

Recommendation for use of X One® Tires in 4x2 applications

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4x2 Articulated Vehicles

Handling studies have indicated that for certain types of commercial single axle (4x2) tractors pulling trailers, handling may be degraded in the event of a rapid air loss when fitted with single tires. Michelin recommends that single axle tractors fitted with X One tires on the driven axle always be equipped with an Electronic Stability Program (ESP).

4x2 Straight Chassis Vehicles

Testing has indicated that handling of 4x2 straight chassis vehicles fitted with single tires on the drive axle may be degraded in the event of a rapid air loss, especially when coupled with panic braking. Class 6 and 7 straight trucks fitted with X One tires should also be equipped with ABS and/or ESP. Such degradation in handling has been observed both in curve, lane change and straight line driving.

Michelin still maintains that all types of motor vehicles can be controlled in the event of a rapid air loss under normal, legal driving conditions. Vehicle control in a rapid air loss situation is a matter of driver education and training. To assist with this training, Michelin has produced a video entitled "Rapid Air Loss, Truck - The Critical Factor" to instruct drivers on how to handle a rapid air loss situation.

To download or view the video - "Rapid Air Loss, Truck - The Critical Factor" - please visit our web page at www.michelintruck.com/michelintruck/toolbox/videos-demos.jsp

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