

Steahly Flywheel weight

So, if you are like most people, you can only afford to have one do-it-all dirtbike, and that bike is an MX bike that you want to be able to hit the trails with. Or you are an aggressive trailrider who wants that 'moto' power but find that your MXer stalls a bit too easily, or the power comes on just a touch too strong. What is a person to do? That is simple: add a Steahly Flywheel.

Steahly is a company that has become the name in flywheels and flywheel weights, so it only made sense for use to put a call in when we were looking for something to smooth the power of our woods bike. Based on the recommendation of Derek Steahly, we went with the 9oz flywheel to just take the edge off the power and ease the potential for stalling.

The quality and craftsmanship that comes with the Steahly Flywheel is second to none and comes from more than 30 years of experience. Installing the flywheel is a snap and Steahly sells the required flywheel puller tool if you don't already have one kicking around your toolbox. If you have everything you need, the entire installation should not take more than 15 or 20 minutes.

Bolting on a flywheel is the easiest and quickest way to tune the power of your bike, whether it is a two-stroke or four. The 9oz flywheel seemed to be the magic ticket for our YZ450F and just took the edge off the power delivery to aid in the tractability and ease of control in the tight trails. Where it was most noticeable was in the mud and loose rocks, the slightly softer hit did wonders for the control and help keep the rear wheel hooked to the ground.

I would recommend the Steahly Flywheel to anyone looking to settle down an angry engine, or anyone looking to fine-tune the power delivery of their do-all bike. And the fact that it helps stalling can only be a benefit. I am hard pressed to find a fault with the Steahly Flywheel; it did exactly what it was supposed to do without making the engine into a slow-revving dog. At an MSRP of US\$149.99, you will be hard pressed to find a better bang for your buck engine mod.

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Warp 9 Wheels

The invention of the wheel has gone down in history as one of mankind's greatest accomplishments and it has gone on to change the way the world works. Just think where we would be without the wheel: we would likely still be living in caves with no way to travel great distances effectively and we certainly would not have as many great ways to have fun. Dirt bikes would suck without wheels.

If the greatest invention of all time (even better than sliced bread) is on a dirt bike then we must have the greatest sport of all time. Well, in my opinion anyway. In order to keep the legacy of greatness a respectable set of wheels will need to be installed when it is time to upgrade the stock set. It is often a fine line between quality and budget when it comes to wheels and Warp 9 manages to give you the best of both worlds when it comes to wheels.

For a long time, in order to get a good set of wheels you had to pay a king's ransom, but these full customizable wheels give you phenomenal strength. The anodized CNC machined aluminum hubs are available for all the major brands and come in a plethora of colours so you can make your ride as unique as you. Included with the hubs are all the bearings and spacers and allow you to simply bolt them on as soon as you get them. One simply beautiful feature of the Warp 9 wheels is the fact that they come complete with rotors and a sprocket. Certainly a nice bonus. And when it comes time for you to replace the bearings, don't worry; the OEM bearings and seals fit right in.

Lacing the Warp 9 wheels together are straight gauge stainless steel spokes with stainless steel nipples that are claimed to not strip or round as easily as brass or aluminum. These spokes will also work with OEM rims if you only want to change the hubs, or will work with the OEM hubs, but might require some drilling of the stock hub.

The rims themselves are 7000 series anodized aluminum and are available in the same wide range of colours as the hubs. Warp 9 gives you the flexibility to choose your colour combinations, if you so choose, or you can just take advantage of the standard issue colours. Personally, I would mix it up a bit and give your bike some pizzazz. And that is just what we did on our test set.

The set that Warp 9 send to use were fitted on a 2011 KTM 250SX that was going to receive double-duty on the MX track and on some pretty nasty enduro courses. After many hours of abuse, the beautiful orange anodized wheel set looks like it is brand new. All the bearings were still in perfect conditions and the rims were dead straight. You know that these rims are made to take abuse because they were engineered to take the massive impacts that can come with freestyle motocross and high-speed desert racing, like the Baja 1000, which they have won.

As far as we are concerned, you cannot find a better bang for the buck wheel set than the Warp 9 set-up, and consider the fact that you get rotors and a sprocket with them. How can you go wrong with that, especially when they start at US\$359.00 per wheel? For more information, please visit www.warp9racing.com.

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