



Spectacular and innovative – the Aerothan tube marks a new era in tube technology, totally rubber-free.  
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## Aerothan Tube: new valve lengths for higher profile rims

**Schwalbe's Aerothan Tube has been on the market for a year. For the autumn trade fairs, the Reichshof tire and tube experts are producing it in a wider range of valve lengths, thereby responding to the trend for higher profile, aerodynamic rims.**

100 g less weight for racing bikes, great puncture protection for touring bikes, ultra low air pressure for mountain bikes – what sounds like a tantalising dream has become a reality with this bike tube made from aerothane. Now Schwalbe is expanding its Aerothan family with new valve lengths for racing bikes and gravel bikes.

In the Race segment, the new 60, 80 and 100 mm valve lengths supplement the 40 mm which is already available - in 23 - 28 mm and 28 - 35 mm widths respectively. 'The trend for higher rims that are ever more aerodynamic is moving into the leisure bike sector,' according to Felix Schäfermeier, Schwalbe Race Product Manager. 'Until now, a valve extender

was required for higher rims. But using an extra part always involves extra expense, risk and loss of traction. The new valve lengths fit high rims up to 80mm, without any additional parts.'

The all-round tube for 37 - 50mm tire widths is also being produced in a new size – with the 40 and 60 mm valve lengths, gravel and touring cyclists can now also use it with higher profile rims.

**Outstandingly light-weight, extremely robust:**

**The tube revolution made of aerothane**

Starting at a mere 41g, Schwalbe's 'light as air' tube is a complete innovation. The tube, made of thermoplastic polyurethane called aerothane, was developed together with BASF, and is much tougher and more hard-wearing than butyl, latex or other synthetic materials – and at the same time it's totally free of rubber. 'It gives a soft, dynamic and precise riding experience, unlike any other I've experienced,' is how Felix Schäfermeier, himself a former racing pro, describes the riding experience. This tube connects so smoothly and form-fitting with the tire as if it were a part of it.

Schwalbe Aerothan Tubes for racing bikes, MTBs and trekking bikes are available from specialist bike retailers.

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