



Recently I was lucky enough to get my hands on a set of the new MC360 tyres by Metzeler. I got in a set of the mid-softs, and the rear was a 19", so I decided to pop them onto our demo Husqvarna TC250. This new tyre by Metzeler is designed for motocross, supercross, cross-country and enduro. This tyre comes in two compounds – a mid-soft and a mid-hard. The mid-soft is for sand, mud and soft ground. The mid-hard is for hard-pack, rocks and roads.

The first ride out on these tyres was at Terra Topia MX track. The track was quite wet in the morning and the first few laps quite slippery. The tyres did very well in the wet and offered plenty traction. As the track dried up and became loamier, the traction became even more impressive. As the two-stroke would come into its powerband, and the rear wheel would light up, and the rear tyre still managed to find lots of traction.

The front tyre offered loads of confidence when it was pushed hard into turns. It also gripped very well in the soft loamy turns, and had a strong feel in the hard breaking. I can highly recommend this tyre for the motocross track.

My second ride out on this set of tyres was a dry Maraisburg outside. We rode lots of hard-pack roads and soft sandy paths as well as some steep hill-climbs. Once again, the tyres performed outstandingly. The rear tyre would dig through the deep soft sand and manage to find traction with ease. With quite a lot of wheel spin in the soft sand on the steep climbs, the rear tyre did really well to hook up where the traction was down to a minimum. The front tyre did really well in the soft sand too, it tracked very well and felt stable at high speeds with a really nice feel under hard braking.

After the two good sessions of riding, the tyre showed very little wear on the knobblies. The beauty with this new tyre from Metzeler is that you can rotate it and run it in any direction. This will help you extend the life of the tyre. I feel the MC360 will suite a broad spectrum of riders from top motocross pro's to enduro and off-road riders, and weekend warriors alike. The tyre will cover a large spectrum of riding terrain, from sand to mud to loamy, to rocky and hard pack terrains.

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