Michelin Road Pilot 6 Tyres: Review

Introduction Michelin has long been a trusted name in the world of motorcycle tyres, and the Road Pilot 6 is their latest offering in the sport-touring category. Building on the success of the Road 5, the Road Pilot 6 aims to provide even better performance, especially in wet conditions, while maintaining durability and comfort.

Design and Construction The Road Pilot 6 tyres feature a 100% silica compound, which enhances grip on wet surfaces. This is a significant improvement over previous models, offering up to 15% better wet grip. The tyres also incorporate Michelin's 2CT+ (Two Compound Technology Plus) design, which uses a harder rubber layer beneath the tread to improve stability during strong acceleration, cornering, and braking.



Performance One of the standout features of the Road Pilot 6 is its improved water evacuation system. The tyres are equipped with a new sipe design called Water Evergrip, which helps maintain consistent water evacuation even as the tyres wear. This results in better grip and stability on wet roads, making it a reliable choice for riders who frequently encounter rainy conditions.



Durability In addition to enhanced wet grip, the Road Pilot 6 tyres are designed for longevity. Independent tests have shown that these tyres last up to 10% longer than their predecessors. This makes them a cost-effective option for riders who want a tyre that will last longer without compromising on performance. The only issue I could find, and this can be a big issue for some

is the ease they can be punctures, even sharp stones can be a problem. This is not a problem if you stick to the black stuff, but stray on to loose surface car parks and beware.

Comfort and Handling Michelin has also focused on improving comfort and handling with the Road Pilot 6. The tyres feature a new tread design and improved raw materials that contribute to a smoother ride. The 90-degree arrangement of the tyre plies at the crown and a different ply fold at the sidewalls provide flexibility without sacrificing stability. This results in a comfortable ride, even on long journeys.

Sizes and Availability The Road Pilot 6 tyres are available in a range of sizes to suit different motorcycles. There are six front and eight rear sizes for the standard Road Pilot 6, and one front and three rear sizes for the Road Pilot 6 GT, which is designed for heavier sport-touring bikes. Prices vary depending on size, but they are generally affordable and offer good value for money.



	Size	MICHELIN® Road 6	MICHELIN® Road 5	MICHELIN® Pilot® Road 4	MICHELIN® Road 6 GT	MICHELIN® Pilot® Road 4 GT
FRONT	110/70 ZR 17 54W	✔				
	110/80 ZR 19 (59W)**	✔				
	120/60 ZR 17 (55W)	✔	✔	✔		
	120/70 ZR 17 (58W)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	120/70 ZR 18 (59W)	✔				
	120/70 ZR 19 (60W)**	✔				
REAR	140/70 ZR 17 66W	✔				
	150/60 ZR 17 66W	✔				
	150/70 ZR 17 (69W)**	✔	✔			
	160/60 ZR 17 (69W)	✔	✔	✔		
	170/60 ZR 17 (72W)**	✔				
	180/55 ZR 17 (73 W)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	190/50 ZR 17 (73 W)	✔	✔	✔	✔	
	190/55 ZR 17 (75 W)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

Conclusion Overall, the Michelin Road Pilot 6 tyres are a solid choice for sport-touring motorcycles. They offer improved wet grip, durability, comfort, and handling, making them a reliable and cost-effective option for riders. Whether you're a long-distance tourer or a weekend warrior, the Road Pilot 6 tyres are designed to meet your needs and provide a safe, enjoyable riding experience as long as you can avoid punctures.