

TRIED AND TESTED

Trail-testing the gear and bikes that beat a path to the *TRAILRIDER* door is a tough job. It takes endless days of riding, hours in the garage and plenty of time sitting around on empty jerry cans discussing the matters at hand. It's a true test of man and his will to ride, roost and be merry ...



MOTOZ TYRES

Motoz Tyres is a new, all-Australian company with a great deal of experience with all things motorcycle. I jumped at the chance to give these tyres a run and have been more than satisfied with their performance. I've used both the Enduro All-Rounder from Motoz's first production run and more recently have been using the Tractionator, their second tyre production. I have to say I've been quite impressed with both tyres but have spent a greater deal of time with the Tractionator on my KTM 450EXC — and I'm yet to be disappointed. To test the durability and ride, I used them in the Condo 750, the Finke Desert Race and Yellow Mountain long-distance races as well as trailriding and have had no tyre problems at all. More recently I did a snow ride closer to home and again the tyres performed well. Although these tyres appear to hook up well in all conditions, providing confidence and control, their true forte is their longevity. I used the same set of tyres to pre-run and compete in the 2006 Finke Desert Race, two Michelin trailrides and then the Yellow Mountain race with hardly any tyre wear or ride compromise at all. These are soon to be released on the market and I recommend you do yourself and your wallet a favour and try them out. Check out the Motoz website at www.motoz.com.au.

— Paul Bellman
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TCR BIKE STAND

Having a trick-looking stand under your bike is very important for the bling factor. Whether you're a racer, serious trailrider or weekend warrior, you want your bike perched up on a nice, shiny stand in the shed when your mates come over. TCR Precision's quick-lift stand will have them wanting to drop your bike off it, tuck it under their arm and run like Forest Gump just to get one. Fabricated from 304 stainless steel, these stands are stronger than any aluminium stands with a top plate that's as tough as Mike Tyson, so it won't bend under immense pressure. And with an injection-moulded non-slip pad, your bike won't lose traction and slip off. For such a strong stand it still boasts the lightweight factor we all seek so you can chuck it in the ute without getting a hernia. The trick-looking, stainless-steel finish also means it will never rust or corrode and will always keep its smooth quick lift action. I've been sliding one of these stands under my trusty KTM for nearly 12 months now and it still looks like new, slides up and down smooth as silk and has never failed. The TCR Precision quick lift stands also come in a mini size for the kid's bikes.

— Jehi Willis

Retail price: \$145 inc GST

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ZAC SPEED EXO TEC SP3

I've ridden without body armour when trailriding for the past couple of years. Getting a comfortable fit with an armour and a hydration pack is a bit fiddly so I simply decided not to bother. I always make the effort when racing, though, but when I think about it, I've been a bit foolish to overlook the extra protection when trailriding. When I first saw the Zac Speed EXO TEC SP3 I liked the concept immediately but thought the pack and the actual armour were too big and bulky for me. A closer look revealed plenty of fitment adjustment so I took the plunge and strapped one on and went riding. The EXO TEC SP3 is very good. The comfort level was satisfactory and the bonus of having a three-litre bladder of water in the pack is a bonus. The tool roll is a cool idea to eliminate the need for a bumbag and there's still plenty of room for other gear to be stowed. The extra confidence I had when riding was considerable and that let me enjoy the riding more than usual. The Zac Speed EXO TEC SP3 is a winner in my eyes.

— Tuffy
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