

# SUPERGOOSE

## **BATTLE-BUILT TO BEAT SADDLE RATTLERS AND HYPER VIPERS**

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**“W**elcome, once again, to the inner sanctum of Blismoto the Inexorable. Omnipotent Sage of the Orient. Fathomer of the Unfathomable. Ordained Soothsayer and Licensed Aluminum Siding Salesman.

“Join us now in our quest to stomp the Mental Monolith. In my hands I hold the answers—in these hermetically sealed

envelopes. From these answers the great Blismoto will divine the questions.

“Hail, oh mighty sage.”

“Up your nose with a rubber rose, donkey lips.”

“Thank you so much, magnanimous mental potentate. I have the answers. Are you ready to give us the questions?”

“Is BMX gnarly? Is Cosmo cool? Are the scriptures mighty? Get on with it, hummingbird brain.”

“I am tearing open the first envelope. And the answer is: Stu Thomsen, Adolph Hitler, and

carnitas tacos. Now tell us, miraculous mindbender, what is the question?”

“Name a winner, a sinner, and a dinner.”

“The next answer is: Brent Patterson, Pontiac Trans-Am, and Gilley’s. What is the question?”

“Name a star, a car, and a bar.”

“And the next answer, most noble person, Bullseye and hi-fi.”

“Name a bracket maker and a racket maker.”

“Another astounding performance. The world kneels before your noble personage.”

“Just keep the answers coming, banana face.”

“Our next answer: Maxflyte, champagne, and Miss Piggy.”

“Name a Torker, a corker, and a porker.”

“And our final test of your

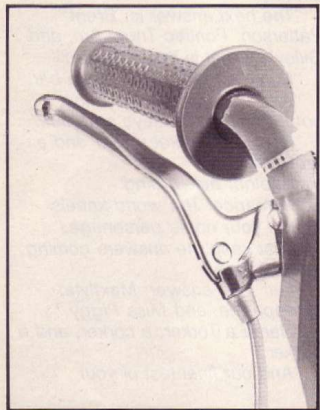


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amazing mental powers, all knowing one. The answer is Supergoose."

"That's easy, nurd nose. Name a super durable quality race bike."

The Supergoose holds the number two spot in the mighty, illuminous, and seemingly endless gaggle of Goose gigglers. The Super is a virtual duplicate of the factory race bike, the Team Mongoose, but is



Our bike had a Shimano brake lever. Future bikes will probably be Dia-Compe equipped.

about fifty bucks cheaper for econobuckaroos. The extra fifty smackers buys you an aluminum alloy crank set and a suede Pro saddle.

Both models use the same frame—only the finish is different. The Team comes epoxy painted, either red or blue, while the Super is show-chromed with red or blue accessories.

Number three in the Goose lineup is the vividly venerable Mongoose. Its frame has the same geometry, however mild steel tubing rather than chrome-moly is used for the rear triangle.

The Mongoose comes in four variations—the freewheeler Mongoose II, the Motomag wheeled Freemag, the coaster braked Motomag, and the Mongoose Wire Wheel.

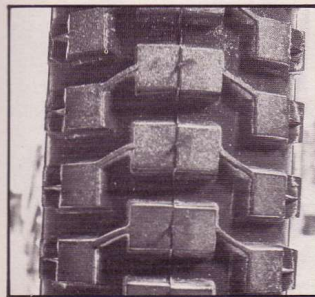
Specialty machines include: the Moosegoose, a 20-inch machine for super ganglies. The Minigoose,



Almost total loopage! Buff had his belt buckle jammed to the bars to save this one.



Here it is, sports fans, in all its glory . . . the Supergoose.



The skinwall tires carry the Mongoose logo.

a scaled down 20-incher. The 16-inch Mitygoose. The Kos Cruiser, a 26-inch racing cruiser. Got that? There'll be a test later. No multiple choice, just a 300-word essay on Mother Goose and Father Christmas.

For a while there, Is and IIs kinda obfuscated or even clouded the Supergoose choosing. The roman numerals identified the finish: I—nickel and II—chrome. Now there's just a single chrome-finished Supergoose.

Besides the nickel to chrome switch, the Super has also seen a

seat swap and a move from black-wall to skinwall tires.

## GOOSE GEOMETRY

The basic Goose lengths and angles remain unchanged while continuous testing efforts look for even more magic numbers. The most recent prototypes have used modified rear stay dropouts that raise the bottom bracket slightly.

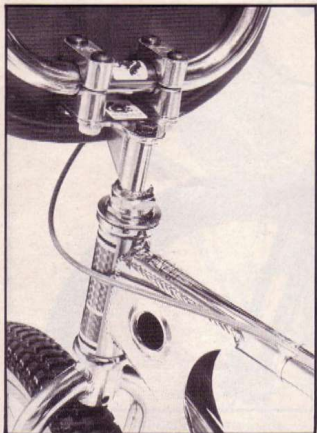
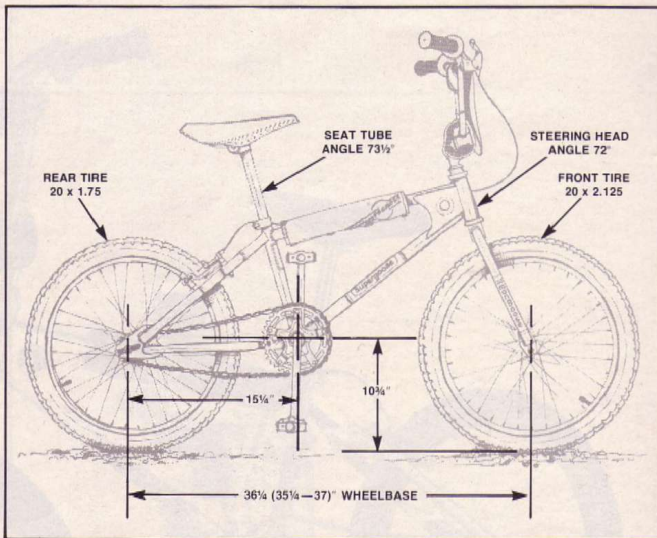
The Mongoose frame offers one of the lowest center-of-gravity measurements on the market. The lower the CG, the more stable a bike will feel in corners, all other

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things being equal. A higher CG causes a bike to feel "floppier" or less precise when leaned over. Most bike builders settle for a happy medium. The trick is to go low enough to improve stability, without going so low that the pedals scrape too easily.

## HERD WORDS

Loose lips can sink ships, but



Cockpit of a hit bike. Mongoose SS (stainless steel) bars. Mongoose Gold Stem.

Nurd Herd words wouldn't deflate a chocolate-topped cream puff.

However, we offer the following assorted verbal gems from our gruesome twosome.

"It's totally sturdy. You know it has to be strong if it took Watson two years to break one at the skatepark."

"All the components are good."

"It jumps good and doesn't get tangled up in your legs if you have to bail. It flew away like a real goose."

"It's a great combo bike—street and racing."

"You plop on it and you know it's not going to do anything spooky. It's easy to get used to."

"The sizing is perfect." The words of a 5 foot 6 rider.

"It felt kinda small, mostly because of the narrow bars." The comment of a 5 foot 9 rider.

"The low bottom bracket makes



Buff, full toot downhill. The 'Goose tracked like it was on rails.



Eye poppin' tabletoppin'. The Supergoose handled excellently in all situations . . . dirt, skatepark, and trick riding.

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it handle real good—until you get over where you think you'll scrape your feet. In other words, it's better until it's worse. Got that?"

"Really stable at the skatepark, it wasn't awkward at all."

"I'd give it an 8½ or 9. There are no perfect tens."

## SUPER SEND-OFF

Mongoose remains one of the giants of the industry, winner of the manufacturer's NORA Cup in 1979, runnerup in 1980, and runnerup in the BMXA readership survey for the-bike-most-likely-to-buy-next.

The one-down-from-the-top Supergoose offers an excellent buy for the dough. The geometry is time

Behind the seat with level feet—Buff lookin' tough.



## BMX PRODUCTS SUPERGOOSE SPECIFICATIONS

**FINISH:** Show chrome with red or blue accessories.

**WEIGHT:** 26 pounds, 8 ounces (with pads and number plate).

**RETAIL COST:** Approximately \$300.

**FRAME:** Supergoose, 4130 chrome-moly.

**FORK:** Team Mongoose, 4130 chrome-moly, centerline axle.

**HANDLEBARS:** Mongoose SS, stainless steel.

**GRIPS:** Team Mongoose, vinyl.

**STEM:** Mongoose Gold Stem.

**RIMS:** Araya 7X aluminum alloy.

**SPOKES:** .080/36.

**HUBS:** Shimano.

**BRAKES:** Dia-Compe sidepull caliper (rear only); Dia-Compe hand lever.

**TIRES:** Mongoose 2.125 front and Mongoose 1.75 rear.

**PEDALS:** KKT.

**CRANKS:** Mongoose, 175mm, chrome-moly.

**FRONT SPROCKET:** 39T, Takagi spider and chainwheel.

**REAR SPROCKET:** 15T, Shimano Freehub cassette.

**SEAT:** Mongoose (by Kashimax) Super Saddle, nylon.

**SEAT POST:** Mongoose SS, stainless steel.

**SEAT POST CLAMP:** Mongoose.

**CPSC APPROVED:** Yes.

**ACCESSORIES:** Mongoose safety pads.

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