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RG3 CRF LINKS

APPLICATION: 2005 CRF450R

PRICE: \$409.95

RATING: 9

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// WHAT IT IS: The RG3 CRF Links were designed to remedy the problems inherent with the stock linkage setup on your CRF. Didn't think anything was wrong with the OEM links? Think again. When the CRF shock was stiffened in '05, the already overly progressive links were made worse thanks to firmer valving. This causes the shock to feel soft initially, but by mid-stroke the increased damping and spring forces come together to create a "step" in the mid-stroke. This "step" results in a harsh, springy hit that causes the rear end to bounce around during hard acceleration and braking. The RG3 Links feature a less-progressive design that decreases the leverage ratio.

// HITS: It was complicated to describe the RG3 Links in a single paragraph, but believe us; they work. When testing the RG3 setup back-to-back with the stock linkage, testers were able to feel a significant change in absorption. Bouncing through braking bumps with unpredictability became a thing of the past, and traction was much improved on square-edged acceleration chop. Gone was that "stiff in the middle" feel that the stocker had, and in its place was a plusher, more pleasant suspension action. Installation takes

only a few minutes, and as we've come to expect from RG3, fit and finish are excellent.

// MISSES: Technically speaking, we had no complaints whatsoever. The only thing that kept us from giving this product a perfect 10 was the cost, which we feel is a bit steep for the average consumer (especially considering the fact that RG3 recommends getting your shock revalved to take full advantage of the links).

// THE VERDICT: If you have the cash, you can't go wrong with the RG3 CRF Links. Coupled with a shock revalve, it gave our CRF test unit a "works" feel, and that's priceless.

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