

Impressions on Impact

These assemblies leave you in suspense

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The suspension systems of modern-day off-road motorcycles are high-tech to say the least. The factories and aftermarket tuners spend hours testing, revalving, retesting and re-revalving to produce the plushiest, most progressive and longest-lasting damping components you can buy. It's almost overwhelming to think of all the different systems at play. There are compression circuits, nitrogen bladders, ultraslick and trick coatings and more. It's intimidating for sure and ultratunable. Getting the best ride out of your bike is important, but it's not always necessary to tackle the complications and expense of a suspension overhaul. One of the areas where simplicity seems to rule, and performance can be easily gained, is with one of today's flexing, bending and shock-absorbing handlebars or top triple-clamp assemblies. We ran some through the *Dirt Rider* wringer, and this is what we thought.



RG3

This was a favorite for moto-specific applications. The RG3 unit keeps a very firm and solid feel with the front wheel while greatly lessening vibration. Not as absorbent on the big hits as some of the others, it nevertheless stays tight and feels connected. The control you retain is impressive. www.rg3suspension.com

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ABSORBS IMPACT	28/40
ABSORBS VIBRATION	28/30
PRICE	8/10
CONSTRUCTION	9/10
ADJUSTABILITY	7/10

CLAMP: \$289.95

