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GOODYEAR

Eagle F1 SuperSport R Tube Type

£59.95, [goodyearbike.com/uk](https://www.goodyearbike.com/uk)

The tubeless road tyre movement may appear to be carrying all before it, but high-performance tube-type clincher tyres remain an attractive option for road cyclists wanting speed and comfort without the faff associated with sealant and tight-fitting tyre beads. With TPU tubes, rolling performance is comparable.

It was obvious from my first test ride that the SuperSport R clincher

offers exceptionally low rolling resistance. Indeed, it is the best-rolling tyre yet tried on my coast-down test road.

Some of this fast rolling and the associated sweet ride quality may be down to the tyre's width, but much can be attributed to its lightweight construction. Thanks to the 150tpi short-ply casing and lack of a puncture protection belt, the 28mm sample on test weighs a mere 205g per tyre, while the tubeless version in the same width is 50g heavier. Fitted with a sub-20g TPU tube, the clincher is lighter even without taking tubeless sealant into consideration.

Despite lacking the Shield R breaker belt found in Goodyear's slightly tougher Eagle F1, the

Other options



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GREAT



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Highly regarded tube-type road clincher available in a wide range of sizes. [schwalbe.com](https://www.schwalbe.com)

Verdict

A very fast, very comfortable and encouragingly robust super-light tube-type clincher from a manufacturer that's relatively new to the road cycling market. It comes in 25mm and 28mm widths, with the Tubeless Complete version in 30mm as well.

SuperSport R completed a wet ride over the Elan Valley mountain road without issue. The slick centre band with roughened sides and graphene-enhanced UHP Dynamic tread compound gave confidence-inspiring grip on some tricky descents. The only flat tyre suffered during the test period was on a dry day and possibly the result of a TPU tube fail, as there was no sign of a puncture to the tyre itself. 🟢

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