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### Alternative Mud Tyres - Geax Datura

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I have been riding around now with some Geax tyres on all of my bikes - but at the minute I seem to be using one of them more than any other to survive UK winter riding. The **Geax Datura** is described as there "essential tyre choice for wet, muddy and loose conditions". It seems to have found a happy home on my DH bikes for the past 2 months as our weather has been that quote.

Read on to hear my thoughts and first impressions of the tyre designed by Geax to help us combat the Winter blues.

Ok so I have been using the tyre for around 2 months solid - thanks to our beautiful english Autumn/Winter. **Geax** supplied me with a Pair of **Datura** tyres front tyre being 2.20 and the rear being a 2.00.

Weighing in at 790g for the 2.00 and 890g for the 2.20 - This makes the tyre lighter than many of its competitors on the market. For example, my old friend the **Maxxis wetscream** has a weight of 1160g in 2.20. I was already questioning if the **Geax Datura** tyre may have sacrificed strength for weight - only time would tell on this. Lets also not forget the price comparison as you can pick up a pair of **Geax Datura** for around £30 in the wire version! Bargain!



The Datura - 2 months later

For the geeks like me and parents reading this, the tyres have a DH 2 ply casing and a sticky soft compound with micro cuts on the knob tops to enhance microtraction where optimum grip is essential.

My first date with this tyre was at The descent gear race in Moelfre, Wales. I was eager to get these on and my dry specialists - **Geax Neuron** off, as the rain over the night had settled on the loose and off camber track making it trickier to handle with a more subtle tread tyre. So it was time for these to be tested out.

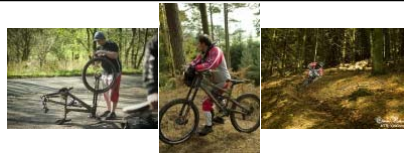


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First impressions and out of the box the tyres were doing great and handling the varied types of terrain, although was diggin really, really deep into loose corners and skipping slightly on the slippery rock sections. But after my first run down I let a few more PSI out of the tyre just to soften the blow of the very rigid cutting tyre tread. And with this slight alteration I seemed to have tamed the beast enough to keep all the grip and soften the impact of the grooves and increased a faster roll.

The next test for The **Geax Datura** was in the lake district up Setmurthy Common - I had never ridden here before and In all

honesty I was feeling doubtful that the tyres would hold up to much on the wet roots that were in abundance here. After a few drop ins and no problem lines over some nasty polished roots, I began to find much more trust in my hedgehog rubber styled friends and a confidence boost as I settled into the fact these tyres stick like glue in wet condition, shed any unwanted mud and roll with ease thanks to its clean areas for positive traction!



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Sure enough though they were gripping amazingly on what I feared most, and they were handling the boggy hillside with no problems at all. I feel that to really get the most out of these tyres you need to spend some time juggling with the PSI and learning that its a game of trust.

I have become a real fan of my **Geax Datura** and I am sure we will spend more time over the next few months together due to the winter weather us Brits are made tougher by. **Geax** say the following about the **Datura**

*From Mud to Hard, coming with this tyre, is confidence inspiring*

*I completly agree!*

*see you on the hill - or you'll see me hiding in it - **john lee***



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