

New Michelin Road Classic

Michelin is launching its new MICHELIN Road Classic range of retro-look tyres designed specifically for classic and modern classic motorcycles running on 17, 18 and 19-inch wheels.

Replacing the successful MICHELIN Pilot Activ, the new MICHELIN Road Classic will be available in dealers from January 2021 and combines an attractive retro tread design with the latest materials and technologies.



The directional tread pattern of the MICHELIN Road Classic range, with a groove to tread-rubber ratio of 26%, strikes the perfect balance between performance and aesthetics by employing slick centre and shoulder areas for optimum contact with the road and excellent dry grip. In wet conditions, the 100 per cent silica rubber compound and chamfered groove edges, which break through surface water, offer high levels of grip in these difficult conditions, with no compromise in terms of longevity.

The casing of a motorcycle tyre must provide a reliable and durable solution to the complex equation of carrying the load of the bike and rider/pillion, being comfortable, maintaining high speeds without deforming, and limiting the heat generated between its different components to reduce wear rates.

The casing design of the MICHELIN Road Classic manages all of these requirements by using two Bi-NST plies directly beneath the tread rubber to reduce centrifugal growth at speed, which in turn maintains a constant and optimum shaped contact patch with the road. Under these two top plies,

two Bi-NC casing plies are rigid enough to support the load and provide stability in all situations, yet are supple enough to allow the rider and pillion to enjoy a comfortable ride. Finishing off the casing of the tyre is an airtight butyl rubber liner, meaning the tyres can be used tubeless when fitted to suitable tubeless wheels or with inner-tubes if required on a tube-type rim.



The result of these design elements and technologies is that compared to its predecessor the Road Classic offers better performance in all areas, with particularly large improvements in straight-line and cornering stability, and grip in both wet and dry conditions. In addition, comfort and general handling characteristics are also improved.

The entire MICHELIN Road Classic range comprises nine front tyre sizes and ten rear sizes:

Size	Available
90/90 B 18 M/C 51H ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
100/80 B 17 M/C 52H ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
100/90 - 18 M/C 56H ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
100/90 B 19 M/C 57V ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
110/70 B 17 M/C 54H ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
110/80 B 17 M/C 57V ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
110/80 B 18 M/C 58V ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
110/90 B 18 M/C 61V ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
3.25 B 19 54H ROAD CLASSIC F TL	01/2021
120/90 B 18 M/C 65V ROAD CLASSIC R TL	06/2021
130/70 B 17 M/C 62H ROAD CLASSIC R TL	01/2021
130/70 B 18 M/C 63H ROAD CLASSIC R TL	01/2021
130/80 B 17 M/C 65H ROAD CLASSIC R TL	01/2021
130/80 B 18 M/C 66V ROAD CLASSIC R TL	01/2021
130/90 B 17 M/C 68V ROAD CLASSIC R TL	06/2021
140/80 B 17 M/C 69V ROAD CLASSIC R TL	01/2021
150/70 B 17 M/C 69V ROAD CLASSIC R TL	01/2021
150/70 R 17 M/C 69H ROAD CLASSIC R TL	01/2021
4.00 B 18 64H ROAD CLASSIC R TL	01/2021

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