

# First Impressions...

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## Just exactly what is a “Springy Thingy” you ask?

Often you purchase a new product claimed to improve your bike’s suspension, and after installing it you aren’t sure how well it works. Recalling those experiences, I wasn’t sure what to expect when asked to evaluate the Springy Thingy from Speedynamics. So to draw a fair comparison, I used two nearly identical bikes; an ‘05 KTM 300 and an ‘04 KTM 300, which I had personally re-valved and resprung to the same specs. One bike had Springy Thingys installed and the other didn’t. The difference was obvious: the bike with the Springy Thingys went where you pointed it, allowing the rider to pick lines with a lot more precision.

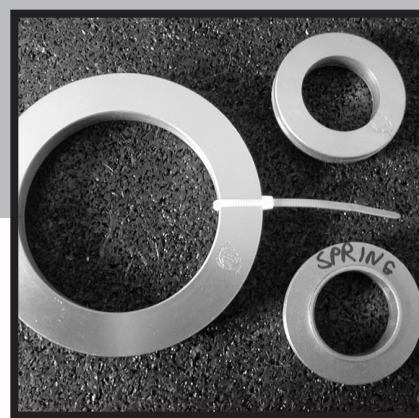
I had my son ride both bikes, then asked him which bike he liked better. He grinned, pointed straight at the Springy Thingy equipped 300 and said, “This one sure handles better.”

What this device does is simple. It allows the end of a spring to rotate freely under compression. When a coil spring is compressed, the flat surface on the end wants to “creep” against the retaining surface. It will even leave witness marks. The Springy



The Springy Thingy kit includes a unit for the rear shock spring, shown between the preload adjusting collar and the top of the spring, and two individual units - one for each fork spring, placed just below the fork caps.

Thingy eliminates this friction and allows the base of the spring to move freely under pressure. It was so effective, I felt the need to increase rebound dampening a few clicks.



Had I not been able to make a direct comparison on identical bikes, I wouldn’t be so confident that this product really works! For more information, be sure to visit [www.speedynamics.com](http://www.speedynamics.com)

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