

ITP HOLESHOT GNCC TIRES

A revamped, better all terrain tire from ITP



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◀ ITP has come up with a revamped six-ply bias GNCC knobby that lasts longer, offers improved traction, and steers more easily. That's a winning combination in anyone's book.

ITP has released an improved Holeshot GNCC tire. The Holeshot GNCC is specifically designed for the type of riding environment found in the Grand National Cross Country Championship Series (thus the moniker GNCC). Unlike the Honda 450R radial stock tires, the ITP GNCC tires are a bias-ply tire.

It was designed and developed for today's high-performance quads, and the newest Holeshot GNCC knobby is said to offer better traction, easier steering, improved grip and to help reduce rider fatigue over the long haul.

HOW SO?

By building a lighter, easier steering front tire, the newest GNCC Holeshot tires come with a more rounded knob profile and angled knob pattern, which they say improves traction. On the back end, the newest GNCC's offer a more open tread and split-knob design, which, they also claim, will provide better straight-line grip, more balanced cornering and improved clean-out.

These attributes are complemented by a super-tough carcass that can handle all the tight trees, rocks, roots and ruts found on a typical GNCC



With revised sidewall knobs and a slimmer profile, the newest ITP Holeshot GNCC front tires measures out to 22x7-10 inches. This allows for a tall but quick-steering tire that tracks straight at high or low speed.

race course. Long wear and puncture-resistance were key considerations in the creation of the new Holeshot GNCC tires, says ITP's Craig Peterson.

YOKLEY'S INPUT

"The more challenging the course, the greater advantage the Holeshot GNCC rider will enjoy," claims Craig



Taller knobs allow the heavy duty GNCC tires to accelerate more quickly, but an improved rubber compound lets them live much longer than their previous counterparts.

"Our new Holeshot GNCC was engineered and tested with considerable input from ITP's star GNCC Series riders, most notably William Yokley."

"Compared to the older tires, the GNCC front's rounder profile lets it track straighter and ride smoother," says Yokley. "It's a lighter tire, too, so it

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With the only 21-inch rear knobby on the market, the GNCC Holeshots have helped top XC racers like William Yokley to trim their lap times considerably.

maneuvers easier and cuts down on feedback through the handlebars. There's a lot less abuse to your hands, which makes a big difference two hours into a race. The rear GNCC is also lighter and very easy to sling around in the woods. The taller lugs give it much more traction so it really hooks up, with a lot of grip and less wheelspin under power. But you can still easily slide it around when you need to, with less bounce in rough corners."

PUTTING THEM TO THE TEST

We slapped a set of the new ITP GNCC tires on our Honda 450R and proceeded to put them to a severe workout. Overall these tires felt very stable at higher speeds, but they also worked well in the slower stuff. We railed them over ruts, rocks, whoops and braking bumps with total control. These GNCC's don't seem to toss you around as much, which helps reduce rider fatigue over the long haul. They also seemed to wear well, even on the hard pack terrain we were on.

Sliding was very predictable and you could drift the rear end out as much, or little, as you wanted when cornering. The taller knobs do help get the tires hooking up better on the straights and out of turns. The lighter front tires are also easier steering. We ran into all sorts of sharp rocks and suffered no punctures during the course of our test.

All in all, the newest ITP GNCC tires offer great hook-up, improved traction, better cornering, and easier steering. The Holeshot GNCC debuts in a 21x7-10 up front, and they are available in two sizes out back: 20x10-9 and 21x11-9—all with durable six-ply ratings. Expect to pay right around \$72.95 for fronts and \$86.95 for rears.

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