

2009

**450 OFF-ROAD SHOOTOUT**

## The Victor

It was close for some, no contest for others and the first time in a long time that any bike gave the KTM a true run for its money. But the Husaberg did just that. Don't get too bogged down thinking that this is just a blue KTM made in the same factory by the same people who make the KTM with a lot of the same parts. Look at this Husaberg for redefining the way a four-stroke can handle and deliver power: it sets standards in fuel-injection tuning and mass centralization that others will be chasing. Sure, it is a little weird, is running with a lot of unproven technologies in the durability department and is not the most widely available bike on the market (it might just be sold out already!). But if you can ride one, do it. Or don't because it will change the way you think off-road bikes can work.

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Blazing new trails in technology, the 2009 Husaberg changes everything.