

# JUST ADD DIRT

## Parts Review

# ODI Lock-On Grips: Rogue ATV model

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Does this seem familiar? It's a wet, muddy day to ride and you're having a blast ripping around on your ATV, when your hand grip gets loose and starts spinning on the bar, or even worse, pulls all the way off on a technical section of trail. Maybe you use wire to hold your grips on to avoid this, but the wire can dig into your hands, or cut your grips. While the wire can be a pain to deal with, if you want your grips to stay on, there's no other option, or is there?

After a year and half of abusive riding, I can testify that the ODI lock on grip system eliminates the opportunity for grips to come loose, even in wet conditions, with no wire, and no additional work. As an added bonus, they remove easily if you replace your handlebars, you won't have to replace your grips. They work by directly mounting to two aluminum ends that clamp to your handlebars. Installation is straight forward and easy with no glue to set.

I did note that the ODI grips are a larger diameter than standard grips. If you have smaller hands or have arm pump issues when riding, the size may be a concern. I have not had any noticeable increase in arm pump from these grips, but can certainly see that this could be an issue.

Prior to installation of the ODI grips, I had been using OURY reverse waffle grips. In comparison, the ODI's have a slightly larger diameter and are a little bit firmer, with a stickier rubber compound. This leads to grip wear that is a little faster. For me, I've typically gone through handlebars faster than grips, so the ODI's still last longer as I can swap them from one handlebar to the next in a matter of minutes. Overall, these grips are very similar to the OURY's, except for their ability to lock onto the handlebar. For that reason, I am glad to have made the switch.

ODI grips come in 120mm and 130mm widths. If you have wide hands, you will definitely want the 130 mm width, however, this may be an issue if you have precious little control space on your handlebars. Unlike standard rubber grips, the ODIs require a set amount of space and this is non-negotiable as they cannot be stretched or squished to fit. If you aren't sure that they'll fit, get out a ruler and make sure you can spare 120 or 130mm of space.

Overall, these are great grips and will enhance your ride with superior comfort, hand grip and peace of mind. The ODI Rogue ATV Lock-On Grips are most certainly Dirt Worthy!

<b>Dirt Worthy</b>			<b>90</b>
	<b>Compliments:</b>	<b>Complaints:</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Fitment / Installation:</b>	Simple. No wrestling or glue to install.		25/25
<b>Performance:</b>	Lock-on feature impervious to water. Grips are soft and grippy.	Large diameter may cause issues for some. Aluminum ends can dig into hands.	23/25
<b>Durability:</b>	Positive locking feature allows grips to outlast handlebars. Hardware and mounting is bulletproof.	Soft rubber wears.	22/25
<b>Price:</b>	At a retail of \$19.99 is reasonable for the convenience, performance and durability offered, but still higher than standard grips.	Replacement grip sets cost almost as much as the starter kit.	20/25

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