



Shinko vs Yuanxing Tyres

I imported a pair of Yuanxing tyres a while back as I couldn't find anything else in NZ and found them disappointing from day one offroad. Having spent about \$40/tyre I put up with them, but after a trip to the 42nd traverse I finally spat the dummy and decided I needed to source some better tyres!

After doing some research I found the Korean made Shinko tyres and decided to try them. I fitted a new pair & I can honestly say there was a noticeable difference straight away. The grip in the mud from the Shinko was far superior and it no longer felt like there was a slick on the back!

Two key differences I found with these tyres:

Firstly the Shinko is the same tread pattern as the old favourite Bridgestone Trail wing tyres with decent gaps between the lugs so they clear mud easily – The aftermarket Yuanxing has a wide Diamond shape tread and small gaps between the lugs – Fine for a dry day on the street but in my opinion useless in the mud!

Secondly was that the Shinko have ribs around the bead while the Yuanxing is smooth – I used to be able to turn my rims around inside the Yuanxing and line up the tube valve but found with the Shinko it was a lot harder to twist the rim due to the friction these little ribs produced – Great for the rear if you have more engine HP to stop the tyre spinning on the rim and tearing off the valve stem!

I would like to note that this information is provided only as a guide and is from my own personal experience.





Yuanxing

Shinko