

# Martin Palmer – Rekluse Clutch Adaption

I've ridden motorbikes since I was four years old, I've had off road bikes, sports bikes and race bikes. I competed in Hill Climbing and circuit racing for eight years and basically motorbikes were my life.

At the time of my accident I owned four bikes, two supermoto hill climbers, an R6 circuit racing bike and an R1. It was the R1 that I was riding on 16th April 2003.

I was travelling home from work when a tractor pulled out in front of me, I hit the rear wheel and seriously injured the left hand side of my body, my left leg was badly smashed with a broken tibia, fibula, patella and femur, all of which need pinning, plating and wiring back together. I also damaged my left arm, again all the bones were broken and needed pinning and plating, but the worst damage was to the hand and shoulder, I had a 'brachial plexus injury' which left the arm paralysed and most of the left hand had to be removed.

I couldn't walk for over nine months and had many operations over the following two years, but since then



I've been getting more and more active, I can now walk several miles and I do all my own DIY including hanging doors and wallpapering! Things I never attempted when I had two arms.

I felt it was time to try riding a motorbike again so I bought myself a Suzuki DRZ 400 supermoto, I applied to the NABD for a grant towards a GPR steering damper and

Rekluse Z Start clutch, which converts the bike to a simple twist and go like a scooter, both of which I managed to fit myself.

I've found it's not quite the same thrill riding now but it's great to get back on two wheels, the Rekluse clutch is excellent; allowing one armed riding with ease and the GPR stabiliser keeps the steering under control.

I would like to thank the NABD for their support, they've been excellent.

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For more information on the Rekluse Z (automatic) motorcycle clutch see; [www.rekluse.com](http://www.rekluse.com)

For more information on the GPR Steering Damper see; [www.gprstabilizer.com](http://www.gprstabilizer.com)

For help, support and information for people who have suffered Brachial Plexus Injuries see; [www.tbpiukgroup.homestead.com](http://www.tbpiukgroup.homestead.com)



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