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MICHELIN GOES OFF-ROAD WITH MAN TRUCK & BUS UK

- MICHELIN X Works Z2 and D2 tyres are now available as original equipment on a selection of MAN Truck & Bus UK construction trucks.
- The X Works Z2 315/80 R22.5 is the first B-rated tyre for rolling resistance available for fitment in the construction segment.
- Tyres from the MICHELIN X Works range were on display at a recent event to showcase the MAN Truck & Bus off-road product line-up.

Michelin's latest generation construction tyres are now available as original equipment fitments on selected vehicles in the MAN Truck & Bus UK product range.

Launched to market last year, the MICHELIN X Works Z2 and D2 range – available for both steer and drive axles – is designed for short on- and off-road journeys in regional and urban areas.

Since construction vehicles often spend a large part of their journey on the road, Michelin engineers placed great emphasis on low rolling resistance when developing the tyre. As a result, the MICHELIN X Works Z2 315/80 R22.5 is the first steer axle tyre for road and construction sites with a B-rated label for fuel efficiency.

Andrew French, B2B Sales Director for Michelin UK and Ireland, says: "The MICHELIN X Works Z2 & D2 tyres are packed full of technologies to help optimise fleets' running costs, while reducing their environmental impact.

"It's great to see MAN Truck & Bus now offering these tyres to construction customers who want to build additional fuel savings, combined with



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exceptional tyre performance and longevity, into the specification of their new acquisitions.”

The MICHELIN X Works Z2 and D2 315/80 R22.5 tyres are now immediately available for specification on a selection of MAN TGS trucks and tippers. Products from the X Works range were on display at a recent three-day MAN Truck & Bus off-road event at Tixover Quarry, near Stamford. More than 300 customers were given the opportunity to get behind the wheel and test drive MAN vehicles in challenging real-world conditions.

Compared to the previous generation, the new MICHELIN X Works Z2 and D2 tyres have an extended lifespan of up to 10% on the steering axle and up to 25% on the drive axle*.

The tyres are retreadable and feature reinforced sidewall protection to improve robustness in demanding applications. They can also be fitted to electric vehicles and benefit from a load index of 158/150, representing an increase of 500kg compared with the previous model when fitted as single tyres on the respective axle.

Traction and grip are consistent throughout the entire lifespan, even under the most demanding conditions. The tyres also feature the snowflake symbol (3PMSF), meaning they are approved for use in winter road conditions. The combination of longevity, durability and low rolling resistance is designed to help fleets reduce downtime, lower operating costs and minimise environmental impact.

The MICHELIN X Works Z2 and D2 range incorporates several Michelin technologies, including:

POWERCOIL

A new generation of steel cords designed to offer improved resistance to oxidation and enhanced casing endurance. The lighter-weight steel cords also contribute to reduced rolling resistance.



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DURACOIL

A reinforced area between the tyre and wheel that improves robustness. High-grade nylon protection around the bead wire enhances stability during operation and supports increased casing mileage potential.

OPTICOIL

A new bead architecture designed to reduce weight, limit raw material consumption and lower CO₂ emissions without compromising tyre performance or reliability.

CARBION

A compound produced using an innovative mixing process in which selected tread components are blended in a liquid state. This creates a more homogeneous compound, helping to increase tyre mileage potential and improve rolling resistance.

* According to an in-house Michelin study based on a simulation tool, Ladoux research and technology centre, 2024.

About Michelin

Michelin is building a world-leading manufacturer of life-changing composites and experiences. Pioneering engineered materials for more than 130 years, Michelin is uniquely positioned to make decisive contributions to human progress and to a more sustainable world. Drawing on its deep know-how in polymer composites, Michelin is constantly innovating to manufacture high-quality tyres and components for critical applications in demanding fields as varied as mobility, construction, aeronautics, low-carbon energies, and healthcare. The care placed in its products and deep customer knowledge inspire Michelin to offer the finest experiences. This spans from providing data- and AI-based connected solutions for professional fleets to recommending outstanding restaurants and hotels curated by the MICHELIN Guide.

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