



ITP TRAC STAR TIRES

Cost-effective
replacement

By the staff of Dirt Wheels

□ Last month we brought you a test of ITP's all-new GNCC Holeshot tire. With great traction, handling characteristics and puncture-resistance, it's one of the best tires on the market for extreme riding and racing applications.

The other new tire ITP released recently is aimed at the average trail rider who is just looking to replace his stock sport quad tires after they wear out. Called the Trac Star, this radial has a (new for ITP) "Z"-shaped knobby pattern.

The ITP Trac Star is available for most of today's popular sport ATV models. Four rear sizes are available: 20/10R-9, 20/10R-10, 22/11R-9 and 22/11R-10, while the front Trac Star comes in three sizes: 21/7R-10, 22/7R-10 and 23/7R-10. Trac Star Kits are also being offered, with front and rear Trac Star tires coming pre-mounted on ITP's .190-wall T-9 Pro Series aluminum wheels.

TEST

When mounting these tires on our test Honda TRX450R, we noticed how light our 21-inch fronts and 20-inch rears felt versus a standard 20-inch ITP Holeshot or Maxxis Razor tire. Mounted

With rounded footprints on the front and rear of the Trac Star tires, they are very controllable on the dirt or in the sand. The "S-shaped" knobies provide excellent hookup and braking traction as well.

on a set of T-9 wheels the fronts weigh 16lbs. each and the rears tip the scales at 17lbs. The stock wheels & tires about a pound more each.

At a suggested \$66 for the fronts and \$74 for the rears, the Star Trac tires cost considerably less than the stock Otsu you would get from your dealer at \$120 each for the fronts and \$140 each for the rears.

Out on the trails the Trac Star tire is very predictable, like a stock tire. The rears hook up just as well and provide even better braking traction. Up front the directional tires take the quad where you point it and provide little adverse feedback through the bars, as well as provide light steering, just like ITP's more expensive GNCC tire.

One advantage we felt the Trac Stars have over the stock Honda tires is that they don't bounce as much. They seem to stick to the ground on landings and provide traction even



ITP's radial Trac Star tires are good enough to come as original equipment on any high-performance sport quad. Don't be surprised if they show up on someone's dealer showroom floor in 2007.

when the quad is skipping over high-speed whoops.

Verses the stock tires that came on our Honda, the Trac Stars handle the hard packed and muddy terrain better with good hookup, cornering and clean-out. In the sand, their slightly rounded footprint allows the quad to glide across without getting bogged down. Thanks to a six-ply rating we have yet to puncture one of these tires after trying to for over 65 miles. For a replacement tire on a stock or slightly modified sport quad, you can't go wrong with ITP's new Trac Star tires. For an ITP dealer near your contact them at (909) 390-1905. □