

2018 MOTOCROSS BOOT BUYER'S GUIDE

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Welcome to *Dirt Bike's* premium "Motocross Boot Buyer's Guide." To be honest, a motocross boot covers a good chunk of territory, as it's also a desert boot, a GNCC boot, a Baja boot and a GP boot, so this buyer's guide fits a wide range of riders. While there are several specific boot companies that make a wide range of high- to low-end footwear, we've opted to focus on the higher-end products. And while every rider is unique in what he demands out of a boot—be it protection, weight, an ankle hinge, an ankle bootie, a replaceable sole or just plain how much it's going to hurt his wallet—wearing good foot protection is crucial. The proper fit and feel will improve your riding prowess. Proper shin, footbed, toe and ankle armor will help prevent injuries. Also, wearing a strong, comfortable boot is nearly as important as wearing a strong, comfortable helmet.



ACERBIS X-MOVE

Features/technologies: The Acerbis X-Move 2.0 boot is an Italian-built boot with top-grain leather and offers pro-level support and comfort. It features a reinforced steel toe box, a leather upper, a vulcanized rubber gaiter to keep the elements out, and a heat-resistant leather panel on the upper/inner section of the boot.

Protection: TPU (thermoplastic polyurethane) shin protection, rubber inserts at calves, ankle padding and heat inserts.

Base material: Leather

Shank (material): Steel

Buckling system: Aluminum with memory and a quick-release/-locking system

Sole: Vibram

Weight: 8.92 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Buckles and boot strap

Price: \$299.95

Contact: <https://www.acerbisusa.com/www.acerbis.it>



ALPINESTARS TECH 7

Features/technologies: The Tech 7 MX boot incorporates advanced materials and technologies in a completely new design for a lighter, more anatomically profiled performer. This CE-certified boot promotes core stability and flex via a bio-mechanical pivot while offering enhanced ankle protection. The boot chassis has been designed to give it a complete feel and optimized interaction with the bike controls.

Protection: The TPU shin plate and medial protection are constructed for greater structural integrity and stability. The anatomically profiled shin plate features a dual closure system with an internal microfiber flap attached with Velcro for a precise fit, while the shin plate attaches with an adjustable buckle.

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Base material: The upper is constructed from a microfiber material that is flexible and abrasion resistant. The material is reinforced with PU for high levels of water resistance, durability and improved weight savings.

Shank (material): Integrated steel shank

Buckling system: High-impact aluminum bridge closures with memory settings and a quick-release/-locking system with self-aligning design for easy, precise closure.

Sole: Polyurethane blend

Weight: 8 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Buckle bases, buckle straps, entire outer sole, sole insert and rubber heat shield

Price: \$349.95

Contact: www.alpinestars.com



ALPINESTARS TECH 10

Features/technologies: The Tech 10 is Alpinestars' most technically advanced motocross boot. An anatomical shape with front and rear sliding blades and a new closure system mate to a one-piece, co-injected foot chassis that incorporates five different compounds for strength and flexibility. An innovative bio-mechanical inner ankle brace features medial and lateral "C" torsion bars to control ankle and leg rotation while allowing freedom of movement.

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Protection: Frontal protection features a dual closure system with an internal microfiber flap, plus Velcro for a precise-fit closure attached with a lightweight buckle. The shin incorporates a unique, TPU blade system engineered to prevent frontal hyperextension and offer greater flex control.

Base material: The innovative, lightweight upper combines full-grain leather with lightweight microfiber and an impact- and abrasion-resistant TPU shell.

Shank (material): Integrated steel

Buckling system: The Tech 10 buckle closure system uses high-impact aluminum bridge closures with memory and a quick-release/-locking system with a self-aligning design for easy and precise closure.

Sole: Polyurethane blend. The central sole insert is replaceable, and Alpinestars offers a full sole replacement and boot repair service.

Weight: 9 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Buckle bases, buckle straps, entire outer sole, sole insert and rubber heat shield

Price: \$599.95

Contact: www.alpinestars.com



Features/technologies: The MX One is a traditional four-buckle motocross boot that features many small improvements. The plastic components have been engineered for enhanced feel. The left toe box has a raised pattern design for increased grip on the shift lever. The buckles don't expose the metal hinge to dirt, and the sole wraps around for extra protection on the toe while new, smooth surfaces avoid retaining mud.

Protection: The boot offers internal nylon ankle support and an internal ankle plastic cap with an anatomically profiled heel guard that has hollow construction for improved shock absorption. The external toe box has plastic protection, and new construction for the upper to mid sole increases rigidity.

Base material: 100-percent microfiber leather offers flexibility, lightweight and consistent fit

Shank (material): Metal

Buckling system: The buckle system features memory and a quick-release/-locking system with self-aligning design for easy, precise closure and improved riding performance and security.

Sole: Rubber-bonded sole with rounded edges.

Weight: 6.3 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Buckles and insoles

Price: \$235

Contact: <http://www.axo.com/>



Features/technologies: Falco's Pro 3.1 off-road boots feature a hinged construction, inner bootie, injection-molded shin plate, aluminum buckles and a moisture-absorbing liner. The Falco ESO-skeleton moves with your foot. The ESO-skeleton securely integrates multiple pieces to support foot movements, giving riders extreme comfort and protection.

Protection: ESO-Motion 2 MX rear articulation system with a dual-motion PU (polyurethane) molded shin-plate and D30 ankle cup inserts.

Base material: All-around polyurethane chassis construction.

Shank: One-piece complete PU shank system

Buckling system: Four micro-adjustable and replaceable aluminum buckles.

Sole: Dual-density rubber sole with reinforced arch support.

Weight: 10: 7.8 pounds per pair (based on a size 44)

Replaceable parts: Buckles and sole.

Price: \$289.95

Contact: www.falcoboots.us





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FOX INSTINCT

Features/technologies: Fox Racing's Instinct boots feature enhanced support and coverage targeting intermediate- to pro-level riders. Lateral support comes from an external hinge system with a mechanical lockout, which stops ankle movement prior to hyperextension. The hinge system reduces break-in time and makes the boot nearly race-ready right out of the box.

Protection: Shin plate armor

Base material: Microfiber synthetic leather

Shank (material): Tampered steel shank buckling system with four straps

Sole: Duratec rubber

Weight: 8.4 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Cuff, buckle, strap, strap pass, sole-insert

Price: \$549.95

Contact: www.foxracing.com



GAERNE SG-12

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Features/technologies: The Gaerne SG-12 uses a two-stage, injection-molded pivot for superior ankle support. It features an adjustable front plate that allows expansion for knee braces and uses a streamlined toe box for more precise control. It also has heat-resistant inner grip guards that provide comfort against the bike.

Protection: The Gaerne SG-12 uses its Grip Guard on the inner side of the upper boot, which enhances the grip on the bike as well as offering a heat-resistant padding against your inner leg. The front shin plate is a thermoplastic guard that is anatomically shaped for a superior fit. By removing three screws, a rider can also make the opening wider to accommodate a bigger leg or knee brace, and the new heel cup has been designed to absorb shock in the case of a rear compression.

Base material: Full-grain leather

Shank (material): Steel

Buckling system: Easy on/easy off alloy buckle system for quick and simple adjustment

Sole: Dual-composite anti-shock rubber soles

Weight: 11 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Buckles, straps, front plate

Price: \$559.99

Contact: www.gaerne.com



JT PODIUM

Features/technologies: JT's Podium are its premium boots at an affordable price. It's CE-approved, uses TPR grip shift, inner and outer ankle protection, and a four-buckle closure system.

Protection: Reinforced ankle support and a TPU (thermoplastic urethane) reinforced plate

Base material: The base material is reinforced with PI for a high level of water resistance and durability.

Shank (material): TPU reinforced plate

Buckling system: Buckle with fully adjustable straps

Sole: Gum soles

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Weight: 8 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Buckle, straps and metal toe

Price: \$199

Contact: www.jtracingusa.com



MOOSE RACING M1.3

Features/technologies: The Moose Racing M1.3 boots feature a synthetic leather base for flexibility with reinforced shin, ankle and foot plates that are engineered to improve stability without sacrificing mobility. The M1.3 uses a low-profile compact lower toe box for enhanced brake and shift feel.

Protection: TPU (thermoplastic polyurethane) shin protection with a heavyweight leather inner calf guard

Base material: The chassis is constructed with polyurethane-coated synthetic leather

Shank (material): Steel

Buckling system: The integrated internal lace loop system secures the foot and increases ankle stability. There is also a

polyurethane plastic closure strap with a metal buckle that is adjustable.

Sole: Multi-layer synthetic rubber outsole

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Weight: 7.1 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Toe clip, buckles, buckle base

Price: \$189.95

Contact: www.mooseraiding.com



O'NEAL RDX

Features/technologies: O'Neal Racing's premium boot is fit with the Full Tilt RDX pivot system, allowing maximum forward and rearward motion. It features an adjustable shin plate and accommodates larger calf sizes in three settings for a custom fit.

Protection: Wraparound gel and latex foam interior ankle support; TPU shin plate; injection-molded, impact-resistant, form-fitting plastic in all critical areas

Base material: Top-grain leather

Shank (material): Extended-length steel shank.

Buckling system: Four aluminum alloy double pins and Lock Snap buckles

Sole: Army Rubber-bonded sole with heavy-duty adhesive and a hidden reinforced lock stitch

Weight: 9.28 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Replacement straps, buckles, rubber sole, foot-bed insert, boot upper body and service kits are available

Price: \$399

Contact: www.oneal.com

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SHOT X11

Features/technologies: The Shot X11 is a value-driven boot that features anatomic, pre-curved construction in premium synthetic leather (light and resistant).

Protection: Cushioned ankle inserts and injection-molded shin plates

Basic material: Premium synthetic leather

Shank (material): Steel

Buckling system: Four adjustable micro-metric straps with lock buckles

Sole: Molded and seamless rubber providing shock absorption and grip

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Weight: 6.8 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)
Replaceable parts: Buckles
Price: \$129.99, neon colors); \$124.99, black and white
Contact: www.shotracegear.com



SIDI CROSSFIRE 3

Features/technologies: Sidi's top-of-the-line boot has an all-new ankle pivot system fit with a hyperextension lock. The adjustable calf-extension system accommodates large calves and knee braces. The sole of the boot in the arch area is replaceable on the SR model. The inner boot gaiter has a larger circumference to ensure a secure seal around the rider's lower leg. All new for 2018, Sidi has created a wider-volume Crossfire 2 and 3.

Protection: There is an inner heat shield, and the toe area is made of grippy, heat-resistant material. The sole is thicker to allow the foot to rest deeper into the sole system

Base material: Laminated Technomico material for longevity and ease of care.

Shank (material): Nylon insole for support (better safety)

Buckling system: Memory retention straps with micro-adjustable cam-lock buckles. All closure pieces are replaceable.

Sole: SR model: New dovetail SR anti-skid rubber sole that can be replaced at home with four replaceable screws. TA model:

Anti-skid rubber sole can be replaced by a cobbler.

Weight: SR: 8.4 pounds per pair. TA: 8.8 pounds (based on a size 44/10)

Replaceable parts: All bolt-on parts of the boot are replaceable, which is just about every piece. And, you can change every adjustable element on the boot, choosing from a wide range of colors. Customize your boots to your bike, gear or personality.

Price: SR: \$595. TA: \$545

Contact: www.motonation.com



Features/technologies: A dual-pivot hinge allows great range of motion, and a “soft stop” also limits hyperextension/flexion. Sidi’s optional Supermoto or Enduro sole is easily fitted and replaceable, and there’s a wider volume in the base for additional comfort.

Protection: Rigid, shock-resistant heel cups hold riders feet in place, resisting twisting. It offers lower buckle guards, and plastic protection reinforces the toe area.

Base material: Laminated Technomico material for longevity and ease of care

Shank (material): Nylon insole for support

Buckling system: Memory retention straps with micro-adjustable cam-lock buckles. All closure pieces are replaceable

Sole: SR model: The anti-skid rubber sole disperses weight better than any other sole system on the market and is fully replaceable using hand tools. TA model: This version is stitched on a softer-compound, anti-skid rubber sole that can be replaced by a cobbler.

Weight: 8.8 pounds per pair (based on a size 44/10)

Replaceable parts: All bolt-on parts of the boot are replaceable: leg upper, calf/heat shield section, shin plate, central strap, ankle pivot covers, rear upper, straps, strap retainers, buckles.

Price: SR: \$495. TA: \$445

Contact: www.motonation.com



TCX COMP EVO 2 MICHELIN

Features/technologies: TCX's premium off-road boot targets maximum comfort and superior protection. The Double Flex Control system features a PU (polyurethane) joint in the ankle area to offer front and rear flexibility of the leg. The system allows a front flexibility of up to 18 degrees, and with two lugs that slide inside dedicated pockets, it allows a rear flexibility of up to 15 degrees, preventing overextension of the ankle joint and protecting the rider's foot from injuries.

Protection: Polyurethane adjustable shin plate, toe guard and heel reinforcement with a high-grip heat guard that offers protection and positive grip.

Base material: Soft microfiber upper with polyurethane frame attached to DFC system pivots

Shank (material): Steel

Buckling system: Four aluminum buckles with stainless steel inserts (replaceable)

Sole: High-wear resistant Michelin MX Hybrid sole—a TCX exclusive

Weight: 4.8 pounds (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Aluminum and nylon buckles; toothed band with aluminum puller; nylon buckle receiver; sole

Price: \$549.99

Contact: www.ridetcxboots.com



TCX X-HELIUM

Features/technologies: The X-Helium is TCX's more price-focused boots that target fit, feel and protection. It features a leather upper; CE-certified padding in the front and ankle area; a breathable Air Tech lining; suede heat guards; and polyurethane heel, toe and ankle guards, but lacks the double flex control of the Comp Evo.

Protection: Full PU (polyurethane) upper with PU shin plate, toe guard and heel reinforcement

Base material: Micro-fiber

Shank (material): Steel

Buckling system: Four adjustable aluminum buckles.

Sole: Michelin MX Hybrid

Weight: 3.09 pounds (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Aluminum and nylon buckles; toothed band with aluminum puller; nylon buckle receiver; sole

Price: \$249.99

Contact: www.ridetcxboots.com



THOR BLITZ BOOTS

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Features/technologies: Thor's Blitz boots are a price-targeted product that features a pre-curved, injection-molded shin plate. The mesh liner promotes airflow and has been tested and certified according to European Standard EN 13634:2010. [More](#)

Protection: Metal toe cap, fully synthetic heat shield, injection-molded medial abrasion plate

Base material: Synthetic leather (split grain)

Shank (material): Steel.

Buckling system: Three fully adjustable straps allow for a custom fit with a unique Y-strap and injection-molded positive-lock buckles.

Sole: Molded rubber with traction edges

Weight: 7.2 pounds per pair (based on a size 10/44)

Replaceable parts: Straps are replaceable, although not for sale. If a strap is broken, please contact the Thor office.

Price: \$139.95, color; \$129.95, black/white

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