

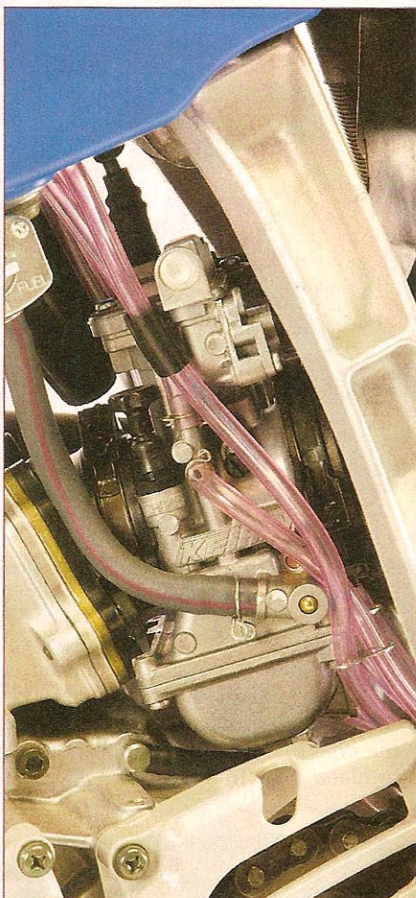
**Decompression:** The 2009 CRF450 has had issues with its automatic compression release.

**TECH: 2009 HONDA CRF450 DECOMPRESSION ISSUES**

Dear MXA,

I plan to buy a 2009 Honda CRF450, but I have heard some talk about the bike having failures with the auto decompression system. I talked to my dealer and he said he knew nothing about it. Are the auto decompression devices breaking, and can they cause serious trouble?

We contacted Honda and they confirmed that there have been some reported incidents of the automatic compression release breaking (and yes, if the parts fall down into the engine, they can cause major damage). Honda claims that the failure rate is very small. Unfortunately, we have to take their word on this because unless the problem becomes more widespread, no new parts will be forthcoming until next year. Keep in touch with your dealer, because if this becomes a major problem there will be some new parts coming down the pipeline.



**Quick and easy:** Swap out the needle and you will have up-to-date jetting.

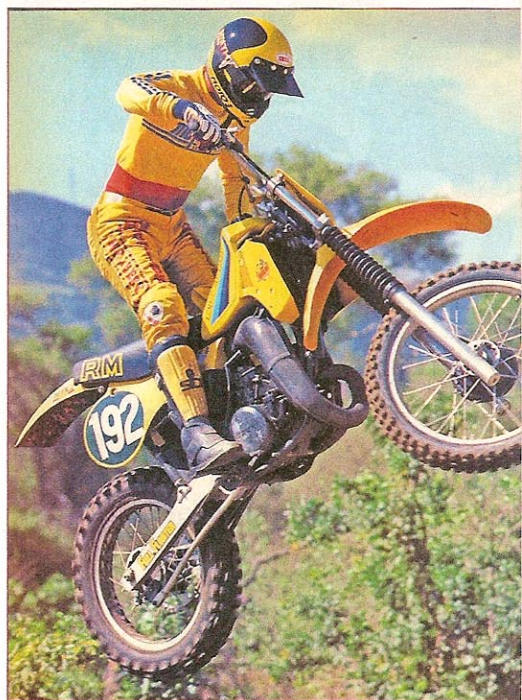
**JETTING: WE ARE VERY PERSUASIVE**

Dear MXA,

You guys talked me into it, so I went out and bought a very clean 2006 YZ250. I am making the switch back from a four-stroke. I will be running a Pro Circuit pipe and silencer. What jetting specs do you guys suggest? Long live the two-stroke!

Below is the jetting that we ran in our 2006 YZ250. The only major change we made was to switch from the stock N3EJ needle to an N3EW. In 2007, Yamaha switched all YZ250 jetting to the N3EW. Sometimes, you have to go up one on the main jet for cool weather. Pinging is the signal to go richer.

- Main Jet:** 178
- Pilot Jet:** 50
- Needle:** N3EW
- Clip:** Second from top
- Air screw:** 1-3/4 turns out



**1982 RM250:** It was crazy fast and had massive head shake.

**TECH: PARTS FOR 25-YEAR-OLD SUZUKIS**

Dear MXA,

My dad and I have recently purchased a 1982 Suzuki RM250 and a 1983 Suzuki RM250. The bikes need to be restored very badly. We can't find any parts. Where can we go to find parts for bikes this old?

Try [www.fullfloater.com](http://www.fullfloater.com) (for 1982-83 Suzuki RM250 parts) and [www.denniskirk.com/1/4/1174263-1982-suzuki-rm250.html](http://www.denniskirk.com/1/4/1174263-1982-suzuki-rm250.html) (for fork seals, cables and miscellaneous parts).



**GEAR: I'M READY FOR MY CLOSE-UP, MR. DeMILLE**

Dear MXA,

I'm thinking about buying a video camera to shoot motocross movies. Your shootout of the GoPro and Oregon Scientific cameras in the January 2009 issue was a big help. Thanks.

We aren't done yet. Check out the review of the new GoPro wide-angle camera on page 131. We think this is the way to go for POV motocross footage.