



### Maxxis

#### Maxxcross M7314 And M7313 EN

Many know Maxxis for building very long-lasting tires that might suffer a little on the outright performance. And for those riders who prioritize performance over wear, they were not on the radar. But the Maxxcross EN looks to shift the priority a little more to the performance side. And it showed up right away on the intermediate terrain tires with a softer rubber compound.

The tires were initially very quick to lose their square edge, but we were riding on hard terrain, yet the wear character was much faster than normal for a Maxxis. However the traction didn't suffer from it. In fact, it seemed like the tire hooked just a bit better when it was "scrubbed" in. The overall performance of the tires on all terrain types was as good as anything off-road on the mixed and varied conditions we experience in California. From deep sand to sandy, the softer side of the equation, the tires bite in and had a positive feel without wandering, both front and rear. In intermediate conditions, where all tires work at least decently, the Maxxis was again very solid. In tougher conditions and on rocks, the EN was better than average, and if there was one small complaint from our picky riders, it was that they could feel the sidewalls flex or maybe it was the actual knobs squirming under hard turning. But this trade-off only helped the bump compliance and aided the suspension on all of the bikes we put them on. This is a trait found in Michelin tires, for comparison. We ran between 12-14 psi, front and rear, and in this range you don't lose bump compliance nor will the flex of the tire change, better or worse.

In a nutshell, these tires' performance window is very wide, if not as wide as anything out there, very consistent and generally above average in all aspects of grip. And for that

you'd think the wear would be quick, but it isn't. It wasn't the typical "never wear out" of some of Maxxis' other tires; it was more of the wear you'd see in a Dunlop or Bridgestone. The M7314 is available only in 140/80 18-inch and the M7313 in 90/90 21-inch front sizing; they are designed for 450cc and up machines. Street prices vary, but the typical range I saw was about \$75 for the front and \$85 for the rear. These are the best-performing Maxxis tires I have ever used, and they rank right up there with my favorites for off-road riding, especially if riding on multiple soil conditions.

—Jimmy Lewis



Tires	89.0
New performance	27/30
Used performance	19/20
Durability	17/20
Mounting	9/10
Price	17/20

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