How to choose the right tube to go with your tyre?

Our selection of inner tubes for your bike can be found here

When choosing the correct tube to go with your tyre there are two key considerations:

What Size?

Look at the sidewall of the tyre where tyre manufacturers will print the size of the tyre (Note: This will often be embossed and will be the same colour as the rest of the sidewall so you may need to look closely to find it.

Look out for numbers like 700x25 for a road bike or 29x2.4 for mountain bikes. The first number refers to the size of the wheel and the Tube, the second number refers to the width of the tyre; each tube will fit a range of tyre widths (e.g. 29x2.00-2.40) so you just need to choose the one that covers your tyre size.

Which Valve?

There are two types used on most modern bikes:

- Schrader Valves: These are fatter valves most easily identified as being the same as those found on car tyres. These valves are commonly found on entry level Mountain Bikes and Hybrid Bikes along with most Kids Bikes. They will usually be identified in tube descriptions by the acronym "SV".
- Presta Valves: These are a much thinner valve, the end of which needs to be unscrewed to inflate the tube. These come in a few different lengths depending on the rims on your bike, 48mm is the standard length and will fit most regular bikes but if you have deep section rims, usually found on some Racing bikes, you may need a 60mm or 80mm valve. These are found on most higher end Mountain Bikes and Hybrid Bikes and almost all Road Bikes. These valves can be identified in Tube descriptions by the acronym "PV" followed by the length.

For example:

For a 700x30 size tyre with a Presta valve you would choose this tube.

For a 29x2.2 size tyre with a Schrader valve you would choose this tube

Note: If your wheels are set up to be run tubeless, as the name suggests you won't need to fit a new tube, however you will need to replace the sealant when fitting a new tyre, our selection of tubeless sealant can be found here.