

2021 Husqvarna FC 250

The Austrian's ultra-competitive 250F motocross entry

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Ups

- Suspension fares well on small chop
- Impressive power figures
- Neutral, compliant chassis
- Best-in-class brakes
- High-quality components

Downs

- Suspension better supports larger impacts
- Lack of strong bottom-end power delivery

Verdict

The FC 250 offers a user-friendly package worthy of defending its third place finish in the 250 four-stroke shootout.



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Overview

The Husqvarna FC 250 is the Austrian brand's 250 four-stroke motocross bike that took bronze in Dirt Rider's 2021 250 four-stroke shootout. It is user-friendly thanks to a predictable and smooth engine, low ride height, and chop-absorbing suspension, providing the defending testimony to its third place finish from the previous 2020 comparison.

Updates for 2021

The FC sees updates to the suspension, specifically, with the new mid-valve damping system WP Xact fork. The fork cartridges and outer tube have also been shortened 10mm. Aesthetic updates include new graphics and seat cover texture.



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Pricing and Variants

At \$9,399, the FC 250 has the highest MSRP of the 250 four-strokes.

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Powertrain: Engine, Transmission, and Performance

Powered by the same liquid-cooled, DOHC, 250cc four-stroke engine seen in the KTM 250 SX-F, the FC 250 produces very similar power figures that were recorded on our in-house dyno: 40.3 hp at 13,300 rpm and 19.3 pound-feet of torque at 9,100 rpm.

The engine character really comes to life from the midrange to the top-end, and although torque feel isn't as plentiful as a bike like the Yamaha YZ250F, it is stronger than the likes of the Honda CRF250R and Kawasaki KX250 and comparable to its KTM equivalent.

The Magura clutch contributes to easy modulation, though some DR test riders said, "It needed more input to help with shifting under load," and that "keeping the clutch lever adjusted as far out as they were comfortable with was key to having good clutch input and easy shifting."

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Handling

Thanks to its lower ride height compared to the other models in the class, the 2021 FC 250 is a neutral-handling machine. It corners better than ever and, as test rider Allan Brown stated, "...is stable and almost no longer has a hinged feeling under load." The chassis is complemented by the carbon fiber subframe (the only one in the class) that provides the most comfort and suppleness in regard to chassis feel.

Brakes

The Brembo brakes are the same seen on the KTM 250 SX-F and as such are at the top of the totem pole for their best-in-class stopping power.



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Fuel Economy and Real-world MPG

Fuel economy figures are not currently available.

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Ergonomics: Comfort and Utility

Ergonomics are also neutral. The bike has a well-proportioned rider triangle and more of a sit-on feel, according to [our review](#). The bodywork is neat and tidy for an uninhibited ride and the ProTaper handlebar offers more flex and comfort than the Neken bar seen on the KTM 250 SX-F.

Electronics

The FC features two engine maps that are selectable via a map switch. This switch also operates launch and traction control.

Warranty and Maintenance Coverage

Warranty coverage for the FC 250 is 30 days from date of purchase.

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Quality

The FC 250 has high-quality components in stock trim. From its ProTaper handlebar down to its clean unobtrusive bodywork, the FC provides top-notch fit and finish that reflect its premium price tag.



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2021 Husqvarna FC 250 Claimed Specifications

MSRP:	\$9,399
Engine:	250cc, DOHC, liquid-cooled single-cylinder four-stroke
Bore x Stroke:	78.0 x 52.3mm
Transmission/Final Drive:	5-speed/chain
Fuel Delivery:	Keihin electronic fuel injection w/ 44mm throttle body
Clutch:	Wet, multiplate, hydraulic actuation
Engine Management/Ignition:	Keihin EMS
Frame:	Steel central double cradle
Front Suspension:	48mm WP Xact USD fork, fully adjustable; 11.8 in. travel
Rear Suspension:	WP Xact shock, fully adjustable; 11.8 in. travel
Front Brake:	Brembo 2-piston caliper, 260mm disc

MSRP:	\$9,399
Rear Brake:	Brembo 1-piston caliper, 220mm disc
Wheels, Front/Rear:	Spoked; 21 x 1.60 in.; 19 x 2.15 in.
Tires, Front/Rear:	80/100-21 / 110/90-19
Rake/Trail:	26.1°/N/A
Wheelbase:	58.5 in.
Ground Clearance:	14.6 in.
Seat Height:	37.0 in.
Fuel Capacity:	1.9 gal.
Wet Weight:	219 lb. (w/ all fluids except fuel)
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