

PRODUCT REVIEW BY CHRIS MAIDA

EASY RISER BIKE RAMPS

An easy way to load your bike into your truck

RIDING A BIKE ONTO THE BACK OF A PICK-UP truck can be an easy or daunting feat, depending on the ramps used. Of course, the real fun occurs when you're trying to get the bike back down the ramp. Case in point is when Joe K. and Sam were trying to unload Sam's Dyna from the company truck at 2:30 a.m. After numerous shouts of "Watch out!" and a few cries of "It's falling your



way!" the bike reached the pavement. Unfortunately, it was on its side. (It's only a turn signal, Sam!) Figuring that we should have a better way of doing this — after all, we are a motorcycle magazine — we called the good folks at Ramp Masters.

What we ended up with was a set of RM's 12'-long Easy Riser black-anodized aluminum ramps (\$589), which have a center ramp for the bike and two lighter-duty side ramps for the rider's feet. These ramps, which are made of high-grade, lightweight aluminum and reinforced with stainless steel, are arched for stability and strength. When done loading the bike, just pull the center pin and each ramp separates into two

pieces (six in total), so they're easier to handle and stow away.

Easy Riser ramps are available in five lengths to fit various applications, such as different ground clearances, wheelbases, and truck bed heights. We got the 12-footers since we handle a variety of bikes, from stock Sportsters and Ultras to 10'-long chops and low-slung bobbers. And, as you can see, the ramps, which are rated for up to 1,500 pounds, easily held Joe on Sam's Dyna, which was about a half-ton load. Now we have no excuse for dropping bikes.

Sam feels much better now. AIM

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