



PUZEY 125 STOMPER ENTRY LEVEL MOTORCYCLES

Let's face it. We don't all have zillions of bucks to throw at the latest and greatest off road machines. Especially when it comes to the kids. We recently had to upgrade one of our lot from a 50cc to a bigger bike - and to be honest, as a family we simply could not justify the cost of a brand new main brand machine. Fortunately, there are some pretty good bikes about that won't break the bank. We borrowed two little pit bikes from the clan at Puzezy and took them for a ride...

Bear in mind that bikes like these are entry level machines. They are not designed for rock hopping, racing or serious enduro riding. They are, however fun machines, designed for easy trails and general messing around. So that's exactly what we did.

We roped in two young girls who had never ridden before and took them out for a little ride.

Here are some pointers when you do something like this. Take a deep breath, Scotch helps - even though bikes and booze don't mix, but have something to calm the nerves. Find a wide open field and get ready to run - and kick - a lot. Nah - it's not that bad really. Given the user friendly nature of these bikes and the unimposing size, they are fairly easy to master. Oh yes! Did we mention that these ones come in two different sizes - a bigger frame, forks and wheels for taller riders and a small one for the shorty's. The big one sports a 17 inch front wheel with a 14 inch out back. The little one has a 14 up front and a 12 out back. Other than that, they share engines and - well just about everything else, which is pretty cool... disc brakes with braided brake lines, monoshock out back with remote reservoir, upside



down forks up front... and lots of shiny bling stuff bolted all over.
Kick start. Now this can be tricky and is possibly the most difficult thing to teach a teenager who is more accustomed to loafing on the couch than actually having to do physical exercise. Guys - neutral is all the way at the bottom, hefty kick and let the clutch out SLOWLY. Stall. Kick, Kick, Kick - is the bike in neutral? OOOOH YA...
Start again brmmm..., the bikes start up really easily. Now let the clutch out Sloooowly - and off they go. In no time, the girls are dicing around the field, heading for the vleiland...AARGH dont get stuck. The inevitable stall. Kick, kick, kick [vloek under the breath] ARE YOU IN

NEUTRAL?
Oh yes! Click click click, VROOM and they are off again. The afternoon was spent having a great time. These little bikes are very cool with really user friendly power characteristics. No rip-your arms out acceleration, but they are pretty nippy and once the girls had mastered the gears (4-speed), they were roaring [yup them pipes are boomers] along at pace. The suspension is fair - we need to remind everyone that these are not MX machines, so for the intended purpose, it soaks it all up just fine. Also - watch the size of the rider on the bike, these are rated for junior riders, a big rider will cause the suspension to take some strain... Brakes are just fine.

At the risk of using clichés - the sheer grin factor was worth every second of the effort that went into showing these gals the ropes. Dusty smiles and tall tales were the order of the day when we eventually headed for home. Can we go again? Please, come on... and we left them to it...
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