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PRODUCT TESTS

RENTHAL R-3 O-RING CHAIN

THE ISSUE: Your chain adjusters are racked to the limit and your 450's side plates are worn down to the pins. This is not what you want to be thinking about when you're slamming third gear and rocketing towards an 80-foot double.

THE PRODUCT: Renthal's R3-2 O-ring chain is designed for the extreme rigors of off-road use. It's fit with Nitrile O-rings, which have vacuum-injected grease inside the chain joint. The side plates have been shot-peened for enhanced tensile strength, and the high-carbon alloy steel pins offer excellent resistance to wear.

THE WORD: The Renthal O-ringer is a strong performer with a very realistic price tag. We've been testing one on our CRF450 and have over 21 hours on it. No stretching, almost no wear, and the maintenance (on a motocrosser) is virtually nil. We squirt it down with WD-40 or any lube that floats near our workbench when we wash the scoot, and the rewards of the Renthal O-model rates a big fat A. Stick it on and go ride. This is the way it's supposed to work. They retail for \$108.95, but the street price is closer to 90 bucks. Check with your dealer or www.renthal.com



Renthal's R3-2 O-ring chain is strong, rolls easily (not lots of friction and drag) and has been beaten up by the DB crew for months. It's a great choice for the open four-stroke guy since it resists stretching and needs little care and feeding.



Does your helmet stink? You can unstink it with Foam Fresh.

MUC-OFF FOAM FRESH

THE ISSUE: Ron's helmet stinks. We don't know if it's his hair gel or some enzyme that people from Oklahoma secrete through their scalps, but it can make your knees weak. The helmet itself isn't that old, so we're pretty sure it's Ron's fault.

THE PRODUCT: The people at Muc-Off are heavily into being neat and clean. They smelled Ron's helmet and it drove them to create a new product. Foam Fresh is a cleaner/conditioner that's designed to be used in bacterial hot spots like helmets, boots and knee braces. These are all items that don't always get cleaned between rides and can develop a certain tanginess.

THE WORD: Ron is no longer a social outcast. We can invite him along on rides and no longer insist that he and his helmet drive separately. Foam Fresh isn't really a soap, but fluffy foam, kind of like carpet cleaner. The idea is that the foam will lift out dirt without scrubbing, but in our experience it's best to remove the surface dirt and mud with a dry brush or maybe a damp towel. Then work in the foam and give it time to dry before you wear the helmet. Foam Fresh doesn't have an odor of its own, so you don't have to worry that your hair will smell like pine trees after a moto. As far as we can tell, it kills bad smells by killing germs.

You can buy Muc-Off Foam Fresh for \$11.99 a can through www.muc-off.com or by calling (562) 945-9944. □