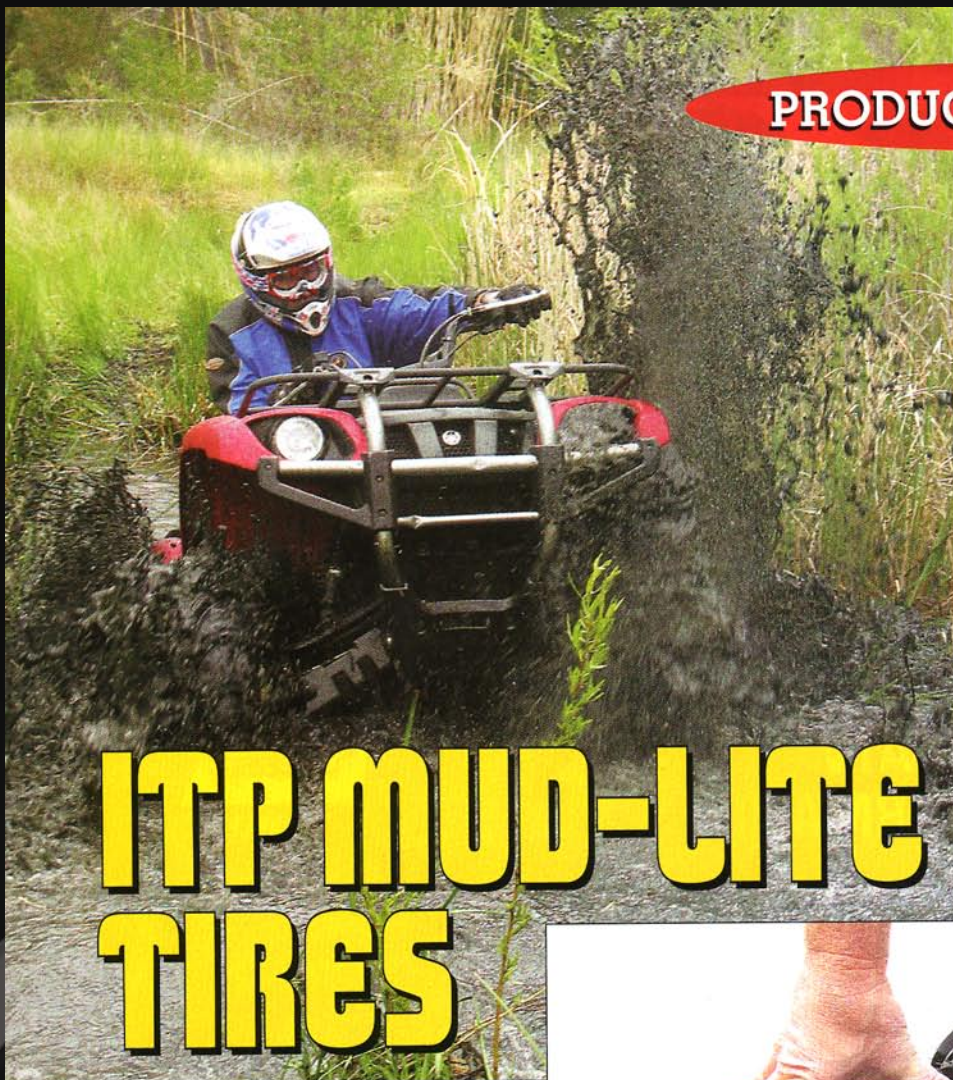


## PRODUCT EVALUATION



# ITP MUD-LITE TIRES

## Light weight, low-cost mudders

By the mud-splashing staff of Dirt Wheels

□ The biggest complaint most mud riders have about their oversized claws is that they are too heavy and require more steering effort on hard-packed terrain. These were considered normal sacrifices if you wanted to ride in the slop. Mud riders require a tall tire with good side traction and puncture resistance and, until now, have had to forgo the comfort and light weight of stock rubber.

Mud riders just might have the best of both worlds with the new ITP Mud-Lite tire. Industrial Tire Products (ITP) has been making big waves lately in motocross and on the cross country circuits with their racing tires and wheels. They feel

**The Mud Lites are available in two different sizes; a smaller AT version (left) in sizes ranging from 22-25 inches, as well as the big boy XL's in 26, 27, and 28 inches. ►**

their Mud-Lite line of tires might find similar success.

### MUD PUPPY MADNESS

ITP's new Mud-Lite is available in two versions; a shallow tread (AT) or trail friendly version and a deep mud, much taller lug (XL) version. These tires are both six-ply rated. We recently had a chance to try out the XL version on our stock 2003 Yamaha Grizzly and this what we found out.

Our 27x10-12 (fronts) and 27x12-12 (rears) weighed in at about 27 and 28 pounds respectively. These numbers are considerably less than the competition; over five pounds each in some cases. This allows the Mud-Lites to be much easier steering in

◀ **ITP's all new line of Mud Lite tires provide solid traction in the muck and are a decent all-around tire on hard pack. With a six-ply rating they are also very puncture-resistant. Expect to pay around \$75 per front (27x10-12) and \$80 for a rear tire (27x12-12).**





*Complementing the new Mud Lite XL's are ITP's newest C-series one-piece aluminum rims (\$79.95). These tires and wheels are a potent combination in the mud.*

## MUD-LITE

the really sloppy stuff. But their rugged six-ply construction makes them almost impervious to punctures or damage in the rough. We rode ours through stick-infested swamps, with hidden boulders, stumps and all sorts of nasty goo.

The result? We were able to glide over the worst terrain and mud we could find, with no problems whatsoever. The steering effort was much less than comparably sized swamp tires we have tried previously. Believe us, a five-pound-lighter tire steers much easier. The ride over hard pack terrain also isn't as rough as some of the larger and heavier mud tires we've ridden with. Overall, these new Mud-Lites get the job done and they sell for a suggested retail price of \$79.95 (front)—\$82.95 (rear). That's not too bad a deal, considering the value you are getting for your money.

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