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ITP 30-inch Mud Lite XXL

Imagine a day when an ATV will sit suspended high in the sky on a massive set of 50-inch-tall tires, possessing the ability to climb up, over and through any obstacle that stands in its path. I know, that seems a little excessive. But while conducting our mud tire test in Texas, my attention was stolen when ITP's Craig Peterson and Gorilla Axle's Greg McMullen rolled up with a gigantic monster utility mudder. Mounted

on this beast was a brand-new set of 30-inch ITP Mud Lite XXLs that begged to be sunk into deep mud holes.

Let's get to

the facts: These new tires will not mount up to your stock utility ATV. Thanks to the guys at Gorilla Axle (www.gorilla-axle.com), the Honda Rincon was drastically lifted and modified to accept these mighty giants. The Mud Lite XXL is claimed by ITP to be the largest tire ever produced for an ATV and weighs 5 to 9 pounds less than competing 29-inch tires. Of course I had to check this claim. The only other tire I could find that was even close in size was the 29.5-inch High Lifter Outlaw. The available sizes for the six-ply-rated ITP tire are 30x10-12 for the front and 30x12-12 for the rear. Its aggressive tread design measures 1.3 inches deep while its taller profile allows for unheard of amounts of clearance. If your budget allows, these enormous meats will set you back \$123.95 each for the front tires and \$137.95 each for the rears.

Not only was I drooling, but I would also

be one of the very first people to give these colossal hunks a run. Earlier in the day, I had lost an embarrassing battle to an extremely gnarly mud hole that required me to be winched out. Seeking revenge, I steered the Mud Lite XXL-equipped Honda right back to that very same spot. Even with the taller tires and the extra ground clearance, half of the quad sunk into the morass. But the difference this time is the front of the quad emerged out of the slop as the tires churned and pulled with a great deal of ease to the other side. Not satisfied by one try, these tires got sunk time after time without my suffering even the slightest worry of getting stuck. The XXLs also offered a fairly smooth ride back to the staging area, which was another impressive surprise.

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Installation	17/20
Function	9/10
Durability	47/50
Design	9/10
Price	8/10

BOTTOM LINE: By far the biggest and baddest tire I have ever ridden. ITP Tires: 909/390-1905; www.itptires.com