

P R O D U C T S

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TIE IT DOWN

Have you ever been transporting your bike by trailer or truck and found yourself clenching your teeth around every turn and over every bump? Well, it's time to relax. Gator straps will put your tip-over worries to rest. These straps are monsters! They are a full 10% thicker than conventional tie downs, come in 1 and 1 1/2 inch widths, and are a generous 7 feet in length. Gator straps are available in the familiar cam buckle style or in a heavy duty ratchet model. Every strap has bonded seams to eliminate fraying and they are double box stitched for an assembly strength of up to 2000 pounds. Probably the best feature is the inverted design with built-in soft loops. These loops are positioned away from the buckles so all the hard parts and extra strap lengths are away from your shiny painted parts. The soft loops can also be used to link straps together to make a single 12-foot length.

Gator straps show quality construction, strength, and durability. Go to www.GatorInc.com, tie it down and worry no more.



HUD

"OK, Maverick, go to guns; you're clear to splash the Mig!"

We're having some fun at M-E with the SportVue MC1 Heads Up Display (HUD), the world's first HUD for motorcycles.

Information such as speed, rpm, and gear selection are projected as a clear and finely tunable image through a streamlined, wireless helmet-mounted display (HMD). The HMD receives this data from a small motorcycle sending unit (MSU) that can be wired into just about any motorcycle. Speed is sensed by a simple magnetic interrupter which is fastened to the rear sprocket or brake disc. This interrupter passes by a stationary pickup that can be mounted to any convenient location like the swingarm or rear brake caliper.

The rpm is tapped from the cam or crank sensor wiring using Quick-tab connectors that pierce the bike wiring without damage. There is no cutting, splicing, or soldering required. Gear positions are "taught" to the MSU by slowly rolling the throttle through each gear while the bike is supported by a sturdy tail stand. The HMD will tell you when to shift to the next gear and it will learn up to 6 gears.

We mounted our MC1 on a Ducati 900FE. It took a bit longer than the 2 hour advertised installation time, but this was due to our desire to have the MSU and wire loom mounted and routed like it was the Space Shuttle. The installation is actually pretty straightforward. SportVue's MC1 includes everything, and we mean everything, to outfit one motorcycle and one helmet.

If you feel like an F-18 pilot, the MC1 will let you attack your favorite road and keep your eyes on the target while real time info is in the corner of your eye. It works remarkably well, isn't as distracting as you would think and you'll get a lot of attention from the bogies you strafe. Do some recon at www.sportvue.com.



SLICK AND SHINY

Spectro is a familiar name in motorcycle oils and lubricants and they have recently introduced some new products.

Golden Spectro Supreme is a full synthetic motorcycle oil. It's a special blend of synthetic base oils and the latest engine additive technology. The 5W40 grade is for use in 4-stroke motorcycle engines where API SG, SH, and JASO MA oils are recommended. Golden Spectro Supreme reduces internal friction and provides increased throttle response and horsepower.

Driving a BMW or Moto Guzzi? Try Golden Spectro Supreme full synthetic differential oil. It is recommended for use in limited slip, posi-traction, and shaft final drives where 75W90 API GL-5 hypoid gear oils are used. It has been formulated specifically to reduce internal friction from gear tooth loading and reducing heat that robs horsepower.

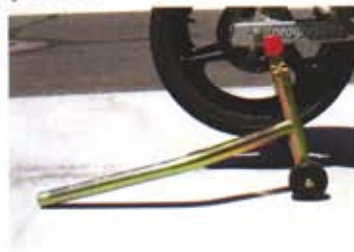
Now that the dirty work is done, it's time to clean your machine. Spectro XL-1 is a premium motorcycle wash formulated with a blend of gentle cleaning agents that are extremely effective in removing grease, grime, and road goo. It couldn't be easier to use; just spray on and rinse off.

OK, now you're off and rolling after the servicing and cleaning but picked up some dirt and bug splatter on the way. Spectro handles that with Qwik Shot. It's a spray bottle of one step detailer that cleans and polishes with just a squirt, a wipe, and no water. Qwik

Shot easily removes dust, dirt, water spots, and bugs without dulling the finish. Use it on any clear coated or painted surface as well as chrome, aluminum, fiberglass, and Plexiglass.

If you get into a little more of a mess, use Spectro Spray and Polish. It quickly cleans, polishes, and shines your motorcycle using convenient aerosol spray delivery. Bug splatter and road grime are quickly removed without water, making this new product the ideal "on the road" detail kit in a can.

You can find all of these fine Spectro products at most dealerships and motorcycle supply stores.



NEW BULL

Pit Bull manufactures high grade, easy to use, and very rugged lifts for motorcycle maintenance. They recently supplied a new product, the Forward Handle Rear, to M-E for our testing. This new lift can be configured in standard or spool styles. It is operated differently in that you can stand and steady your machine using the left handlebar rather than the tail section. The feeling of controlling the balance of the bike is very reassuring. With the free hand you simply press the lever arm to the floor-safe and easy.

The true benefit of the Forward Handle Rear is in the name. When the handle falls forward along side the bike, it's out of the way; there are no trip hazard or creeper seat roadblocks while you work. The lift also takes up less floor space in the garage, shop, or on display. It is just another fine addition to an outstanding line of Pit Bull products available toll free at (877) 533-1977 or on their newly designed website, www.pit-bull.com.

