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Team Alba Pro took Overall ATV honors without a single flat in 709 miles of super-rocky terrain!

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Main photo: Wayne Matlock airs it out on the winning Honda 450R. Above, teammate Chad Prull.

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TEAM ALBA PRO WINS 2005 BAJA 1000 ON ITP HOLESHOT XCTs

The 38th Annual Tecate SCORE Baja 1000 presented over 350 off-road race teams from around the world with a 709-mile loop so challenging that only half of those entries would finish. Beginning in Ensenada on the Pacific coast of Baja California, Mexico, the course headed east to San Felipe on the Sea of Cortez and then around and back to the western edge of the peninsula to finish at the Ensenada baseball stadium.

A turnout of 28 Pro and Sport ATV teams took the start in 30- to 60-second intervals, depending on the class, beginning just after sunrise on Friday morning, November 18th. Just 18 hours and 6 minutes later, the Team Alba Pro Team of Wayne Matlock, Chad Prull and Shane Hitt put their Honda TRX450R across the line as the first overall ATV—in a time

that would have placed them sixth overall among all the motorcycle classes as well. The average speed for the winning team was an impressive 39.13 mph.

Team Alba Pro chose ITP Holeshot XCTs for their front and rear tires, which would prove decisive. Matlock would assume first place in the race after the early leader suffered three flats with another brand of tire in a particularly rocky section a hundred miles into the event. This, combined with a variety of tire/wheel, suspension, lighting and engine overheating problems for many of the other competitors—and not a single flat for Team Alba Pro—ended up giving Matlock, Prull and Hitt a winning margin of almost an hour.

This was the third straight victory for ITP in the Baja 1000, adding to an already dominant record at this grueling event.