

# Yamaha YFZ450

Is this the best stock quad ever made?

From motocross tracks and GNCC courses to backcountry trails and seaside dunes the YFZ450 became something of a legend among four wheel fanatics – a bike that could run with the best right out of the box and, built up, probably delivered more podium finishes than any other sport quad. Completely redesigned for 2009, the all new YFZ450 delivers better handling, more power and enhanced ergonomics that allow it to be ridden harder, faster and longer with less fatigue.

Compared to the old model, power delivery is smoother, wider and easier for most riders to use. Push the throttle and it comes on smooth as silk, whether you're ripping through a corner or charging up a long hill. The 449cc engine uses titanium five-valve cylinder head technology with a carburetor designed to deliver abundant low to midrange torque while still maintaining a super strong top end. The 20-inch wheels hook nicely on soft sand, rocky trails and mud in between.

The new YFZ450 features an all-aluminum frame with a bottom steel rail that is bolted together for increased strength. Its new reinforced sub frame should pretty much eliminate any caking problems. And handling is awesome thanks to an increased rake and a wheelbase that's three inches wider than the original. Cornering is easy and precise with little or no bump steering. In fact, it feels like there's a steering damper.

Just pin the throttle and skim right over the off-camber whoops.

You'll be surprised how much room you have to maneuver your body. The T-shaped seat smooths out ruttled trails and gives you leverage in the corners. Cushioned side panels are easy on the knees. Handlebars are adjustable to four positions, too, so every rider can choose the best position, and the throttle has been designed for all day comfort. What's more, the engine balancer has been revised to even further reduce vibrations.

This ATV is designed to make race prep easy. Body panels come off easily for service; there's no need

to remove the battery or other components to get the fenders off, and the oil tank is integrated with the carburetor so it's easier to service the engine. Whether you're into competitive racing motocross or woods or just want to power past your buddies on the weekend, you should give the YFZ450 a serious look. ●



## New faces at Waynesburg Yamaha



Ryan Koffler

Brian Legato

If knowledge is power then Waynesburg Yamaha is running stronger than ever with the addition of two veteran powersports enthusiasts. Brian Legato takes over the reins in the parts department and immediately started stocking plenty of parts and high performance gear for the Yamaha YFZ450 – a move that's sure to make him a hero to local racers. Brian is a specialist on the YFZ and understands what racers need to win. He has filled the parts department with everything from suspension for the YFZ to eight different exhaust systems. Brian works closely with the Waynesburg Yamaha Race Team and is the go-to guy for anything to do with race bikes.

Ryan Koffler is Waynesburg Yamaha's new general manager/sales manager. As a Yamaha street bike owner and a Rhino enthusiast Ryan truly rides what he sells. And being from the area he knows lots of riders and the kind of riding people do around here. "He's good with people and really knows the street market," says dealership owner Brian Vasko. "Ryan's going to be very good for Waynesburg Yamaha." ●

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