



RIDING FAST, WALKING TALL

From the first time Bobby Sims laid eyes on a motorcycle as a little kid, he knew that he wanted to ride, and ride fast. So, it came as no surprise when at the age of 17 he began racing in motocross events. Ironically, it was after Bobby quit riding competitively that he severely injured his left leg doing a “whip” stunt on a friend’s motorcycle which led to the amputation of his left leg above the knee.

Snell prosthetists determined that Ottobock’s X3 microprocessor knee was Bobby’s best option considering his adventurous lifestyle. The result of a collaboration between the U.S. military and Ottobock, the X3 is a technologically advanced microprocessor prosthetic leg that has been “ruggedized” to withstand the conditions an active duty military member might face. With its built-in accelerometer and gyroscope, the X3 intuitively knows where the leg is in space, using the same technologies used in Wii™ gaming systems and smartphones. That means less worry of a stumble or fall and less concentration needed when Bobby is on the move such as when he ascends stairs or suddenly goes from walking to sprinting.

Even when Bobby’s pursuits aren’t as challenging as the ones the X3 was designed for, he still appreciates that it allows him to always be in control. “One of the best things about having this knee is that I can keep up with my little girl,” he shared.



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