

{ RG3 TOP TRIPLE CLAMP }

The only four-poster in the triple clamp biz



WHAT IS IT?

Would we be tipping our hand if we said this was our favorite triple clamp?

WHAT'S IT

COST? \$279.95 (top clamp only)—(714) 630-0786.

WHAT'S IT DO? There are only three reasons why you need to replace your stock triple clamps. **(1)** You have solid bar mounts and you want rubber bar mounts. **(2)** You want to buy oversized bars and move the mounting position. **(3)** You are looking to change the offset on your bike.

The RG3 triple clamp can handle all three of these with ease (but for the offset change, you'll also need to get a bottom triple clamp).

WHAT STANDS OUT?

Here's a list of things that stand out with RG3's top triple clamp.

(1) Bar mounts. While standard rubber bar mounts twist every time you crash, RG3's four-post rubber bar mounts don't move. They can't, because of triangulation (even though they are rectangular).

(2) Materials. The RG3 top triple clamp is machined-out of aircraft aluminum billet.

(3) Performance. The biggest surprise with the RG3 triple clamps is how

absorbent they feel. This is counterintuitive, because the four-post bar mounts look extremely rigid. But they aren't. Why not? RG3's bar mounts use very light durometer rubber

for the bumpers. The softer rubber mounts translate into better shock absorption.

WHAT'S THE SQUAWK?

Aftermarket triple clamps are heavy. When you mill something out of a chunk of billet aluminum, it can't be as light as a cast part. RG3's top triple clamps will never be as light as Yamaha's stock offering (and no machined clamp ever will be), but they are in the ball park with other aftermarket triple clamps (with rubber-bar mounts). RG3 has made serious efforts to reduce weight, and it shows.

WHAT'S THE SKINNY?

The best triple clamp on the market just got better, thanks to a serious CNC-diet. This is the triple clamp that Travis Pastrana uses.

Diet: For 2004, RG3 shaved weight off their four-post triple clamp. It has a classy, high-tech look.



Baby bumpers: RG3 offers different bar heights, bar mounts and elastomer bumpers so you can fine tune the fit and feel.

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Of every top triple clamp made, this would be our first choice.