# The ultimate tuning



The ultimate choice. The choice is simple. When you are riding. Which fits which. All the champions. A desire to win.





# The ultimate choice

Improving your bike's suspension does more for overall performance than increasing your engine's horsepower. You will feel the difference in the first corner!

With a real world-class suspension you get better traction and handling. You can ride faster, more safely and in comfort.

Just ask any of the more than 80 world champions who won their titles on Öhlins shock absorbers. We guarantee they will agree. Good traction and handling are more important than extra horsepower that can only be used when you are aimed "straight ahead"!

#### Keep the balance

All our tests have shown fitting Öhlins shock absorbers to your bike will improve handling, but for the best results you have to do something with the front end as well.

The reason for this is quite simple. For the ultimate in suspension improvements, the front and rear of your bike must match!

When changing suspension components it is essential that you do not alter your bike's suspension geometry. This applies particularly to your bike's loaded ride height front and rear.

The ride height affects the weight distribution. The weight distribution the angle of the front fork. And the front fork angle affects the steering.

#### This can happen

If you fit a new shock absorber, with a fresh spring, your bike will almost certainly end up front-heavy if you have a worn front fork.

A high rear end a low front will give the front forks a steep angle. This results in a quick and slightly nervous steering, especially when braking hard. You may also feel a tendency of the bike to oversteer (the rear wheel looses traction first and the rear end breaks loose). This is not a good combination!

If you only fit new front fork springs

the result will be the opposite. A high front ride height will give a flat fork angle and slow, inaccurate steering. You may also feel understeer (the front wheel looses traction first and the front end "push" in corners). Again, not a good combination, but slightly better, at least at high speeds!

#### It is wise to check

Most bikes have front forks that will match the Öhlins shock absorbers perfectly. But if Öhlins front fork springs are available for your bike, this should be taken as a recommendation to please switch to new Öhlins springs.

On a few bikes a switch is absolutely necessary! Your Öhlins dealer will know which models require Öhlins fork springs.

It is important to remember that European superbike champion Anders Anderson and the rest of our test riders always test on brand-new bikes. If your bike is a couple of years old, it is wise to check that your bike's front fork and fork springs are still up to their original standards of handling and performance.

And please, do not forget the oil! Öhlins new front fork oil is available in three different viscosity especially formulated for conventional and cartridge front forks.

Öhlins new front fork oil radically reduces friction (essential on forks with large sweep areas) and will not fade even under the hardest use.

#### Winning concept

All Öhlins shock absorbers are based on Öhlins successful application of the "de Carbon" concept. The de Carbon concept means that the damping oil is placed under pressure by gas and separated from the gas by a floating piston. This concept has many advantages. It prevents the risk of cavitation, which happens when the oil can not move "fast enough" and becomes hard as a rock (compare with an unsuccessful dive into water).

It offers better cooling, especially if the shock absorber has an external reservoir (the external reservoir is in fact an extension of the shock absorber and more oil, larger cooling areas improve performance and durability). Gives more consistent damping, regardless of the shock absorber's working temperature. And it makes the shock absorber last longer.

But there are two exceptions. Öhlins Type 36 and some extremely short models of Type 46 are emulsion type of shock absorbers (oil and gas mixed in the shock absorber), see "Two concepts three types".

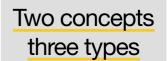
#### More than 300 models

Öhlins manufactures more than 300 different shock absorber models, each model tailor-made for one specific bike.

The basic set-up of each shock absorber model, both the design of the shim stacks and the calibration of the adjusters, is tested both on road and track. They are the results of true tests with your bike and not guesswork!

All Öhlins shock absorbers have one or several adjusters. The minimum is adjustable spring and the maximum number of adjusters you will find on the top-of-the-line models of Öhlins Type 36PRCLB, 46PRCLB and 46HRCLS.

These shock absorbers feature a double-acting rebound/compression damping adjuster in the piston shaft, an independent compression damping adjuster in the external reser- →



## **Emulsion type** Gas under pressure No floating piston < Oil Damping piston Internal reservoir Gas under pressure Floating piston Oil Damping piston **√**Oil External reservoir piggyback or on hose Floating piston Gas under pressure Damping piston 1 Oil

# The choice is simple

Choosing an Öhlins shock absorber is simple... because we have made the choice for you!

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Start by finding out which shock absorber fits your bike, see "Which fits which".

With the help of Öhlins new type system you can identify which type of shock absorber it is and see what kind of adjustment features it has.

#### Here are the keys:

Туре

**36, 46** Piston diameter in mm.

E

Emulsion type of shock absorber.

De Carbon type of shock absorber with internal reservoir in the main body.

De Carbon type of shock absorber with external "piggy back" reservoir. H

De Carbon type of shock absorber

with hose mounted external reservoir.

Shock absorber delivered without spring.

Emulsion type of shock absorber for cruiser bikes.

**Q** Progressive damping shock absorber with two pistons.

#### Features

**C** Adjustable compression damping. Adjuster wheel on the reservoir. R

Adjustable rebound damping. Adjuster wheel on the piston shaft above the end eye.

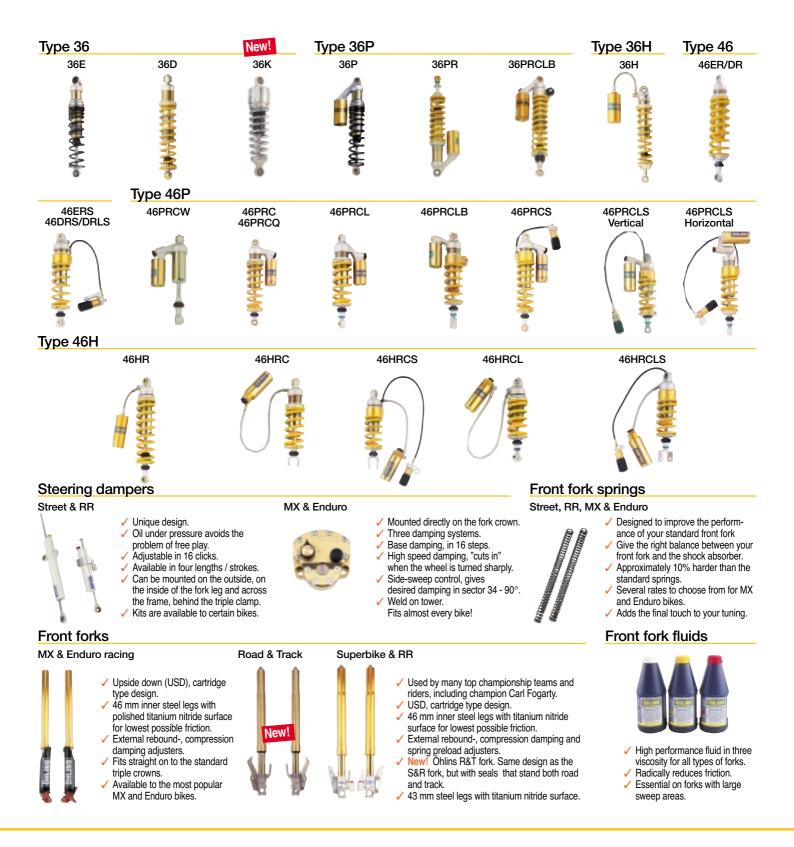
S Hose mounted hydraulic spring preload adjuster.

Adjuster wheel on the hose.

Integrated hydraulic spring preload adjuster.

Adjuster wheel on the adjuster.

Adjustable length. Adjuster nuts above the end eye.



voir, adjustable length and a clever little hydraulic adjuster for the spring preload.

#### Your own set-up

You can fine-tune the shock absorber with the adjusters.

You optimise it for your weight, your riding style and the road conditions. Compensate for extra load or a passenger with the spring adjuster. This means that you keep the balance that your bike was designed with.

If the shock absorbers bottom when you are riding with a heavy load on rough road, the trick is not to increase spring preload. That might cause your bike to ride high in the rear and have a negative effect on the steering, see "This can happen".

Instead you should increase compression damping with the adjuster in the external reservoir. This adjuster increases compression damping without changing rebound damping, see "When you are riding".

The double-acting rebound/compression damping adjuster in the piston shaft modifies the damping at a ratio of approximately 90% rebound, 10% compression. 10% effect on compression may seem like very little but feels like a lot.

Remember that the spring absorbs most of the load transferred during a compression stroke. And you need the 90% on rebound to stop the spring from extending too fast during the rebound stroke!

#### **Riding flat out**

Too much compression damping will give you a harsh ride as your bike jumps" along the road.

With too much rebound damping your bike will have difficulties with several bumps in a row. The suspension will not extend fast enough between bumps, your bike will ride lower and lower and eventually the suspension will bottom.

By changing the length of the shock absorber you can effect the sensitivity of the steering without effecting anything else.

For flat-out race track performance, adjust your bike lower at the rear end. A nice amount of understeer makes you a lot happier than a lot of oversteer, especially if you end up in a corner a bit too fast!

Learning how to use the adjusters will take time but you will quickly appreciate them once you know the tricks. Even Valentino Rossi, Loris Capirossi and Carl Fogarty sometimes need a specialist!

Your own internal set-up is also possible. The Öhlins shock absorber is not a "disposable" shock absorber but one you can take apart, reshim, readiust and overhaul.

#### Precision is the difference

All Öhlins shock absorbers are designed to win races.

The ones you can buy are exactly the same as the ones we sell to top teams and riders. The set-up might be different and by all means there are prototypes around. Progress can not be stopped!

The concept of all Öhlins products is not a secret, it is precision. Precision gives superior control of the damping oil and is the key to our success. Precision also results in quality, a quality you can both see and feel

For the ultimate in performance, Öhlins is the ultimate choice.



# When you are riding

o show you what is happening in a Öhlins shock absorber when you are riding we have chosen a type with a double-acting rebound/compression damping adjuster in the piston shaft and an independent compression damping adjuster in the external reservoir.

The principle illustrated here is the same for all types of Öhlins shock absorbers. Just disregard the adjusters that your shock absorber does not have and you can still understand how it works

#### On a smooth road

When you are riding on a smooth road and the shock absorber is compressed slowly and only a little (low shaft speed and short stroke) the damping oil is forced only through the double-acting rebound/compression adjuster in the piston shaft, fig 1 flow 3.

The oil displaced by the piston shaft is forced through the independent compression damping adjuster out into the external reservoir, fig 2 flow 3.

The floating piston in the reservoir is forced to move, compressing the gas behind it further.

When the shock absorber extends the pressure behind the floating piston will force the oil through a one-way valve, past the compression adjuster and back into the shock absorber body, fig 3 flow 1 and 2.

The oil under the piston returns through the double-acting rebound/compression adjuster in the piston shaft, fig 4 flow 3.

#### Hitting a big bump

When you hit a big bump the shock absorber is compressed quickly and almost totally (high shaft speed and long stroke)

The oil can not be forced " fast enough" through just the valve in the piston shaft. The pressure in the shock absorber increases and opens the shim stack (thin steel washers stacked as a pyramid) covering the compression ori-fices in the piston, fig 1 flow 2. Also, oil displaced by the piston shaft can not be forced " fast enough" through just the valve in the reservoir. The pressure increases and a shim stack, parallel to the valve, opens, fig 2 flow 1 and 2. The floating piston is forced to move

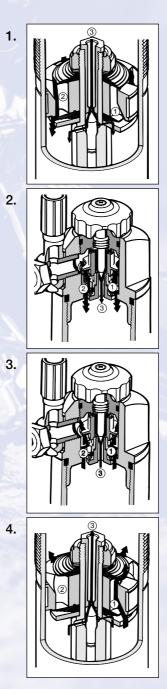
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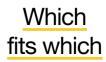
the floating piston will force the oil through the one-way valve back into the shock absorber body, fig 3 flow 1 and 2.

The pressure is still high in the shock absorber and the flow can not be forced "fast enough" through just the valve in the piston shaft. The shim stack covering the rebound orifices in the piston opens and the oil returns, fig 4 flow 1.

#### All are tailor made

By changing the quantity, diameter, and thickness of the shims in the stacks and by using different jets in the valves, your Öhlins shock absorber is tailor-made for vour bike.





There are tailor-made Öhlins shock absorbers available for the bikes in the list below.

Under "Type" you can see which shock fits your bike and if there is an "X" under "FF" there is also front fork springs available for it.

FF

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X X

Street, RR & Off road

APRILIA		Todu
RS 250	1007	46HRCS
RSV 1000 Mille	99	46PRCLS
RSV 1000 SL Falco		46PRC
BIMOTA		
500 Vdue YB 9 Racing YB 4		46PRCL
YB 9 Hacing		46HRCL
	88-0/	46HRCLS 46HRCLS
DB 2/4		46HRCL
SB 6/7	1994	46HRCL
SB8R	99	46HRCL 46HRCL
BMW		
R 50/5	73- 73-	36P*
R 60/5/6 F 650 Funduro F 650 Funduro	73-	36P*
F 650 Funduro	94-99	46DRS 46HRCS
F 650 Funduro	94-99	46HRCS
F 650 ST R 75/6	97-99	46DRS 36P*
R 75/0 K 75 (Not ABS)	81-05	46PRC
K 75 (Not ABS) K 75 (ABS)	94-95	46HRCS
R 80 RT	77-84	36P*
R 80 RT R 80/100 RT/RS R 80 G/S	85-93	46HRC
R 80 G/S	81-88	46PRC
8005	89-94	46085
	92-95	46DRS
R 90/6/S	73- 73-	36P*
R 100/CS/RT/S	13-	36P* 46DRS
K 100 GS, FD	88.80	46HRCS
		46PRC
		46HRCS
K 100 RS (ABS)	90-93	46HRCS
K 100 RT, LT	84-91	46PRC
K 100 RT, ÌT K 100 RT, LT(ABS) K 1	88-91	46HRCS
K 1	89-93	46HRCS
K 1100 LT	92-93	46HRCS
K 1100 RS		46HRCS
K 1100 LT/SE/RS		46PRCS
K 1200 RS, front K 1200 RS, rear	97-00	46HRCLS
R 850/1100 R front	97-00	40THOLS
R 850/1100 R, front R 850/1100 R, rear R 1100 GS, front	96-00	46DBLS
R 1100 GS. front	94-00	46ER
B 1100 GS rear	94-00	46DRS
R 1100 RS front	93-00	46ER
R 1100 RS, rear	93-00	46DR
R 1100 RT, front	96-00	46ER
R 1100 RI, rear	96-00	46DRLS
R 1100 S, front	99-00	JOPH
R 1200 C front	99-00	40FNU3
R 1200 C, rear	98-00	46PBC
R 1100 RS, rear R 1100 RT, front R 1100 RT, rear R 1100 S, front R 1100 S, rear R 1200 C, front R 1200 C, rear DUCATI	00 00	
500 Pantah	78-84	
502	94-98	46PRC
600 / 750 Monster	94-99	46HRC
750 F1	86-88	46HRCS
Montjuich	All	46HRCLS 46HRCLS
/50 F1 Montjuich Santa Monica 851 / 888 851 / 888 (Racing) 851 Binacto		
001 / 000 851 / 888 (Bacing)	80-03	46HRCL
851 Biposto	90-93	46HRC
851 (Racing)	89-93	
888 S/B (Racing)	93-94	
900 SD,Darmah,	78-84	36P*
SS, Replica		
900 SS/SL		46PRCL
900 Monster		46HRC
748/916/996	94-99 94-99	46PRC
748/916/996 (Privateer Racing)	94-99	46PRC
748/916/996 Biposto	95-99	46PRC
ST2/ST4	97-99	46HRCS
HARLEY-DAVID		
XLH 883/1200	All	36E*
FLHRC-I	1998	36K*
HARRIS	A 11	
Magnum II Magnum 4	All	46HRC
Magnum 4	1993	46HRC
HONDA BS 125 B	92-93	46HRCL
RS 125 R RS 125 R	92-93 95-97	46PRCL
RS 250 R		46PRCL
RS 250 R		46PRCL
XR 250		46HRC
FEZ 250 Foursight	98-99	36E
NSR 250 R/RK	90-91	46HRCL

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Brand, model	Year Type	FF	Brand, model	Year Type	FF	Brand, model	Year Type	FF	Brand, model	Year Type	FF
Bros / Hawk XR 400 R	88-89 46HRCL 96-00 46PRC		ZRX 1100 ZEPHYR 1100	97-99 36P/36PRCLB* 92-96 36P/36PRCLB*	Х	Trophy 900/1200 Trophy 900/1200	94-95 46ERS 96-99 46ERS	х	XS 1100S FJ 1100	78-84 36P* 84-85 46ERS	
CB 400 Superfour	92-93 36P/36PRCLB		ZZ-R 1100	90-99 46HRCS	Х	Super III	94-95	Ŷ	FJ 1200	86-90 46ERS	
CBR 600 F	87-90 46HRC		MOTO GUZZI			Tiger	93-99 46HRC	Х	FJ 1200/(ABS)	91-93 46ERS	Х
CBR 600 F2 CBR 600 F3	91-94 46HRCL 95-96 46HRCL	X X	850 Le Mans I-II 850 Le Mans III	81-86 36P* 36P*		Speed Triple 595 Daytona/	94-98 46HRCS 97-99 46HRCLS	Х	XJR 1200/1300 XJR 1200 (Racing)	95-00 36P/36PRCLB* 95-00 36P/36PRCLB*	Х
CBR 600 Racing	97-99 46HRCL	x	850 T5	36P*		Speed Triple	37-33 401110L0	Λ	V-MAX	All 36PRCLB*/36K*	
600 Hornet	98-99 46HRC	Х	1000 Le Mans	36P*		Daytona	1993	Х	MX & Endu		
XR 600 XR 600 R	88-90 46HRC 91-97 46PRC		1000 SP II SUZUKI	36P*		Daytona <b>YAMAHA</b>	94-98 46HRCS		HONDA		
XL 600V Transalp	88-90 46ER		RGV 250	89-93 46HRCL		TZ 125	1994 46PRC		CR 80	90-97 46HRC	
XL 600V Transalp	91-96 46DR		RGV 250	1997 46PRCLS		TZ 125	1995 46PRC		CR 125	94-00 46PRC	Х
XL 650R NX 650 Dominator	2000 46PRC 88-97 46DR		GS 250 S GS 400/L80	1992 36P* -84 36E*		TZ 125 YP 250 Majesty	1996 46PRC 98-00 36E		CR 250 XR 250	93-00 46PRC 88-99 46HRC	Х
CB 750 Sevenfifty	92-94 36P*		GSX 400E/F	77-84 36E*		TZ 250	92-95 46PRC		XR 400 R	96-00 46PRC	
CB 750F CB 750KZ	80-84 36P* 79-84 36P*		GSX 400 S IMPULS 400	1993 36P* 94-96 36PRCLB*		TZR 250R TZ 250	91-93 46HRC 1995 46PRC		CR 500 XR 600	91-98 46PRC 88-90 46HRC	Х
XRV 750	95-96 46HRCS		GS 500E	78-83 36E*		TZ 250	1995 46PRC		XR 600 R	91-98 46PRC	
VFR 750F	1986 46HRC		RG 500 Gamma	85-86 46HRCLS		TZR 250 (Japan)	89-90 46HRCL		HUSABERG		
VFR 750 F VFR 750R (RC30)	90-97 46HRCS 88-92 46HRCL	X X	GSX 600 F GSX 600 F	88-90 46HRC 98-99 46HRCS/46ERS	х	TT 350 RD 350	86-93 46HR 79-82 46DR		Enduro Enduro	89-96 46PRC 99 46PRCQ	
RC 30 (Racing)	88-92 46HRC	X	GSX-R 600	1992 46HRCL	~	RD 350LC	83-88 46ER		MX	95-96 46PRC	
RC 45	94-97 46HRC/46HRCL	v	GSX 600 R	97-99 46PRCLS	Х	SRX 400	1990 46HRCL		HUSQVARNA		v
VFR 800 FI CB 900	98-99 46HRCS 79-84 36P/36PRCLB	Х	RF 600 R GSF 600 Bandit	93-94 46HRC 95-99 46HRC	X X	SRX 400 XJ 400	-89 36P* 80-84 36E*		125 CR/WR 250/360 CR/WR	93-00 46PRC 93-96 46PRC	X X
CBR 900 RR	92-99 46HRCL	Х	XF 650 Freewind	1997 46HRCS	~	XS 400/SE	77-84 36E*		Enduro 4-Stroke	1992 46PRC	Λ
CBR 900 RR	2000 46PRCLS	X	DR 650 R/RSE	90-95 46ER		XJR 400	91- 36P/36PRCLB*		610 TC	1992 46PRC	
CB 1000 BIG CBR 1000F	93-97 36P/36PRCLB 87-88 46ERS	Х	DR 650 SE GS 650E/L	96-99 46PRCL 80-82 36E*		SR 500 RD 500LC	All 36E/36P* 84-86 46HRC		4-STROKE KAWASAKI	93-00 46PRC	
CBR 1000F	89-99 46HRCS		SV 650	1999 46HRCL	Х	XJ 550	80-84 36E*		KX 60	90-98 36H	
VF 1000F CBR 1100 XX	1984 46DRS 97-99 46HRCS	х	DR 750 BIG GS 750E/L	88-89 46ER 77-81 36P/36PRCLB*		FZR 600 FZR 600 R	89-93 46HRCL 1994 46HRCL	X X	KX 65 KX 80/100	2000 97-99 46PRC	
CBX 1000	78-81 36P*	^	GS 750E/S	79-84 36P/36PRCLB*		FZR 600 R	95-96 46HRCL	Λ	KX 125	92-00 46PRC	Х
VTR 1000 F	97-99 46HRCS	Х	GSX 750 (Nakend)	98-99 36P/36PRCLB*	Х	FZR 600 R	94-95 46HRCL		KX 250	95-00 46PRC	Х
XL 1000 V Varadero X4	1999 46HRCS 99-00 36K*		GSX 750ES/EF GSX 750F	83- 46ERS 89-92 46ERS		(Racing) YZF 600	96-97 46HRCL	Х	KDX 250 KLX 250/300	91-94 46PRC 97-98 46PRC	Х
VTR 1000SP1	2000 46PRCLS		GSX 750 F	98-99 46HRCS/46ERS	Х	YZF 600 (Racing)	96-99 46HRCL	^	KX 500	89-99 46PRC	~
X11	2000 46DRS		GSX-R 750	85-87 46HRC		R6	99-00 46PRCLS	Х	KLX 650 R	93-99 46PRC	
CB 1100F CB 1100R	82-85 36P* 81-84 36P*		GSX-R 750W GSX-R 750	88-95 46HRCL 96-00 46HRCLS/PRCLS	X X	XT 600 Z Tenere XT 600 E/K	84-90 46DR 90-97 46DR		KTM 125 SX	95-96 46PRC	
KAWASAKI			DR 800 Big	90-96 46ER	~	XJ 600 Diversion	91-00 46HRC	Х	125 EXC	95-96 46PRC	
ZXR 400	91-93 46HRCL		GS 850/L	77-83 36P*	v	SRX 600	1990 46HRCL		125 SX	98-99 46PRCQ	
Z 400J ZRX 400	80-85 36P/36PRCLB* 94-96 36P/36PRCLB*		RF 900 R GS 1000	94-96 46HRCS 79-82 36P*	Х	SRX 600 XS 650/SE	-89 36P* 75-84 36E*		250/300 250/300 SX/EXC	1994 46PRC 1995 46PRC	
ZEPHYR 400/750	91-96 36P/36PRCLB*		GS 1000E/S/H/L	79-82 36P/36PRCLB*		SZR 660	1996 46HRCL		250/360 SX/EXC	1996 46PRC	
ER-5 Z 500/GP	97-99 36P* 80-85 36P/36PRCLB*		GS 1000G TL 1000 S	79-82 36P* 97-99 46HRCW	х	TT 600 TT 600S (Belgarda)	83-93 46HRC		250 SX 380 SX	98-99 46PRCQ 98-99 46PRCQ	
KLE 500	91-99 46DR		TL 1000 R	98-99 46PRC	~	TT 600R	98-99 46HRC		440/500/550	92-95 46PRC	
GPZ 600R	85-87 46ERS	v	GS 1100	81-82 36P*		XTZ 660	91-98 46PRC		550 M/XC	1996 46PRC	
ZZ-R 600 ZX-6 R	90-95 46HRC 95-97 46HRCL	X X	GSX 1100 GSX 1100 Katana	79-83 36P/36PRCLB* 81-83 36P/36PRCLB*		SZR 660 FZS 600 Fazer	96-97 46HRCL 1998 46HRC	Х	600 LC 4 620 SX/SC	88-92 46PRC 1996 46PRC	
ZX-6 R	98-99 46PRCS	Х	GSX 1100ES/EF	84-87 46ERS		FZ 750	85-91 46HRC	~	LC 4	93-95 46PRC	
ZX-6 R	2000 46PRCLS 89-94 46DR	Х	GSX 1100F	88-93 46ERS 86-88 46HRC		FZR 750 FZR 750R	87-88 46HRC 89-91 46HRCS		SUZUKI RM 125	93-00 46PRC	v
KL 650 Tengai KLX 650 R	93-99 46PRC		GSX-R 1100 GSX-R 1100	1989 46HRC	Х	YZF 750 R/SP	93-94 46HRCL	Х	RM 250	93-00 46PRC	X X
Z 750GP	82-86 36P/36PRCLB*		GSX-R 1100	90-92 46HRC	Х	(Street)			DR 350	90-99 46HRC	Х
Z 750L/Sport GPZ 750	82-85 36P/36PRCLB* 83-84 46ERS		GSX-R 1100W GSX-R 1100W	93-94 46HRC 1995 46HRC	X X	YZF 750 SP (Racing)	93-97 46HRCLS		DR Z400 YAMAHA	2000 46PRC	
GPX 750R	87-88 46ERS	Х	GSX-R 1100W	96-98 46HRC	^	YZF 750 R	95-97 46HRC		PW 50	36E	
ZXR 750	89-90 46HRCL	Х	GSF 1200 Bandit	96-99 46HRCS	Х	R7	99-00 46PRCLS		YZ 80	93-99 46PRC	v
ZXR 750 ZXR 750 R	91-95 46HRC 91-94 46HRC		GSF 1200 Bandit (ABS)	97-99 46HRCS	Х	XTZ 750 Supertenere	89-95 46DR		YZ 125 YZ 250	94-00 46PRC 94-00 46PRC	X X
ZX-7R	96-99 46HRCLS	Х	GSX 1300 R	99 46PRCLS	Х	TDM 850	91-00 46PRC		TY 250 Z	93-94 46HRC	~
GPZ 900 R	All 46ERS/46HRCLS	X X	RE-5	75-77 36P/36PRCLB*		TRX 850	96-00 46HRCLS 95-00 46ERS	X X	TT 350	86-93 46HR	v
ZX 9 R ZX 9 R	94-97 46HRCS 98-00 46PRCLS	X	TRIUMPH Trident 750/900	1993 46ERS	х	XJ 900 S Diversion XJ 900	95-00 46ERS 83-93 36P*	^	YZ 400 F YZ 426	98-99 46PRC 2000 46PRC	X X
Z 900	73-76 36P/36PRCLB*		Trident 750/900	94-98 46ERS		FZR 1000	87-88 46HRC		TT 600	83-93 46HRC	
Z 1000 GPZ 1000RX	77-84 36P/36PRCLB* 86-87 46ERS		Sprint Sprint	1993 46ERS 94-98 46ERS	Х	FZR 1000 FZR 1000	89-93 46HRC 94-95 46HRC	Х	TT 600S (Belgarda) TT 600 R	93-96 46HRC 98-99 46HRC	
ZX 10	88-89 46ERS		Sprint ST	99 46PRCS		YZF 1000	96-00 46HRCL/46HRCL				
GPZ 1100	83-84 46HRCS	v	Thunderbird	95-99 46ERS	v	YZF-R1	98-00 46PRCLS	Х		with different rate are	
GPZ 1100, (ABS) Z 1100	95-96 46HRCS 80-85 36P/36PRCLB*	Х	Thunderbird Sport Trophy 900/1200	98-99 46HRCS 1993 46ERS	X X	GTS, front GTS, rear	93-99 46HRC 93-99 46ERS			IX- and Enduro models. re delivered as pairs.	
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### All the champions



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C. Fogarty





T. Mäkinen







G. Moiseev

C. Lavado

N.

N. Mansell

P.

P. Carpentier

A. Zanardi

M. Stefanik

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# A desire to win

#### created a shock

Back in the 70's a motocross bike had more engine power than the suspension could handle.

Kenth Öhlin, a successful motocross rider, realised that the key to better performance was longer wheel-travel. But he found a hangup! There was not a shock absorber around that could do the job.

At that time Kenth was working at his father's machine shop overhauling fellow riders shock absorbers. He saw what was on the market and soon knew what was needed.

With a desire to win he started developing his own shock absorbers. Kenth combined utmost precision and thoroughness in design and manufacturing with the best quality material available.

The Öhlins shock absorbers were an instant success. In 1976 Öhlins Racing AB was established. Two years later Öhlins won its first World Championship title.

# that conquered the two wheel world.

Today Öhlins Racing AB has a firm grip on the market for high performance/quality motorcycle shock absorbers.

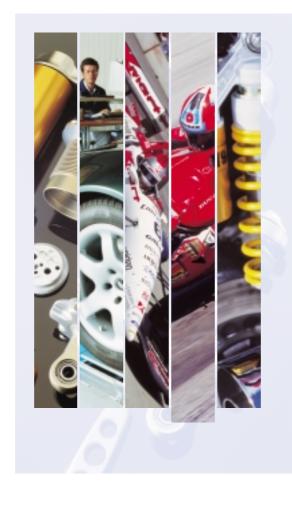
More than 80 World Championship titles proves the unique and outstanding performance of the Öhlins shock absorbers.

In 1987 Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. bought the majority of shares in Öhlins Racing AB, which acts as an independent company with its own identity in the Yamaha group.

Some of Öhlins Racing AB motorcycle OEM customers are Yamaha, Ducati, Bimota and Gas-Gas.

At present, more than 100 persons are employed in the company of which almost a third work within the research and development sector (R&D).

Racing service and support is a major activity. Öhlins race-trucks are present at most World Champion-



ship events in Motocross, Enduro, Superbike, and Road Racing, while the distributors are adding to the worldwide racing coverage.

#### Went on to four

The step from two to four wheels lay close at hand. Some of Öhlins motorcycle shock absorbers could be converted to car applications ... and they were!

Óne of the first car projects was designing a shock for Japanese Gymkhana racing (slalom racing on secluded streets with saloon cars).

The group that did the job was soon made permanent and one of their first single seater projects was with the Modena-Lam-borghini Formula 1 team.

The brief F 1 project (Lam-borghini withdrew from F 1) led to a contract with the Newman-Haas Indycar team in the USA and started a very successful cooperating that still lasts.

In 1992 Michael Andretti won the first major race in a car equipped with Öhlins shock absorbers and a year later Nigel Mansell clinched the Indycar title.

Several development projects are now running. With Volvo, Audi, Peugeot, Vauxhall, BMW in touring car racing, with Mitsubishi, Toyota in rally and in several singleseater Formulas.

In the states Öhlins USA Inc. is marketing car shock absorbers for CART, NASCAR and different "stock car" classes. The results speak for themselves!

## and is already in the future.

The future is very much a part of Öhlins Racing AB everyday life.

R&D projects concerning suspension and vehicle dynamics are run in-house but also in cooperation with other research units and on a consultant basis for motorcycle, car, truck and bus manufacturers around the world.

One of the technical breakthroughs for Öhlins Racing AB was the invention of the Computerised Electronic Suspension System (C.E.S.).

Öhlins C.E.S. is a semi-active sus-

pension system that uses computer technology to continuously give commands to the shock absorber. In short, it gives a passenger car the road holding of a sports car and the comfort of a limousine!

The C.E.S. system is now ready for launch and will be marketed through the US shock absorber manufacturer Monroe in cooperation with Öhlins.

Öhlins R&D Centre in Jönköping has a number of unique measuring, data-collecting and simulating equipment for the research in future suspension systems. One is the road/racetrack simula-

One is the road/racetrack simulator (four poster rig) that is now being modified to take into account the effects that wings and under body has on the suspension of a race car.

# Precision makes the difference.

The concept of the Öhlins shock absorber is not a secret, it is precision.

Precision that gives superior control of the damping oil, making the Öhlins shock absorber a superior product!

Precision is a key word at Öhlins Racing AB. It ends up in quality, a quality you can see and feel.

Öhlins Racing AB uses only the best material available, but what really makes the difference is how these materials are being used.

Experience with close tolerances, surface treatment and painstaking engineering work, with low friction seals and scrapers, all contribute to the superior quality and performance.

Production is a craft at Öhlins Racing AB and several quality checks are done between operations. At the end of the assembly line the complete shock is tested, including both the compression and the rebound functions. It is then shipped to a consumer, who chose "the ultimate tuning kit" resulting in traction, handling, comfort and safety.

The Öhlins shock absorber, created with a desire to win.



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