

THE SCOUT REPORT

Product & Service Reviews



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The Strong Arm

Economic times have been tough and I have been looking for ways to be more financially savvy. The average oil change at a motorcycle dealership will run you about \$120-\$150; not to mention the 2-4 hour wait. Since I ride my bike an average of 700 miles a week, the oil changes have become very frequent. Upon this realization, I decided it was time to do my own oil changes and maintenance. I started to look for a motorcycle stand or jack but a standard jack costs about \$300-\$1,000... ouch! In my search, I stumbled on not only a great deal but a great product. I saw a leverage system motorcycle stand that claimed it can prop and hold a bike up with ease. At only \$109 (plus shipping), I couldn't pass it up to just try. I called the number and ordered the Strong Arm and within 48 hours it arrived on my doorstep.

The Strong Arm came partially assembled and the overall assembly took less than 10 minutes. It felt heavy and durable, yet seemed simple enough to use. Once I had it fully assembled, I was ready to do my first oil change. I took my bike outside and slid the Strong Arm under it. Then with a push of the lever arm, my bike was raised off the ground with ease. I must admit I felt weary lifting the bike with just such a small leverage arm, but it worked like a charm. I was amazed how easily it lifted my bike. With my bike lifted and secured, I was able to do my oil change and air filter change within an hour.

So exactly, what is this Strong Arm and how does it work? Ever roll your bike along the driveway cleaning your wheels one section at a time? Not much fun. Wouldn't it be great if someone made a painless to use and portable device for lifting either wheel, whenever the need arises... in only seconds?

Quasar Products, Ltd. introduced a lever actuated cam

that will lift either end of your ride off the ground. This begs the question, "how hard is it to use"? Answer ...easier than

it rests on the ground. Now look at your bike. It's standing straight up with one of its wheels completely off the ground.



You'll astonish yourself with how effortlessly your bike pops upright. The padded lifting beam supports the motorcycle under the frame. It is a center stand that requires less effort and holds the motorcycle even more solidly than a normal center stand due to its wide footprint. The Strong Arm is adjustable for height to accommodate even very low motorcycles.

So how safe and stable is it? It's like it's bolted to the floor! It will defy superhuman attempts at knocking it over and yet lowers back onto its side stand with equally little effort. Just lift the arm up slowly towards vertical and the bike eases over safely onto its jiffy stand. After one use, any doubts about the Strong Arms safety will vanish. Even its

massive appearance instills confidence!

Every cruiser owner should have a Strong Arm to clean wheels, adjust chains and belts, and hold the bike upright in the garage. This is a serious piece of equipment with high quality construction. It is made in England and comes with a lifetime manufacturer's warranty.

For only \$109, it's a steal! I have been using my Strong Arm since December of 2009, for motorcycle maintenance, cleaning my wheels, or just propping the bike up for general accessory work. For more information, visit Stands-And-Lifts.com.

As always, ride safely, and 'See you on the high ground!'

dunkin' a donut! Position the base under the rear or front of the frame and give the lever arm a downward push until



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