





RIDE IT!



by Don Smith

Everything you need to know about BMX. What it is, how to prepare, maintain and compete (both rider and bike), what to wear, how to form a club and run races and how to build a BMX track.

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GOMPONENTS



Robinson components; the end result of eleven years of BMX experience. Qual stuff ... at a price.

Riders that Chuck Robinson, owner of Robinson Racing, has worked with during his eleven year involvement in the sport read like the WHO'S WHO OF BMX; Craig Bark, Jeff Bottema, Scott Clark, Gary Ellis, Eddy King, Perry Kramer, Don Johle, Jeff Ruminer, Charlie Williams, Bobby Woods, and even the Mighty Stu when he and Chuck were hooked up with Team DG.

The teams he has managed go back to day No. 1; Manny's Mudsuckers (If you remember THEM, you've got whiskers!), Webco and DG when they ruled, LRV, and now Chuck's own team; Robinson.

Chuck Robinson carries some heavy credentials.

The Robinson Pro frame, fork, and handlebar are the culmination of knowledge and experience gained over all the years of racing, experimenting, testing, and just plain of

trial and error. A rundown of the Robinson hardware goes like this . . .

ROBINSON PRO FRAME

Approximate cost: \$155 Material: 4130 chrome-moly Weight: 3 pounds, 151/2 ounces

It has 11/4 inch top and down tubes and a 4 inch steering head. Each end of the steering head has been milled out to insure a perfect fit for the cups. The brake bracket location and slotting are perfect, providing brake adjustment through the full range of axle adjustment. The heli-arc welding is very good throughout, with an even bead and apparently good penetration. Chrome-plating is excellent.

The steering head gussets are relatively thin material and space welded to allow just enough flex at the steering head to dissipate stress loads out over the top and down tubes, minimizing possible fatigue at the steering head where stress loads are the greatest in BMX bikes.

ROBINSON PRO FORK

Approximate cost: \$55 Material: 4130 chrome-moly Weight: 1 pound, 12 ounces

The collar is not drilled for a caliper brake. Fork legs are 11/8 inch tubing. Dropouts are in-line, legs are raked 11/4 inches. Chrome plating is top notch.

ROBINSON PRO HANDLEBAR

Approximate cost: \$29 Material: 4130 chrome-moly Weight: 1 pound, 101/2 ounces This handlebar has a 9 inch rise and is 285/16 inches wide. Grip area pull-back is 11/2 inches. Clamp

area is narrower than most other bars to prevent knee knocking. At press time, Robinson had just

finalized agreements with component suppliers that will allow him to market a hi-tech, full-race complete bike. The retail cost had not been determined at the time, but it won't be cheap.

But then, that's how Chuck Robinson has always approached BMX . . . by building top quality, no-compromise racing equipment.

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