

MICHELIN extends its X Multi truck tire range with the new X Multi HD D and X Multi T2

Michelin is extending the latest generation of its regional X Multi truck range. The two new additions are a drive axle tire – X Multi HD D, and a low-loader trailer tire – the X Multi T2.

The X Multi HD D tire is designed for tractor units and rigids on 22.5" drive axles, in regional use, with access to rural areas, such as dairy tankers. The X Multi T2 tire is intended for low platform height trailers in 17.5 ", such as tank carriers or exceptional convoys.

The common characteristic of these two Michelin X Multi tires is their robustness: the X Multi HD D is particularly damage resistant and the X Multi T2 is additionally capable of carrying very heavy loads. These advantages allow the users to have safer, long lasting products that will help reduce their operating costs. These benefits are the result of two key innovations: a new tread design and a reinforced casing.

- **A new tread design:** X Multi T2 tires incorporate REGENION technology; a self-regenerating tread pattern which includes hidden grooves that appear as the tread wears down. These extra grooves help to maintain high levels of grip, traction and safety throughout the tire's life. The X Multi HD D tread pattern with more robust tread blocks has a more 'compact' appearance and contains stone ejectors. The tread pattern is 7 per cent wider and contains 18 per cent more rubber compared to its predecessor, the Michelin XDE2+. The extra durability and damage resistance is reflected in the product name: HD standing for Heavy Duty.
- **A reinforced casing:** the casing of both the X Multi HD D and the T2 features POWERCOIL technology. Manufactured from a new generation of more robust steel cables, the tire is more durable and robust. The casing of the X Multi T2 also benefits from INFINICOIL and HT Nylon technologies. INFINICOIL is a continuous steel wire – which can be as long as 400 meters – wrapped continuously around the tire, giving the tire increased stability, durability and a higher load index. HT Nylon technology refers to the nylon wrapped around the tire bead (instead of rubber), which increases the stability of the bead, and the durability and load index of the tire¹.

The two new tires are both regrooveable and retreadable². The X Multi HD D (drive axle) is available in sizes 315/70 R 22.5 and 315/80 R 22.5. The X Multi T2 (low loader trailers) is available in sizes 205/65 R 17.5, 215/75 R 17.5, 235/75 R 17.5 and 245/70 R 17.5.

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¹ In 205/65, +600kg per twin axle compared to its predecessor, the Maxitrailer. In 215/75, +240kg compared to the XTE2+. In 235/75, +400kg compared to the XTE2+.

² The X Multi HD D is even 10% more retreadable: for the Michelin 315/80 R 22.5 X MULTI HD D tire vs the Michelin 315/80 R 22.5 XDE2 + tire, and for the Michelin 315/70 R 22.5 X MULTI HD D vs Michelin 315/70 R 22.5 X Multiway 3D XDE tire.