



ITP HOLESHOT SX TIRES

THE PRODUCT: ITP has many versions of their popular line of Holeshot tires available for everything from motocross racing to cross country. The company recently released yet another model meant for hard pack courses that can be seen in many locations across the country.

MATERIAL: Rubber

CONSTRUCTION: Specially reinforced carcass that minimizes stretching while maintaining a flat profile to proved consistency in feel. The SX pattern utilizes more tightly spaced knobs that have been redesigned to provide twice the biting edges of any holeshot tire ever before. They did this by thinly cutting the knobs (laterally siped). They also tapered the shoulder knobs to provide greater control during cornering.

FINISH: Raised lettering as well as yellow logos.

MANUFACTURER'S CLAIMS: "The holeshot SX has been carefully designed and painstakingly developed to dominate on hard-packed motocross tracks. The drier, slicker and faster the track surface, a very common condition in today's racing environment, the greater an advantage the holeshot SX rider will enjoy"

HONORABLE MENTION: ITP claimed they had a goal to not only get the tires to hook up on hard pack, but have long life as well. They seem to have accomplished this feat as the tires did hold up surprisingly well to track testing and abuse and to runs on pavement to get some drag times.

PERFORMANCE: ITP's Holeshot SX does work very well in hard pack terrain. They offered great straight line traction as well as provided good grip

in the corners. They were predictable and allowed for both controlled slides as well as side-bite when wanted. They actually still have decent tread left after two days of track riding and some pavement testing.

CONSIDER THIS: These tires actually seem to hold up almost as well as the regular Holeshot for track riding. Trails would beat them up much worse, but that is something we were impressed to see.

THE VERDICT: We were highly impressed with the combination of durability and performance from this tire. They are well worth looking into for those who will spend time competing on hard track surfaces.

PLACE OF MANUFACTURE: USA

RATING ★★★★★

Price: Front—\$72.95 ea. Rear—\$74.95 ea. **Contact:** ITP, (909) 390-1905; www.itptires.com.

- — Good all-around traction on hard pack
- — Will not hold up well on trails.

ITP T-9 SERIES TRAC LOCK WHEELS

THE PRODUCT: ITP decided to provide the market with a more affordable, yet high quality beadlock wheel. The new T-9 Series Trac Lock is what they came up with.

MATERIAL: -0.190 inch wall aluminum.

CONSTRUCTION: Double rolled inner lip for durability, a rugged outer bead ring is secured with tough, recessed Allen bolts. Stainless steel lug nut inserts on 4/110 bolt pattern wheels.

FINISH: Polished or black

MANUFACTURER'S CLAIMS: "The Trac-Lock is a perfect complement to our proven, National-winning Pro-Lock Beadlock model, but is slightly lighter, offers easier tire mounting and is more budget-conscious."

INSTALLATION: Put the quad on a stand, remove old wheels, and install these.

HONORABLE MENTION: One way



ITP is able to reduce cost is by forming the inner re-enforcing ring into the wheel. This way they eliminate the cost of welding each wheel.

PERFORMANCE: The wheels held up well. So far nothing negative has come up. They also look nice on our flashy YFZ450 and actually look like more expensive wheels. According to ITP, the wheels have a QS9000 quality certification.

CONSIDER THIS: So far the wheels are available in 8x8 and 9x8 sizes with 4/110 and 4/115 bolt patterns. More sizes should become available in the near future.

THE VERDICT: We would recommend this wheel. Everything looks good and they do go together easily. So if you're in the market for an more affordable beadlock, this is worth looking at.

PLACE OF MANUFACTURE: USA

RATING ★★★★★

Price: \$145.95 ea. Contact: ITP, (909) 390-1905; www.itptires.com.

⊕—A great wheel at an affordable price!

●—Most likely not as durable as the T-9 Pro Series.