

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

ATV ACTION **[RATED]**

DR.D YFZ450R EXHAUST

WHAT IT IS: DR.D, better known as Dubach Racing Development, has been working in conjunction with Yamaha to produce go-fast parts for the new YFZ450R. The GYTR accessory exhaust is manufactured for Yamaha by DR.D, but isn't the same one that DR.D sells. The Dubach Racing YFZ450R exhaust is a full stainless/aluminum system that retails for \$524.95 and meets all USFS spark arrestor and noise requirements.

MATERIALS: The headpipe and mid-pipe are made from high-quality, TIG-welded stainless steel with an aluminum muffler can and endcap. The modular spark arrestor insert is also aluminum.

INSTALLATION: Using our Kawasaki cordless impact wrench (we know, it's sacrilege), it took us less than three minutes to unbolt the stock exhaust and bolt the DR.D system in place. Once hooked up, we left the airbox lid on, because we didn't opt for a fuel tuner and didn't want the machine to run too lean. The DR.D system fits just as well as the stock pipe and weighs a lot less.

PERFORMANCE: You can tell the difference right off the bat. Off-idle throttle response is crisp and much more lively, and the DR.D system lets out a healthy, 97-dB bark without the spark arrestor installed. After throwing a leg over the machine, you can tell DR.D put some research into making this pipe work well. The YFZ-R hits hard off the bottom and pulls without letting up all the way to the rev limiter, adding a ton more low and mid and slightly more top-end power. The machine runs great with the airbox lid on and the DR.D system in place, and it doesn't stumble or flame out anywhere in the powerband.

THE VERDICT: The price is right on. The DR.D system is a big hit for a not-too-big hit in the wallet. We do wish all ATV exhaust prices would take a dramatic plunge, but for right now, this seems to be the normal range for this type of system. The only gripe we had was with the Torx fasteners used to hold the muffler together. It would have been much easier to use Allen head bolts. But then again, you only repack your muffler every so often. □

RATING: ★★★★★

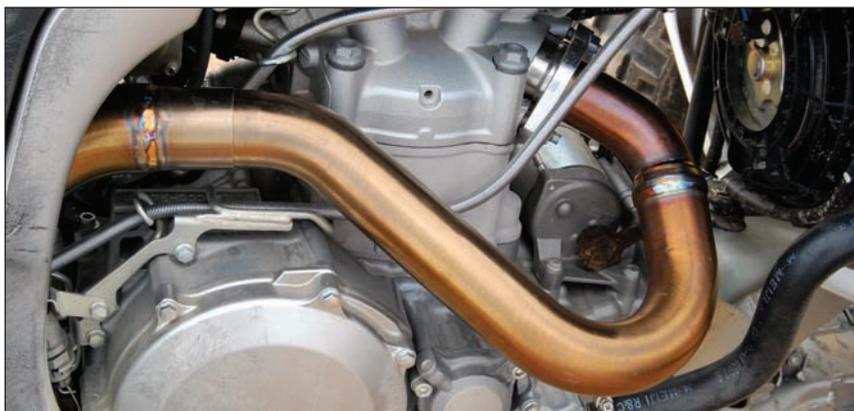
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The muffler can is aluminum, with an aluminum endcap and spark arrestor insert as well. DR.D includes a special wrench to disassemble the muffler when it's time to repack it. Sound levels ring about 97.8 dB on our sound meter, which isn't too obnoxious.



The larger-diameter, stepped header is made of stainless steel and has a billet header flange. The long headpipe helps with low-end torque, and the slip joints are a perfect fit.



Even without a tune, our '09 YFZ450R rips with the DR.D system installed. A nasty bottom-end hit carries all the way to the rev limiter and makes the YFZ much easier to ride fast. The YFZ's exhaust note is raspy and sounds different than most other 450s with the DR.D pipe installed.