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HIGH PERFORMANCE, HIGH SPEED, LOW WEIGHT RACING FORK."

-MOUNTAIN BUT ACTION

N THE BATTLE TO GAIN A RACING
ADVANTAGE, TRUE SUSPENSION SYSTEMS HAVE
BECOME THE "ULTIMATE" WEAPON. AND WHILE
MANY MANUFACTURERS OFFER A NUMBER OF
COMPETING DESIGNS, THEY ARE ALL STRIVING TO
ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL -- TO WIN,
BY GETTING YOU FROM POINT A TO POINT B
FASTER.

MOUNTAIN BIKING'S GROUND EFFECTS.

EXAMINE YOUR FAVORITE COURSE. WHAT DO
YOU SEE? RUTS. WASHES. RIPPLES. OBSTACLES.

THE THEORY BEHIND THE FRONT- END SUSPENSION
IS THAT IT ALLOWS YOU, THE RIDER, TO RIDE
AGGRESSIVELY STRAIGHT OVER THESE NATURAL
IMPERFECTIONS. THE FORKS ACTING AS A SHOCK
ABSORBER, GIVING A CONTROLLABLE RIDE OVER
ROUGH TERRAIN AT SPEEDS THAT WOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTAIN WITHOUT IT.

COMPRESSION, REBOUND AND ALL THAT TECH STUFF.

AS YOU RIDE, THE LOWER END OF THE FORK
TRAVELS UP AND DOWN (OCMPRESSING AND
REBOUNDING) INSIDE THE UPPER PORTION,
FOLLOWING THE CONTOUR OF THE SURFACE.
TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS, USED ON AUTOMOBILES,
MOTORCYCLES AND NOW ADAPTED BICYCLES, USE
THE COMPLEX TECHNOLOGY OF FLUID DYNAMICS
TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

THE MANITOU™ ADVANTAGE; IT'S NOT ALL WET.

OUG BRADBURY, DESIGNER OF THE
MANITOU™ PRECISION SUSPENSION, BEGAN
WITH HIS INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF HIGH PERFORMANCE MOUNTAIN BICYCLES. AFTER ALL, HE
HAND BUILDS SOME OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

DOUG REALIZED THAT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE MUCH LIGHTER WEIGHT OF A RIDER AND BIKE, DIRECT APPLICATION OF MOTORCYCLE
TECHNOLOGY WAS NOT REQUIRED. WHAT MOUNTAIN BIKES NEEDED WAS A SIMPLER SYSTEM THAT DELIVERED FASTER FERFORMANCE WITHOUT COMPROMISING IT'S STABILITY AND STEERING PRECISION.

DOUG'S CONCEPT BECAME A REALITY WHEN HE
DISCOVERED ELASTOPOLYMERS. MATRIXED INTO
WHAT LOOK LIKE RUBBER BUMPERS IS A UNIQUE
CHEMISTRY THAT DELIVERS SELF CONTAINED FLUID
DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE, MAKING AVAILABLE ALL
THE ADVANTAGES OF TRUE SUSPENSION WITHOUT
THE ADDITIONAL HARDWARE AND MAINTENANCE
HEADACHES FOUND IN LIQUID CARRYING UNITS.

WITH ELASTOPOLYMERS TO HANDLE THE SHOCK
ABSORPTION REQUIREMENTS, DOUG THEN
DESIGNED THE MANITOU WITH EXTRA STRONG
1.125" DIAMETER FORK BLADES TO ELIMINATE THE
STEERING FLEX ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER SUSPENSION SYSTEMS. DOES IT REALLY WORK?
AGAIN, TO QUOTE MOUNTAIN BIKE ACTION:
"THE COMBINED SPRING AND DAMPING FORCE OF

OUR TEST FORK WORKED WELL THROUGH A WIDE

SPEED RANGE. IN COMPRESSION, THE MANITOU
FELT-PROGRESSIVE. . . . REBOUND DAMPING WAS
BETTER THAN WE EXPECTED." THEY WENT ON TO
SAY, "EVERY TESTER SPOKE OF IMPROVEMENTS IN
THE STEERING DEFARTMENT, A DIRECT RESULT OF

MANITOU'S MUSCULAR

BUILD."

NAME YOURTUNE.

MANITOU OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF
ELASTOPOLYMERS IN VARYING DENSITIES WHICH
WHEN COMBINED, YIELD VIRTUALLY INFINITE
TUNABILITY USING THESE SIMPLE BICYCLE TOOLS.

MANITOU DOESN'T CHANGE YOUR GEOMETRY, SO IT WON'T THROW OFF YOUR RIDE.

UNDERSTANDING HOW IMPORTANT THE OVERALL
GEOMETRY OF A BIKE IS, THE MANITOU
SUSPENSION IS DESIGNED TO AN OVERALL LENGTH
OF 16 IN. OR THE SAME RIDE HEIGHT AS YOUR
STOCK BIKE.

THE MANITOU ADVANTAGES.

BUILT INTO THE MANITOU ARE ALL THE
ADVANTAGES YOU'D EXPECT FROM A BIKE
BUILDING MAESTRO. ONE'S THAT HAVE LEAD TO
NUMEROUS NORBA AND UCI VICTORIES AND
MADE MANITOU THE CHOICE OF CHAMPIONS LIKE
JULIANA FURTADO AND JOHNNY O'MARA.
LASTLY, WE OFFER AN OUTSTANDING

FULL TWO YEAR FACTORY

WARRANTY WHICH BACKS MANITOU'S PARTS

IN OFF-ROAD USE, AND A SPECIAL

LIFETIME WARRANTY

ON ALL SEALS, BUSHINGS AND ELASTOPOLYMERS.

THE MANITOU PRECISION SUSPENSION. BUILT BY

THE BEST, TO HELP YOU STAY AHEAD OF THE REST.

## THE MANITOUTM PRECISION SUSPENSION.

## SPECIFICATIONS.

## CONSTRUCTION.

CROWN:

PRECISION CNC MACHINED FROM 6061-T6 ALUMINUM BILLET.

## STANCHION TUBES:

4130 CHROMOLY PRECISION GROUND TO TOLERANCE PRIOR TO HARD CHROME AND POLISH. 1.125" DIAMETER.

#### LEGS.

EASTON 6061-E9 ALUMINUM WITH HARD ANODIZED FINISH AND PERMANENT GRAPHICS

### ELASTOPOLYMERS:

COMPLEX THREE DIMENSIONAL FLUID DYNAMIC MATRIX.

BLACK: EXTRA-SCFT DENSITY

BLUE SOFT DENSITY

RED: MEDIUM (STANDARD) DENSITY

YELLOW: FIRM DENSITY
BLUE: EXTRA FIRM DENSITY

CAN BE COMBINED IN ANY ORDER TO CUSTOM DESIGN PROGRESSIVE
COMPRESSION RATES AND DAMPING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MANITOU
FORK. FACTORY SET FOR 145-180 POUND RIDERS WITH TWO STAGE MEDIUM
DENSITY ELASTOPOLYMERS. INCLUDED WITH EACH FORK ARE 2 SOFT (BLUE)
AND 2 FIRM (YELLOW) SHORT STAGE POLYMERS. AUDITIONAL KITS AVAILABLE.

### MEASUREMENTS:

UNCOMPRESSED: 16" (RACE TO DROP)

**OFFSET: 1.50**\*

### AVAILABLE SIZES:

85-3000	1 x 5 1/2" STEER TUBE
85-3001	1 x 6 1/2" STEER TUBE
85-3002	Lx 7 1/2" Steer Tube
85-3003	1 x 8 1/2" STEER TUBE
85-3010	1 1/8 x 5 1/2' STEER TUBE
85-3011	1 1/8 x 6 1/2' STEER TUBE
85-3012	1 1/8 x 7 1/2' STEER TUBE
85-3013	1 1/8 x 5 1/2" Steer Tube
85-3020	1 1/4 x 5 1/2" STEER TUBE
85-3021	1 1/4 x 6 1/2" STEER TUBE
85-3022	1 1/4 x 7 1/2" STEER TUB
85-3023	1 1/4 x 8 1/2" STEER TUBE

### OPTIONS:

85-3051	SOFT RIDE KIT
85-3052	FIRM RIDE KIT