



Speed, Speedgrip, Soft, Ultrasoft: A coloured stripe in the tread and the label on the side wall show which Addix compound is used.

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ADDIX: Schwalbe's new generation of compounds for MTBs

Schwalbe is launching all its legendary MTB tyres in the Evo line with a new compound developed from scratch. The compound which goes by the name of Addix solves the typical trade-off between grip, rolling resistance and wear across a much wider range than before.

Improving grip and rolling resistance, durability and damping – these are the standard conflicting aims of tyre technology – where enhancement of one property always comes at the expense of another. So ultimately it's all about making intelligent compromises aimed at edging that little bit closer to perfection.

With Addix, Schwalbe offers significantly improved solutions, particularly with regard to the lifetime of its tyres, and marks a new level of performance, not only in competitive use, for all MTB disciplines with their very different requirements.

For the Addix compound, Schwalbe uses a state-of-the-art and extremely precise mixing technology which is not generally used in the bicycle tyre industry. The mixing process allows for an almost infinite number of parameter variations and, with the new production hardware set up especially for Addix, this gives rise to entirely new formulas.

Markus Hachmeyer, Senior Product Manager at Schwalbe and designer of the legendary MTB tyres, has this to say about ADDIX, “Never before have we at Schwalbe taken such an ambitious step with the compound. With a new team and a new mixer, we haven’t left a single stone unturned, not with the formula and even less with the process. The result, quite simply, is that with ADDIX we’ve got even better. To mention but two striking advances: in terms of durability, our tyres have become much more impressive across the board, and the low-temperature properties are now excellent, and not only in the soft compounds.”

The new MTB Addix compound comes in four versions:

- **Addix Speed, red identifier:** The new compound for XC Race specialists rolls even better than the previous PaceStar compound and has a considerably extended service life.
- **Addix Speedgrip, blue identifier:** The compound with by far the widest range of use, almost a universal compound. Ideal for cross country, all-mountain and trail. Durability is 62 percent higher compared to its predecessor PaceStar, with grip up by 35 percent.
- **Addix Soft, orange identifier:** The compound is used just as often in demanding all-mountain and trail riding as in the enduro and downhill world. It has impressively good rolling characteristics and at the same time outstanding damping, both of which are also evident at low temperatures. It’s also ideal for e-MTBs.
- **Addix Ultrasoft, purple identifier:** The new compound with maximum damping is perfect for hardcore use in enduro and downhill. Seriously improved low-temperature properties in terms of grip and damping, compared to the previous VertStar compound, make it eminently suitable for year-round use.

Schwalbe Evolution tyres with Addix compound are available at specialist bicycle retailers from June 2017.