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# THE FREE AGENT RACE BIKE



**RACE BIKE**  
American-bred race machinery



□ Dear BMX PLUS!,  
Hey, what's the deal? I've been racing for four years, and all of a sudden, all the high-tech racing scoots seem to be disappearing and are being replaced by econoscoots and freestylers. Doesn't anyone care about real hard-core BMX anymore?

**Harvey Hardcore**  
Steelpulse, PA

#### WE CARE

The letter you have just read is true. The name has been changed to protect the innocent. We are about to unfold the story behind our most recent test mission: To seek out, apprehend and try to destroy. . .

#### . . . A REAL HARD-CORE RACER

With the current trend toward freestyle bikes and low-budget, Taiwanese racing

◀One of the few American bikes still in production, the Free Agent is a work of art. Todd "Cowboy" Slavik at the controls.

bikes (and after testing so many such bikes) we had been feeling the same way as Harv. What we needed was a down-and-dirty, real-McCoy, full-blown American racing machine. The decision wasn't too tough; there aren't many bikes of this breed being produced anymore. Free Agent was first on our list. They have had one of the top racing teams in the nation for the last couple of years (they are leading the ABA's team points this year), and from what we've seen of their bikes, they look pretty hot. What's more, you don't have to be a genius to figure out that you can't have a hot team without at least semi-good-handling bikes. We wanted to find out exactly how good they are.

For starters, the Free Agent bike is not available as a complete bike. The frame, forks, bars and seatpost on our test model were made by Free Agent, but the rest of the bike was supplied by our friends at the Bicycle Center shop. We

*Monsieur Slavik doing his best to destroy a berm, this time on the test bike. Todd's personal bike is two inches longer on the front end, but he had no trouble adapting to the test vehicle.*

requested that the bike be set up like that of one of Free Agent's top riders, such as Todd Slavik or hot amateur Matt Hadan. As it turned out, Slavik's bike is a one-off pre-production extra-long model—the only one in the country. We ended up with the Matt Hadan Replica racer, and believe us, that boy uses only the best parts on his scoot. Our bike had 180mm Red Line Flight cranks, SunTour XC-II pedals, true-blue Comp III tires, A'ME grips, Suzue sealed hubs, Araya rims (chromed, no less), Dia-Compe brakes. . . you get the idea, this baby was dialed with a capital "D"!

#### THE FREE AGENT ENSEMBLE

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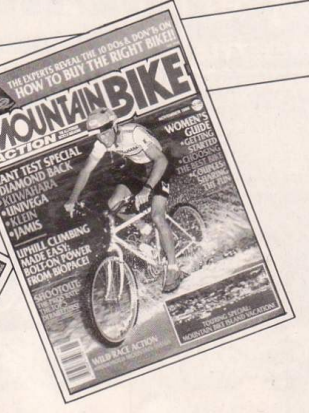


Not our test bike, not our test rider, but still rad. Free Agent's Pro Todd Slavik on his personal ride.

It worked smoothly as a single unit, and every part worked with the precision one expects from a bike that sells for well over \$500 (if it were marketed as ours was built). As it is, the frame, forks, bars and seatpost will cost you about \$160. That's not exactly cheap when you consider you can buy a complete Taiwanese-made racing bike for a little over \$200. However, if you consider the fact that this is an American-made, top-quality, hard-core racer, then it doesn't seem so bad. When you consider that it rides great, looks great, is lightweight (our complete unit weighed 23-1/2 pounds and the frame alone weighed a scant three pounds, 14 ounces) and that one of the top racing teams in the country uses frames exactly like it, then it seems excellent... and the Free Agent is!

**THE BOTTOM LINE**  
When you fork over your hard-earned bills for a Free Agent, you are getting a rare piece of artwork. A few years ago, almost all BMX bikes were handcrafted in the United States. Now only a few are. GT, Powerlite, MCS, Cycle-craft, Robinson, Boss, ELF and a few others are the only frames still made here. Complete bikes from GT come either from Japan or Taiwan. Almost all the other bikes being sold are imported, too. What this means is a lower-priced product for you, the consumer, while still maintaining a good, dependable degree of quality. What it means for the hard-core racer who demands an American frame, is that he has very few good choices. The Free Agent is one of the best. □

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