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SCORPION™ Trail II, the new adventure street tyre from Pirelli that opens up a new path for adventure

Specially designed for the latest generation of adventure touring and enduro street motorcycles, SCORPION™ Trail II offers the best features of an Adventure tyre and a Sport touring tyre blended into the one product.

Brisbane 4 August 2015 – **SCORPION™ Trail II** is the new ‘adventure touring’ tyre from Pirelli, a direct successor to the **SCORPION™ Trail**

The new **SCORPION™ Trail II** is the synthesis of the meeting of two worlds: the field of off road competition and the extended road trip. Designed for the most demanding motorcyclists, it features key points of excellence; **high mileage**, **consistency of performance** for its entire tyre life and top notch wet behaviour.

SCORPION™ Trail II is the new Pirelli tyre specifically designed to meet the most demanding expectations of this adventure market, with an aggressive tread pattern supported by strong technological innovations, giving good high speed stability, traction on dirt roads, handling, comfort and grip in all riding conditions.

The word **SCORPION™** comes from the range of Pirelli products intended for use in off-road competition not only in the two-wheel world but also on four wheels. The products in the **SCORPION™** line are present in off-road car racing competition, in the Enduro and Cross Country Rally World Championships and in the Motocross World Championship in which the range of off-road Pirelli tyres has been the undisputed leader for over 30 years with 62 world titles gained. In Australia, Pirelli has achieved back to back national championships victories in both the MX Nationals and Supercross Championship. The adventure street market remains a segment where motorcyclists’ expectations are always high and where motorcycle manufacturers continue to invest in launching new updated products every year.



Who is it aimed at?

Suitable for the latest generation of adventure touring and enduro street motorcycles that are capable of tackling longer journeys on road with excursions onto with light off-road sections, the new **SCORPION™ Trail II** is a tyre with good road performance, while still capable of tackling unpaved surfaces. It is designed for motorcycles such as the Ducati Multistrada, Aprilia Caponord, BMW R 1200 GS, Triumph Tiger, KTM 1190 Adventure, Honda Crosstourer, Yamaha XT1200Z Super Ténéré, Kawasaki Versys and Suzuki V-Strom, models which are increasingly being purchased by riders strictly for use on the road but which, if necessary, can also handle stretches of dirt and light off-road conditions.



The enduro street segment

The enduro segment was born during the 80's when BMW with its GS models began winning the most prestigious African rallies with motorcycles equipped with a 21" front tyre. Gradually these bikes reached the road in long distance competition, and thus the evolution of use reached a parallel evolution of the size of the tyres they mounted: the rear wheels became larger, while the front shrank to 19".

The revolution in the development of the segment arrived in 2000 when Ducati introduced the new Multistrada to the market, a bike made to take on winding mountain roads and for competitions such as Pikes Peak. As a privileged partner of Ducati and for the Multistrada, Pirelli created the SCORPION™ Sync, the first 'knobby' looking street sport tyre in 120/70-17

and 180/55-17 sizes. Then, a decade later, Pirelli once again became the leader of a revolution in this segment, thanks to the introduction of the SCORPION™ Trail range in the rear dual-compound 190/55-17 size that marked the dawn of a new generation of street enduro machines such as the new Ducati Multistrada 1200.

In recent years the enduro street segment has become one of the most important in the PTW market and Pirelli decided to develop tyres with more road performance, but with an off road look, with particular attention to handling in different road conditions.

The tread pattern

The innovative tread pattern of **SCORPION™ Trail II** is the result of this famous off road line enriched with the experience gained by Pirelli with the development of ANGEL™ GT, considered the reference tyre in the Sport Touring segment. The tread pattern of **SCORPION™ Trail II** therefore has an aggressive look typical of an off-road tyre, behind which there are class performances combining the features of an enduro product with those of a sport touring one.

The side grooves of the new **SCORPION™ Trail II** have been designed to ensure optimal drainage in case of rain, while the layout and "binary open" shape of the central ones not only contribute to the drainage of water but also ensure better traction, greater stability and more regular wear.

The compounds

Pirelli was the first company to introduce the **bi-compound solution** in some rear sizes of enduro street tyres with the SCORPION™ Trail. Today, the Italian tyre company is able to apply this technology to all of the rear tyres in the **SCORPION™ Trail II** range.

Compared to its predecessor, the new tyre has a wider central section which retains a compound developed for **high mileage** without compromising cornering performance, and especially developed to offer **excellent wet performance**.

The side compound was designed to optimize the balance between performance on dry and wet roads.

The profiles

The profiles of **SCORPION™ Trail II** are derived directly from those used for ANGEL™ GT, the winner of important sport touring tyre comparisons in the most prestigious international magazines.

Thanks to a shorter, wider, contact patch area, the profile helps to reduce and level the wear of the tread, thus ensuring greater mileage. With the application of these new profiles it has been possible to increase the handling which remains unchanged throughout the whole life of the product.

All of these factors benefit traction and give better machine control.

The structure

Thanks to the **structure** developed to enable the central and lateral compounds to work optimally, the new **SCORPION™ Trail II** ensures high performance, even at full load or with heavier motorcycles. This provides improved wet performance over its predecessor and incredible versatility, making it comfortable even for long trips, on winding roads and in adverse weather conditions.

The personalization

The new SCORPION™ Trail II has a dedicated area on the side to apply a custom label with a wide range of customization options to choose from in terms of fonts, colours, banners, logos and tracks. For more information: www.pirelli.com/personalise

The sizes

The new **SCORPION™ Trail II** available sizes:

Front	Rear
120/70 ZR 17 58W	130/80 R 17 65V
100/90 - 18 56V	140/80 R 17 69V
100/90 – 19 57V	150/70 R17 69V
110/0 R 19 59V	160/60 ZR 17 69W
120/70 ZR 19 60W	170/60 ZR 17 72W
90/90 21 54V	180/55 ZR 17 73W
	190/55 ZR 17 75W

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