

ITP HOLESHOT TIRES

WHAT IT IS: It's time for another test of the most famous ATV tire around, the legendary Holeshots from ITP. In the May 2009 issue, we took a clapped-out old 400EX and made it new again with the help of Renthal, ITP, DG, Race Tech, Honda, FMF and Maier, but didn't get to do a full test on the big parts. The tires ITP supplied to us were their standard Holeshots off-road tires on T-9 Pro Series aluminum wheels. The tires go for \$57.95 each (front) and \$59.95 each (rear), while the rims are \$53.95 each (front) and \$55.95 each (rear). These prices are comparable to Maxxis' Razr tire, but all prices vary when you shop online. We found pricing as low as \$30 per tire!

MATERIALS: The Holeshots are not a radial tire, but they balance well and come standard as a two-ply front and four-ply rear. The tires feature split-knob tread that is flexible for great grip, and they wear well over their relatively long lifespan.

PERFORMANCE: These are great all-around tires that are just as good in the woods as they are in the desert, offering good traction and durability for the price. They aren't as bulletproof as their thicker-skinned counterparts, but they're also a lot cheaper. We tested them on fire roads, hardpack trails, sand, loamy dirt and rock, and the tires came away full of air every time. They're a little meaty for full-time track use and have more sidewall flex than we would want from a track tire, so if you're on the track a lot, go for one of ITP's more MX-oriented tires. The T-9 wheels also look great, and they function well for a budget wheel. They are strong, lightweight and don't bend very easily. What more could you ask for?

THE VERDICT: We're still fans of ITP's Holeshots, and when you can get a set of four tires online for \$120, there really aren't any downsides. The Holeshots are a quality tire for a steal of a price, so it's no secret why ITP has been so successful selling them over the years.

RATING: ★★★★★

PRICE: \$57.95/\$59.95 (FR/RR) retail, online for much cheaper. Also, ask your dealer.

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Good rear-tire bite is important for getting the front end up over trail junk. The ITP Holeshots come through on nearly any terrain.

ITP's Holeshots are among the best tires ever produced. They're cheap, offer average flat protection, and provide great grip over a variety of terrain.

