

TM EN 144

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DYNAMIC A 125 with muscles

The 144 TM engine is nevertheless a 125 with extra muscle power. At bottom-end there is more power to exploit, which makes up for what is typically lacking on a 125, it has a good back and climbs well up to mid-range. From half way up however it loses a pinch, and overrev and maximum output feel like a 125. The double mapping is particular: in position 1 the engine speed increases and it is more responsive, almost twitchy, whilst in position 2 it gains engine speed more slowly, it responds more gently and has clearly less overrev, this mapping is ideal for terrain with little grip and for less experienced riders. Chassis-wise the bike is in good shape, the suspensions are designed for enduro, fluency is good and so is the level of support when speed increases, the front brake is excellent, the Nissin does a great job both with regards to modulability and power, only the rear brake tends to lock slightly. Manageability is good, the bike is light and intuitive but the handlebar is positioned higher than average and it takes a moment to get used to.

From a competitive point of view the 144 is penalized by the fact that it races in the E2, the performance advantages over the 125 are minimal if compared to 400 4-stroke, 450 4-stroke, 250 2-stroke and also 300 4-stroke engines; the amateur on the other hand, who is not af-



Our opinion

“it behaves like a 125 with more power at bottom-end. Not bad for small displacement lovers”.

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Powerful bottom-end,
great engine response

Little overrev

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ected by these categories, can take advantage of an oversized 125 which will give him more where the 125 is punished by the lack of power at bottom-end. Something to be remembered though is that in this sense it suffers the competition of the KTM and Gas Gas 200.

DOUBLE MAPPING.

It is possible to select the advanced spark timing mapping on the TM 144 enduro: the soft configuration is slightly less aggressive. It also has a Marzocchi fork, optic units and a 2-stroke engine

