

# PIAA Equipped Triumph Tigers Built For the Mexican 1000

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When it comes to desert endurance racing, you don't normally think of the Triumph Tiger. Though completely capable of handling the off-road, the Tiger is more of a multi-purpose adventure bike than hardcore desert racer.

Don't try telling that to ICON Motorsports though. In partnership with Triumph Motorcycles and Motoworks Chicago, they decided to rewrite the rules of Baja by building two rally-ready Triumph Tiger 800XC's outfitted with PIAA LED lights to take on the Mexican 1000.



The bikes were equipped with a host of upgrades to handle the extreme conditions of the Mexican desert. Each were outfitted with PIAA LP530 LED lights for dark nights in the desert, Ohlins suspension, an Endure Capacity Tank from Safari Tank Australia, Rally Raid armoring, and Woody's Tubeless Wheels.

So how did the Tiger's perform outside their natural habitat? We'll let ICON take it from here:

*"Outright victory was never the goal, only finding the absolute limit of performance. Well, we found it.*

*After an absolutely punishing pace on Tuesday, the Tigers began to show more wear and tear. It began with clutch woes on the white tiger for Johnny and Mark.*

*Soon, the yellow bike of Joe would also show the same symptoms.*

*Overnight repairs would solve the transmission issues for exactly five miles on Wednesday. A quick repair was made to adjust the clutch on the yellow bike. Mark Vanscourt would soldier on with the white bike lodged in 6th gear-full pin, not a bother given.*

*Eventually the white Tiger rode on and finished while the yellow Tiger fell to a broken bolt holding the counter shaft sprocket.”*

We have to say, that’s a pretty impressive debut for a pair of bikes riding outside their element in such extreme conditions. But what else would you expect from the minds over at ICON and Motoworks Chicago.

Watch the action from the Mexican 1000 below:

