

Hello Brett

I have just returned from leading a club trip across the Stony Desert, Simpson, up the Hay River, Davenport Ranges and through many of the back tracks through Qld. This was approx 8,000kms in total

I have in the past used the 265/75R16 STT 10ply rated Cooper tyres for a number of years now. I switched to this tyre due to its strength and load carrying capacity. Since changing to this tyre specification I have eliminated the problem of star fractures, but due to the low tyre pressures I run have had difficulty with side wall damage and tread damage due to the open tread pattern.

I recently changed to the STT 3 in the same spec and was most impressed with this tyre's performance. Compared to the old STT this tyre wore evenly, stood up straighter with low pressures (down to 10psi), nil sidewall damage or scuffing and nil case damage from the rocks. Other tyres in the group were not so fortunate.

I did note that this tyre was heavier than the STT, and due to its robust sidewall construction does ride a little rougher, but this is a small price to pay as compared to repairing tyres at night time around the campfire.

I think this STT 3 tyre is a huge step forward in steel belt tyre design and intend to continue using them for all my future outback travels. I will be going to the centre of the Simpson next year and of the firm opinion that they will continue to perform in the same way as they did on the last trip.

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