

# BMX ACTION OFFICIAL *test*

Chrisco and Miranda, maneuvering Pro Raiders through a cement jungle. The Raider makes a primo street thrasher. This is the jump Mike tweaked the back Araya on.

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## SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE . . .

"Captain, we seem to be passing over another BMX deficient zone. I'm picking up an abundance of mild steel readings."

"Are you certain?"

"The radar readings are positive, sir."

"All right, drop us down a bit closer so we can make visual confirmation."

## MINUTES LATER . . .

The captain had a puzzled look on his face as he pulled the binoculars away from his eyes. "It does seem as though these people are lacking quality BMX equipment. I just spotted

a kid wearing a K-Mart Special factory jersey. They're in dire need . . ."

"Should we make another run and drop a crate, sir?"

"Let's do it."

A few hands busy themselves in the cargo bay preparing a large wooden crate with a parachute. The letters H.A.P. are printed on the side.

"Standby, we are approaching the

coordinates. NOW, make the drop!"

The large crate is pushed out of the plane's cargo doors and its parachute opens immediately. The captain breathes a sigh of relief and grins. "Another area saved from BMXtinction by the Hutch Aid Project."

## THE REAL TEST STARTS HERE

What do you get when you com-

# HUTCH PRO RAIDER

SUPPLYING THE WORLD WITH  
A QUAL MID-PRICED RACER

stuff is built to Hutch specs and is surprisingly qual — the frame and fork are 4130 chromo. Cool.

An ADDED bonus is the fact that the frame and fork are the same geometry as the Hutch Expert Racer — proven handling characteristics for sure. But this bike is more of a mid-sized two-wheeler. If you're between '2 and 15 (or if you're a small dude) this scoot is your "E" ticket.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND OTHERWISE

The tires are new pups made by Mitsubishi for Hutch, so you'll see the Hutch name on the side. The whole Hutch team races 'em and Chrisco LOVED 'em. Those are some pretty hefty credentials for a new tire. However, we couldn't figure out why there was a 20 x 2.125 on the front. Didn't BMXers stop runnin' those a few years ago? Oh well, it's all a matter of personal preference.

The rims are Araya 7X. Hallelujah, the real thing! Guest tester Mr. Mike Miranda DID manage to tweak the back one after an over-hyper aerial assault on cement. A rare occurrence indeed. Not the over-hyper jump — the tweaked rim. Actually, Mike is ALWAYS overly hyper when he jumps. But let's move on, shall we?

The stem is a pretty cool lookin'

bine something that's built tough, with good construction and a modest price?

A Dodge truck?

No, no . . . you get THIS scoot from Hutch. The Pro Raider.

But you want to get to the nitty gritty, right? 249 smackers. Any way you look at it, that's a low price tag for a BMX unit. And Hutch accomplishes the low digits by having the Raider's frame, fork, and handlebar built in Taiwan. Most of the components are from over there too. Now don't go into a seizure — the



*This guy loves to interrupt the natural dirt environments at thrash sites everywhere. And you wouldn't BELIEVE how close he was getting to Windy's camera (not to mention Windy). Mike Miranda, playin' bulldozer.*





The Hutch Pro Raider, ready for action on the dirt or on the street. It's your choice.

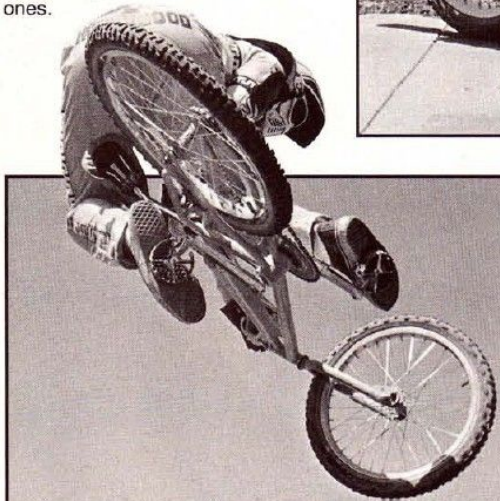


The new Hutch tires are HOT. The Chang Star calipers are . . . okay.

new Hutch unit made by SR. Kirk had a little prob with it slippin' at times, but after we torqued it down the problems ceased.

The bars are steel, but the bend and size are good.

The Hutch grips can be categorized somewhere between Oakleys and junky vinyl palm-eaters. They're okay until you check out some GOOD ones.



**Brakes** The calipers on the Pro Raider are Dia-Compe imitations by Chang Star. Like the grips they'll do fine until you try a set of the real ones. Remember this is an econo racer — for what you're gonna pay, the stuff is way better than passable.

The seat was comfortable. It says Hutch on it too.

The cranks are 175mm Takagi chrome-moly one piecers. Highly dependable cranks — they should last you a lifetime.

The Hutch pedals by SR were liked by a1 who rode the bike around here. Good grippers.

All in all, a pretty well-rounded package from Hutch. Consider carefully what the Pro Raider costs compared to what you get. There's no way around it, if you're a thrasher or a beginning racer, this bike is a STEAL.

Ah yes, the style and grace of a, ah . . . BMX'er. Yeah, that's it.

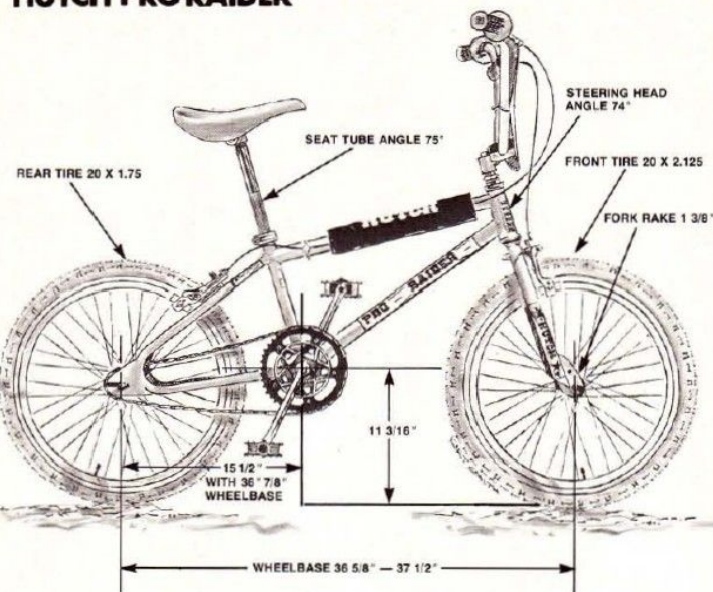
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Miranda, pushing limits at "The U" in Palmdale. Too much.





# HUTCH PRO RAIDER



# Performance Evaluation

**MANUFACTURER:**  
Hutch Hi-Performance, Inc.  
4030 Benson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21227  
Tel: (301) 242-6944

**PURPOSE:** Street thrashin' and racing (up to and including expert).  
**AGE RANGE:** 12-15 racing, 11-16 street.  
**QUALITY OF FINISH:** Pretty good.  
**QUALITY OF WELDING:** Pretty good. The fork welds weren't quite as good as the frame welds.  
**QUALITY OF COMPONENTRY:** Fair to very good.  
**GEOMETRY:** Excellent.  
**HANDLING:** Not too fast, not too slow — middle of the road. The tires really stick in the corners.  
**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:** Hutch is changing the stickers to ones with clear backing instead of chrome... The pedals and the tires are great, everybody liked 'em... "The Force Connection spider is cool lookin'..." "Hutch definitely needs to update their graphics..." "It was a (beep) trying to get the bikes out of customs." (They were flown in directly from Taiwan for the test.)... "Overall, this is a good bike for the money."  
**TEST INPUT:** Capt. Kirk, Mike Miranda, Gork, Windy, Don-Boy, and Andrewski.



# Price & Specs

**COMPLETE BIKE PRICE:** \$249.00.  
**FINISHES AVAILABLE:** Chrome or white with black components.  
**COMPLETE BIKE WEIGHT (without pads or plate):** 25 pounds, 14 ounces.  
**FRAME WEIGHT:** 4 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.  
**FORK WEIGHT:** 1 pound, 12 ounces.  
**STEERING HEAD TUBE LENGTH:** 4 inches.  
**HANDLEBAR RISE (C/L of stem clamp area to C/L of grip area):** 8 3/4 inches.  
**HANDLEBAR WIDTH:** 28 1/2 inches.  
**TOP TUBE O.D.:** 1 1/8 inches.  
**DOWN TUBE O.D.:** 1 1/4 inches.  
**FORK LEG O.D.:** 1 3/8 inches.

# Components

**FRAME:** Hutch Pro Raider, chrome-moly.  
**FORK:** Hutch Pro Raider, chrome-moly.  
**HANDLEBAR:** Hutch Pro Raider, mild steel.  
**HANDLEBAR STEM:** Hutch (by SR), aluminum and chrome-moly.  
**GRIPS:** Hutch, rubber.  
**HEADSET:** Hutch.  
**RIMS:** Araya 7X, aluminum.  
**SPOKES:** 36, 14 gauge.  
**HUBS:** Suzue, small flange, aluminum.  
**TIRES:** Hutch Racer (by Mitsubishi).  
**BRAKES:** Chang Star, aluminum calipers, front and rear.  
**BRAKE PADS:** Chang Star.  
**BRAKE LEVERS:** Chang Star.  
**BRAKE CABLES:** Chang Star.  
**CRANK:** Takagi one-piece forged chrome-moly, 175mm.  
**PEDALS:** Hutch (by SR), aluminum and chrome-moly.  
**BOTTOM BRACKET SET:** Hutch.  
**FRONT SPROCKET:** Takagi aluminum chainwheel, 43 teeth.  
**SPIDER:** Hutch Force Connection, aluminum.  
**REAR SPROCKET:** Shimano DX, 16 teeth.  
**CHAIN:** TYC, 1/8 inch.  
**SEAT:** Viscount, aero style.  
**SEAT POST:** Hutch, mild steel.  
**SEAT POST CLAMP:** Hutch, aluminum.  
**ACCESSORIES:** Hutch pad set.



Nice stuff here, bud. The Hutch Force Connection spider is a work of art, and the stock Hutch pedals by SR are pretty trick foot equipment.

# BACK IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE . . .

The large crate lands with a crash near a BMX track, and bike boxes come tumbling out. A bunch of local BMX'ers and thrashers run over to inspect.  
"Check it out!" one of them yells, "It's a H.A.P. crate!!" Grins appear as a couple of the kids attack a bike box, ripping it open.  
Many gawks and gasps . . . "All right! Pro Raiders!! We're saved!"

# QUICK QUOTES: MIKE MIRANDA

"This year I've really been injury prone. Not just racing. While jogging I've been tripping over curbs, stepping in doggie land mines."  
□ □ □  
"The only thing that keeps me going is jumping and thrashing."  
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"I have an original answer when people ask where I live. I always say Disneyland. Everywhere you go, people know about Disneyland."  
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"After the races one night I went to my friend's house after stopping at Del Taco. His sister had a bunch of her friends over for like a slumber party or somethin', so we were in the kitchen eatin' these burritos, still wearing our racing uniforms and stuff, and all these chicks were in the living room. And

# "I DON'T BIKE COMPETITIVELY, BUT I CAN HELP YOU WIN."

-Ralph Sampson

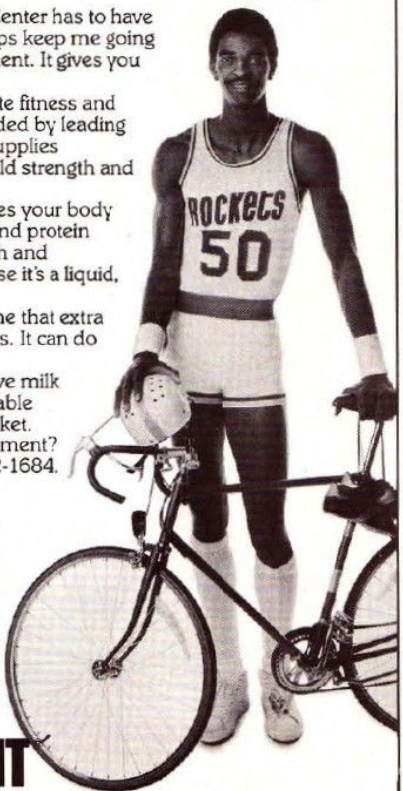
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