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Honda Grom follow up

Earlier last training season I mentioned that we had bought 60 Honda Groms to replace the GZ 250s used by our shorter statured riders. I said I'd follow up with our experience. The Groms were very solid. We had wondered about the durability of the one piece headlight cowling and replacement cost but never had one that broke. Of course the fuel injection was great given our early and late season temperatures.

However, they were a fair bit taller than the GZs they replaced and while our slightly built riders appreciated the lightness, they felt too tall for our shortest built riders. We tried a lowering link that brought the seat down to 28", and several of our instructors tested handling on a local road course. The lowered bike performed well, and we are lowering the rest of them for 2016.

All in all, the Groms performed well, were durable, the price was great, and no instructors complained about unloading and loading them from our storage trailers. With the lowering links installed for this coming training season, I think we'll have a great light and low training bike for our shorter statured riders.

If anything changes after our second season, I'll let you all know. Take care and travel well.

OHIO

Thanks for the follow-up on the Grom. What did the lowering link cost and is it sourced from Honda. I imagine the retrofit time is minimal.

~Chuck Stiteler

IDAHO

Great information; thanks for the follow-up, Bill.

~Sunshine Beer

All,

Never saw an answer to these questions. Does anyone have the information?

Dave.....

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~Dave Wendell

VERMONT

Dave,

I asked Bill the same question. His response is below.

The lowering link is a 2 1/2" link from Composimo that costs \$75. You'll also need a longer chain when using the link. The Grom chain was replaced by a 108 link 420m chain that cost us \$26. Our mechanic is doing each bike for \$200 including the link, chain and labor. It's a chunk of change, but considering they are cheap to start with and seem like they'll be solid for years, we bit the bullet and thought it was worth it to get the bikes as low as we wanted.

~Paul Graves
