provide additional load carrying capacity at a time when tri-axle trailers in specific applications are increasingly making way for tandems.

This ultra-strong trailer tyre is capable of carrying the equivalent of an extra tonne per axle, while its tread incorporates Regenion and Carbion technologies for a longer life. Michelin projects up to 25 per cent additional mileage potential compared with its predecessor, along with a lower rolling resistance.

All new X Multi tyres feature 3PMSF (3 Peak Mountain Snowflake) markings on the sidewall, after passing tests in defined snowy conditions. Even when worn to just 2mm of remaining tread depth, the tyres continue to enjoy 3PMSF certification.

Like all Michelin truck tyres, they can also be regrooved and retreaded, thereby contributing to Michelin's 'Everything Sustainable' plan. Extended tyre life in-line with circular-economy thinking allows truck operators to reduce both their running costs and environmental footprint, while still benefiting from the maximum potential of their tyres.

For further information on the Michelin commercial vehicle tyre range visit

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