

Sidewall Depth Indicators on MICHELIN® XZU®3 Tires

The purpose of this Technical Bulletin is to provide guidelines for when to rotate the MICHELIN® XZU®3 tires based on the condition of the sidewall tread depth indicator.

The MICHELIN® XZU®3 tires are optimized for urban applications. Since tires in this application are frequently exposed to sidewall scrubbing, the MICHELIN® XZU®3's have sidewall depth indicators molded in the sidewall. By paying close attention to these depth indicators, the operator can determine when the sidewall rubber has been "scrubbed" enough to warrant rotating that sidewall of the tire away from the curb. This will help preserve the casing and possibly prevent a sudden loss of air.

There are 4 sidewall depth indicators located at 2 different positions on each sidewall with a depth of 6 mm. The indicators are diametrically opposite each other on the same side. When two of the depth indicators wear down to the point that they disappear the tire needs to be rotated with that sidewall away from the curb.



Prior to rotating the tire sidewall, the sidewall should be examined to make sure there are no cords exposed or cuts deeper than 3 mm. If these conditions exist, the tire should be removed and scrapped.

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