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# YZ & MX HOP-UP

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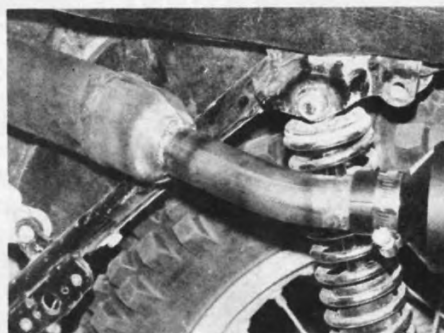
The 125 class is super competitive. Small differences make for big position changes when you're trying to pull horsepower out of a combustion chamber the size of a coffee cup. And one place the 125 Yamahas — either YZ or MX — give it away to the CRs is in the exhaust system. The factory unit delivers less than is in there. Like trying to run a 100-meter dash with a finger stuck up your nose. Bad for the bike's owner, bad for all of us, because a little hacksawing makes more power and a lot more noise.

So we slipped over to Skyway, the silencer and pipe people, struck up a conversation, and then casually mentioned the problem. They did a little quick work on the tail end of the powerplants and gave them back.



With the job done, the new pipe still fits in the same space as the stocker.

The first test ride was impressive. The MX was suddenly a wheelie machine, and the YZ let you stretch the wire enough to do those neat slide-n-wheelie numbers through a couple of the turns. So we went out



Both bikes benefited, but it's hard to say which gained more. The YZ became competitive — power-wise, and the MX is easier to ride after the fix.

later to meet the CR head-on the next testing day. Yep, it still won, but it didn't have it so easy anymore. The mods are definitely worth it. About three to five horsepower worth it, by our seat-of-the-leathers



About five bucks' worth of welding is required and the directions are explicit about what goes where.

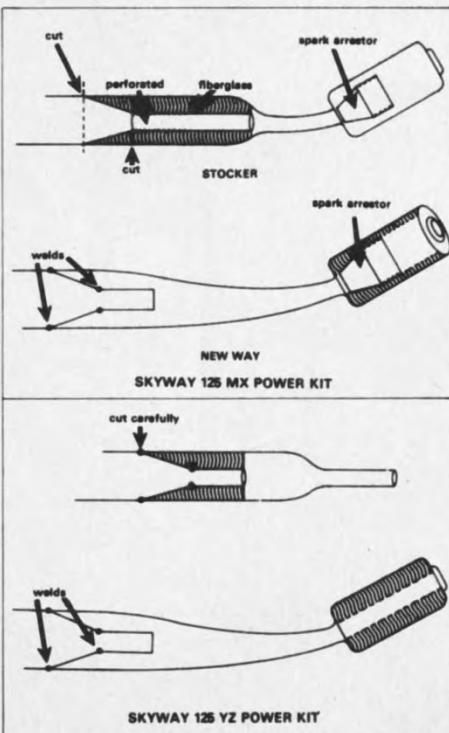


Hot setup for those rubber-cushioned brackets is to drill them through and use a bolt. Just tighten enough that the locknut won't loosen and it'll still cushion, without going south.

estimations.

What you're buying with one of these Skyway kits is a new silencer, a new stinger, and an outer chamber tube that makes the whole thing work. And all the hardware you need for mounting, of course.

What you've got to do is cut in two places and then weld in two places. It takes an hour or so; that's



all. Honest. If you do your own welding. Shouldn't cost more than a buck or so elsewhere.

And what you're getting is more horsepower with about the same or less noise (depending on whether you invest in the Super Silencer). More importantly, the bike will be more rideable. You'll have better throttle response and you get out of the corners quicker. The secret to the 125 class. Now all you need is a Number 1 Products TrickKit in the forks and a little shock work.

#### DATA

Skyway's address is Skyway Recreational Products, 12300 Gladstone Ave., San Fernando, California

91342.

Your choices are: Skyway Power Kit w/Competition Silencer, \$21.95; or Power Kit w/Comp Silencer and Spark Arrester, \$31.95; or Power Kit w/Super Silencer and Spark Arrester, \$39.95.

If it's trail riding or enduros, best spend \$31.95 for the spark arrester. If you love the sport and you ride around people who don't, please buy the Super Silencer; it's even street-legal quiet in most states.

If you only race on tracks and you don't mind a downpipe, you should consider the bolt-on Skyway Hot Tip pipe at \$69.95.

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