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Gear Review

## ARC mx240v Riding Boots

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Reflective material on the back is a nice touch

If you are reading this product review, then I applaud you for taking a proactive interest in protecting some of those vulnerable body parts. ATV/MX boots are effective in protecting your feet, ankles, and shins and should not be overlooked if you plan to ride aggressively or in rough terrain.

I'll cut straight to the chase, and declare that these are my favorite MX boots-- so far. While they aren't perfect, the shortcomings can mostly be overlooked because they do the most important stuff so well.

With most riding and MX boots, I can't wait to get out of them. Every 5 minute break from riding becomes my mission to be a break away from my boots. I usually rotate socks and between rides on the

same day due to getting blisters and sore spots. Yeah, I know-- I have delicate feet.

However, I wear the ARC boots all day, through lunch, and sometimes even while driving the truck (across the parking lot or down the street to the gas station). And I'll wear them again the next day as the ARC boots have comfortable foot beds and liners with no pressure points that would cause my feet and ankles to be raw or blistered.

Little traction is available here for ATV applications. The big gray part is replaceable. The soles are holding up well, considering that I have very sharp foot pegs.



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My aluminum hardware fell out of this pivot on my second ride. My trail fix remains a year later.

Typically, stiff MX boots can make walking, shifting, and braking more of a chore. The ARC MX240v boots are hinged, and flex where they should while protecting my ankles from twisting. This means that my knees and ankles aren't all beat up at the end of the day. Typical MX boots will hold the ankle in place so rigidly that my knees will ache horribly at the end of the day.

These boots are an easy transition for

someone accustomed to the comfort of hiking boots and even easier for someone who typically wears a standard MX boot. The pricing makes this product perfect for the trailrider or the racer on a budget. Your feet, ankles, and shins are easily worth \$179.00— if you decide to do yourself a favor and buy a good set of boots, the ARC mx240v boots are an excellent choice.



Notice the bonded sole and injection molded shin guards. The lower buckles could be closer to the toe for a more snug fit.

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	Compliments:	Complaints:	Score
Fitment:	Fit, feel, and interior materials are good virtually zero break in time	Need to order one size bigger than normal.	17/20
Protection:	Stiff lateral ankle support, tough soles with steel shank and injected shin guard supply outstanding protection.		20/20
Performance:	Comfortable footbeds and liners. Boots allow motion where it is necessary.	Squeaky while walking. MX solelacks traction for ATV applications. Chunky width at instep.	6/10
Features:	Hinged ankle support allows natural ankle movement. Buckles couldn't be easier. Self-replaceable sole inserts are welcome.	Splash proof, but not waterproof.	7/10
Durability:	Boots are still very usable after a full year of thrashing on them.	Hardware for a hinge fell out within the first few rides.	15/20
Price:	Exceptional for this quality of boot.		20/20