

CONTACT: Available through the WPS catalog at your local dealership parts counter and www.wps-inc.com

RATING: ★★★★★

PRICE: \$99–\$307 depending on model and size. YZF450R, \$99; LT450R, \$159



Featherweight batteries by Western Power Sports not only produce more cold-cranking amperage and have a much longer lifespan than lead-acid batteries, the lithium-ion batteries weigh half as much and have a charge indicator embedded in the plastic case. Remove your seat and press the "test" button to check the charge level.

well. To test the Featherlight, we left the key in the Yamaha on for a few hours (just as we had accidentally with the stock battery). It took quite a few hours before the battery was unable to start the YFZ-R. With the battery officially dead, we left it on another hour or so before recharging it. The Featherweight lithium battery held plenty of charge and seemed unscathed. Still wary, however, we left the key on that same night to further stress the battery. Amazingly, we were still able to quickly bring the battery back to life in the morning. While continuing this pattern would undoubtedly finish off any battery in existence, we were impressed with the Featherlight's durability.

At \$100 for the Yamaha and \$160 for the Suzuki, the WPS Featherweight batteries are more expensive than off-brand conventional replacement batteries, but not a whole lot more than higher-quality or OEM replacements. With a much better life expectancy and reduced weight, we're sure that lithium technology batteries will quickly take over the powersports market. □



Not only does the Moto Flak Mount allow sport quad riders to mount a GoPro Hero to the front or back panel of a chest protector, it also works on ATV/UTV body panels, too, textured for suction mounts and on uneven surfaces like the Sportsman front rack.

MOTO FLAK MOUNT FOR GOPRO

WHAT IT IS:

GoPro users who also wear a chest protector have a bit of a dilemma when going for a chest-mount point-of-view (POV) camera. The \$39.99 GoPro Chesty mount is a bit clumsy when stretched over a chest protector, and it restricts movement on your ATV or dirt bike. The new Moto Flak Mount by Orion Innovations, LLC is a professional-grade mounting system for GoPro cameras that provides secure and adjustable mounting on the front and rear of most popular chest protectors. When front-mounted on a chest protector, the Moto Flak Mount offers a full view of the rider's arm movements, handlebars and controls. This perspective provides more realistic first-person footage than conventional helmet-top mounts.

WHAT YOU GET:

Compatible with Hero 3+, Hero 3 and Hero 2 cameras, this modular camera mount utilizes Mil-Spec straps, aerospace-grade aluminum hardware, and a durable polycarbonate baseplate to achieve secure yet removable camera mounting on chest protectors and other surfaces. The Moto Flak Mount uses adjustable straps with plastic cam locks to center the GoPro mount base to the front or backplate of most chest protectors, and the base has four rubber feet for a secure fit and airflow to the chest. The five straps clip to the edges of your protector, with the two side straps being removable, and there is an extra aluminum clip for the top strap to accommodate more brands

of protectors. The Moto Flak Mount comes in white or black with black straps.

PERFORMANCE:

Once strapped in place, the Moto Flak Mount offers a similar camera placement to the GoPro Chesty mount but without restricting breathing or covering the breastplate's cooling vents. It requires the tall GoPro mount to get the proper POV with a Hero 2, 3 or 3+, and the GoPro base is molded into the polycarbonate panel, which is more flexible than the GoPro Chesty mount. Also, the Hero can be flipped to get the perfect POV, whether mounted to the front or back.

THE VERDICT:

Not only does the Moto Flak Mount offer a superior point of view and more freedom of movement than the GoPro Chesty mount, it offers more safety than mounting a GoPro on top of your helmet, where it can be snagged by branches and even ripped off of your helmet. We know, as we've scratched a few GoPro lenses under branches and deadfalls. Most of all, it's way more comfortable than the GoPro Chesty mount, looks much cleaner and more professional, and works with your safety equipment instead of against it. □

CONTACT: See www.motoflakmount.com

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