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## HOW THE PRO'S DO IT PART 2

Obviously in SA we cannot get works factory material – so what options do we have? There are 3 levels of pimping your suspension:

**1** Optimising your production material by polishing surfaces and having a specialist go through it all, correcting any production mistakes and in layman terms "rough edges". This will notably improve the performance of your production material. As I said already in numerous articles the production settings

have been tested quite extensively and are a very good base for all riders (as long as the bike is used for its intended purpose and spring rates are adjusted to suit your weight). Optimising friction is thus the best step to make.

**2** Individual testing is the next level. For a single person this will take one to two days. For a team depending on size this takes 2-4 days. Testing can be costly but once done you know your set up is perfect for you. Servicing and a click here or there will ensure you have the best you can get for relatively little money.

**3** The next level involves buying aftermarket material which is usually one step up from production as far as materials and surfaces go. If you purchase Aftermarket then individual testing is very important because that material is not tested as extensively as the production material for each bike. Manufacturers of aftermarket suspension usually presume that riders who

buy this special stuff will have a technician to work on the personal settings in order to benefit from the trick hardware he buys. Aftermarket manufacturers are facing serious time restraints for testing as the time between the launch of the production bikes and the launch of the aftermarket material has to be very short. Good aftermarket suspension can be an advantage, but it will only be as good as the settings are for you individually.

>>Next month I will go through some of the aftermarket options available and their advantages.

