

Honda Off-Road Racing **Honda Ridgeline Chases Desert Glory**

Built jointly by Honda Performance Development, the North American motorsports arm of American Honda, and veteran desert racing team Proctor Racing Group, the tube-frame Baja Ridgeline Race Truck made its competition debut in November 2015, with an Unlimited Class 2 victory in the famed Baja 1000.

Powered by a twin-turbocharged V6 produced by HPD, the Baja Ridgeline Race Truck features a body designed by Honda R&D Americas' Los Angeles Design Studio, with inspiration taken from the production Honda Ridgeline, also designed and developed by Honda R&D North Americas.

Making approximately 550 horsepower, HPD's 3.5-liter HR35TT engine uses the same block, cylinder heads and crankshaft as the production V6 engine that powers the production Ridgeline. Additional, custom elements of the powertrain include an HPD-designed intake plenum and custom Engine Control Unit programming.

Contesting a mixture of Best in the Desert (BITD) and SCORE International events in the hands of regular drivers Jeff Proctor and Jason LaFortune, the Baja Ridgeline Race Truck is now three-for-three in competition on its namesake course, taking Class 2 victories at both the Baja 500 and Baja 1000 in 2016.

