

PRODUCT EVALUATION

ITP QUADCROSS MX TIRES

More traction for hardpack action By the staff of Dirt Wheels

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One of the most important ingredients for a successful race is to have a tire that hooks up and gets traction. This is much preferred, rather than slipping, sliding, and spinning your way around a race track, or even on that next trail ride.

ITP has plenty of experience with ATV motocross race tire technology. Their Holeshots tire line, and various other race-ready knobblies they manufacture, have been a big hit with racers from coast to coast. Their latest edition is a new motocross "hard-pack" tire called the QuadCross MX.

This all new "softer" compound motocross tire was tested and developed with the assistance of the factory Yamaha and Kawasaki race teams. It has been designed for very hard-packed, blue-groove type motocross racetracks, the type where traction is at a premium.

"We came up with a specially formulated soft rubber compound that finds traction on the slickest of surfaces, yet displays surprisingly long wear characteristics," says ITP's Craig Peterson.

"It has a completely new dimpled knob design, which complements the high-tech rubber compound and provides excellent bite during acceleration and braking. We complement the new rear with a new front QuadCross MX tire that uses an all-new dual-ribbed dimpled knob pattern," added Peterson.

"Another thing with our new tires, unlike some of our competitors, is that the QuadCross MX is not a limited-production tire available to only select riders at national events. At ITP, we race what we sell, and sell what we race. You can find the new QuadCross MX tires at every ITP dealer in the country."

CHECKING IT OUT

We wanted to see how well these new ITP QuadCross MX tires perform, so we took delivery of a set of front 20x6-10 and rear 18x10-8 tires. We met up with factory Yamaha/Golden West ATV racer Pat Brown



A new dimple pattern in the knobby design also helps the ITP QuadCross tires to hook up and get major traction.

and our own select "wrecking crew" and proceeded out to one of our drier, dusty, and well-worn test tracks. We put in a lot of laps on various "blue groove" race tracks and trails to see whether these new tires held up to the hype.

Here is what we found out. These tires do offer a lot of hook-up when the traction situation is sketchy, such as on a hardpack, slick track. They don't spin under acceleration, and have a very soft overall feel. The knob patterns and soft compound worked very well on the slick terrain we rode on. The traction and hook-up on the hardpack was much improved over a set of ITP Holeshots we brought along for comparison purposes.

Our official Dirt Wheels stop watch came out and we were able to trim our lap times considerably (four to five seconds a lap) aboard the machine with the new QuadCross MX tires. We ran it against another identical machine that had the older Holeshots MX tires mounted on it. The new QuadCross MX fronts also steered more easily on the hardpack and were more predictable in the corners. You could break the rear end loose when needed, but it was fully



ITP built a front QuadCross moto tire to go along with the new rear meats. It is light and steers exceptionally well.

controllable. They steer precisely with a very light feel and reduced lateral roll in the corners.

Surprisingly, for their soft nature, these new QuadCross MX tires hold up well also. We put a lot of laps on ours and the wear factor was hardly noticeable. You can get more races out of a set, versus only one or two at best on a conventional knobby like the older Holeshots, on a hard, slick track surface.

Price-wise, you will be looking at spending \$69.95 for a front 20x6-10 QuadCross MX tire and \$75.95 for a rear 18x10-8. Not cheap, but the cost of victory is never cheap. You really do get what you pay for, and these new QuadCross MX tires do perform extremely well on the hardpack. They offer great traction, improved handling and are durable. Not a bad combination indeed.

To order a set, see your local ATV dealer. For other inquiries or technical advice, contact ITP at (909) 390-1905. Or visit ITP's website at www.itptires.com.