



**2005 AMA Sport Bike Champion
Tommy Hayden #22 runs
Akrapovic Exhaust**

Constantly modernizing, computers have long been Akrapovic engineers' constant companions in the 3-D planning of configurations, programming of tools, computer-aided manufacture, and as an indispensable accessory in the testing department for the analysis and setting of all possible parameters.

Production sophistication and R&D success led to racing victories. After thorough testing, Kawasaki became the first factory team on the World Superbike circuit to use Akrapovic exhaust systems and Japanese rider Akira Yanagawa was the first to win a WSB race with an Akrapovic pipe. Based on excellent results, Yamaha, Suzuki and Honda came aboard. In 2000, the brand took a pair of big wins: American Colin Edward rode his Team Castrol Honda RC51 to the World Championship and Jorg

Touchert won the World Supersport title.

With such racing success, Akrapovic experienced a huge surge into world markets. Lockhart Phillips led the American charge by introducing the brand to America in 1998 as the sole distributor.

Here in the States, Akrapovic has powered the Kawasaki and Yamaha factory efforts with such American heroes as Eric Bostrom, Doug Chandler, the Haydens and Tony Meiring manning the clip-ons.

The next year, Akrapovic-equipped riders won the World Superbike, World Enduro and World Supermoto championships, as well as the Suzuka 8 hours, the Isle of Man, the Dakar Rally and the Canadian Superbike Championship.

2003 was also a tremendous season, as the World Endurance road racing, World Motocross and World Enduro titles were won by Akrapovic-equipped champions.

Last year, a family feud erupted in AMA Pro racing between Kawasaki factory stars Tommy and Roger Lee Hayden, with the older, more experienced brother taking the Supersport crown on his Akrapovic-equipped ZX-6RR. Across the Pond, KTM-mounted Ben Townley battled to an FIM World Motocross title.

Today, Akrapovic employs more than 170 highly qualified and motivated people from various educational backgrounds. Each is aware that they produce exhaust systems for customers who demand the best—top-level racing teams and high-end enthusiasts of all stripes.

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