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KTM announces joint venture with Gas Gas will "massively strengthen presence in Spain"

KTM Industries AG, to be known in the future as Pierer Mobility, has announced a joint venture "industrial co-operation" with Gas Gas Motorcycles as part of a plan to "further develop its presence in Spain".

In a statement released at the start of October, the company said that "KTM Industries has successfully concluded negotiations with Black Toro Capital - the owners of Gas Gas Motorcycles - about a future industrial co-operation with the famous Spanish motorcycle brand Gas Gas under the lead of KTM Industries AG.

"A cooperation was signed and both partners see this as a starting point for a bright future of the internationally well known brand Gas Gas. New models will be developed alongside the Trial and Enduro bikes of Gas Gas. "As part of the joint venture, the production of Gas Gas products and Torrot electric vehicles will be continued at Girona/Spain.

"It is intended that Gas Gas will be added, alongside KTM and Husqvarna

Motorcycles and eBikes, as a third brand to the strong sales network of the KTM Industries Group (Pierer Mobility Group)". KTM says the deal is



KTM Industries AG Chairman
Stefan Pierer

"subject to anti-trust authority approval".

The KTM Industries Group already points to its status as Europe's largest manufacturer of powered two-wheelers and that "strategic

partnerships at an operational level [such as this Gas Gas deal] strengthen the competitiveness in our respective markets" with the "high innovation level" of the Pierer Mobility Group ensuring "sustainable organic growth".

Just as is the case with KTM itself, Gas Gas and Torrot are "comeback kids" and storied brands. Gas Gas had its near-death experience when it filed for bankruptcy protection in 2015, facing probable liquidation with reported debts of 44.3m euro.

The KTM deal has been struck with Black Toro Capital (BTC), a private equity investor specialised in Spanish and southern European business opportunities with offices in Barcelona, Madrid and London.

BTC acquired 60% of Barcelona-based eBike and hybrid vehicle manufacturer Torrot in November 2015 in a 15m euro deal. BTC/Torrot then completed a judicial liquidation sale for Gas Gas for an additional 9m euro - taking their total investment to

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A stable and socially responsible market?

Last month I wrote about what appeared to be a softening of new motorcycle registrations in the second quarter of 2019 (ICE/Internal Combustion Engine only) based on the release by ACEM (the Brussels based international motorcycle industry trade association) of their data for the first six months of 2019.

At the time of press, we were still some weeks away from seeing ACEM's data for the first nine months of 2019, the first three quarters (it will probably have been released by the time of EICMA), but the selection of national trade association data we are presenting in our StatZone section this month (pages 6 - 8) appears to confirm a continued softening of demand, despite the very good start we saw to 2019 in the first quarter.

Most of the StatZone data is for the period January to September (some is for the period to August), and with the Big Five (France, Italy, Germany, Spain and the UK) representing over 80% of the European total of PTW registrations, and the first six months of each year representing over half of annual registrations, the latest data does confirm that the early season forecasts made by many market analysts in response to quarter one statistics do indeed now look over-optimistic.

In the case of IDN, and based on a more realistic analysis of market performance in 2016, 2017 and 2018 (+6.5%, +2.53% and +3.12% respectively), I was forecasting that, in fact, 2019 looked more likely to achieve around the +3% mark (give or take anything up to 2% either way) at best and that nobody should be fooled by what had been going on behind the official statistics, especially as a result of the 2016/2017 Euro 4 transition impacts.

The official ACEM data for 2018 points towards +9.89% growth; the official data for the first six months of 2019 pointed towards market growth of +8.67%. Neither is wrong as such, in terms of compilation of available data, but both are a false positive where underlying trends are concerned.

My calculations had suggested that regardless of the Euro 3/Euro 4 issues, and in which year certain units did or did not get registered, the Euro 3/Euro 4 issue was still casting a long shadow where trying to calculate reliable trend data was concerned.

My view is that all we could really rely upon for the period 2013 through 2018 was the simple fact that the market had recovered in the five years since its 2013 nadir by some +34.13 percent - 255,534 additional new units sold in the 52 months to December 2018 since growth appeared to start to return in the second half of 2013.

There is no question now that new motorcycle registrations have NOT maintained the apparent outstanding and contra-trend start to 2019 (quarter one data) and that the quarter two softening has continued in quarter three.

That is not to say that the market is in trouble as such, because at something in

the region of +3% growth (+/-2%) we have a sustainable and stable market, and one that in the years leading up to 2014 we'd have happily embraced. Given the macro-economic picture of declining global demand for consumer goods of all kinds, declining consumer confidence and increasing demographic impacts in terms of the boomers aging out and the Millennials and Centennials bringing a much more environmentally conscious and activist mindset to consumption, then hallelujah, under the circumstances, +3% is the new +10% where motorcycle market growth is concerned for this year!

Plus, it is consistent in a way that anything higher would not be. It appears to suggest a stable market - one that is growing steadily and consistently. That may not be sexy, but it certainly is a massively better sunlit upland than the valley of despair we plunged into from 2008 to 2013. To follow five years in which the market lost in the region of 500,000 registrations with five years in which it will have added some 250,000 to 300,000 unit sales by the end of 2019, and to have done so in the face of the issues we are currently faced with, is a huge achievement.

Far from suggesting that the hard work done by the manufacturers and trade associations to promote riding and develop forward facing platforms that come closer to meeting the ownership and experiential expectations of 'New Gen' consumers, the achievement speaks well

to what the industry has achieved, speaks well to its response and speaks well of the prospects for being able to sustain sustainable if modest growth in the face of a range of issues that could be said to be stacked against us.

Look at it like this - do not compare where we are now and what the 2019 market might look like at the end of this year with what we had before, think about what it might look like now if the trade associations, manufacturers and their dealers had NOT started to take the initiatives they have. The great unknown is where we would be in 2019 had we NOT started to adapt and evolve, had we not started to address safety and had we not further enhanced PTW credentials as a transport solution and leisure option of choice.

Twenty years ago, motorcycles, and those who ride them, were widely regarded as being part of the problem and being a social menace. Now they are part of the solution and increasingly being seen as a socially and environmentally responsible expression of good citizenship. The motorcycle industry remains a 'work in progress', but at least there has been progress.

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AMVIR - New motorcycle registrations to August 2019 +12.3% at 27,928 units with increases each month so far this year - sales highest in July (5,685 units, +22.2%) and June (5,097 units, +5.1%). SYM is market leader with 22.6% share (6,299 units), followed by Honda 16.4% (4,572); Piaggio 15.4% (4,305); Yamaha 11.9% (3,242); Daytona 11.6% (3,242); Kymco 6.3%; Keeway 2.0%; BMW 1.9%; Vespa 1.8% and Suzuki 1.5%.

FRANCE

CSIAM - Total new motorcycle registrations to August 2019 +12.8% at 136,625 units; total new PTW registrations to August +11.2% at 148,789 units. Total new PTW, three and four-wheel units (quadricycles) and mopeds were 197,340 units to end of July (+21.2%), making it Europe's largest market, ahead of Italy. Road bikes largest sector at 69,377 units (+8.5%), followed by scooters at 44,760 units (+10.4%); Off-Road and All Terrain bikes were -10% at 12,286 units; Custom style and Choppers -14.2% at 4,410 units. Additionally, Quads etc. -4.4% at 12,164 units. Best seller is the Yamaha MT-07 (4,893 units), followed by the Yamaha X-Max 125 (4,873); Honda NSS 125D (4,788); Kawasaki Z650 (2,880) and Z900 (2,670).

BMW MOTORRAD

Worldwide unit shipments for September 2019 +12.1% at 15,834 units; +8.0% YTD at 136,932 units.

NETHERLANDS

RAI - Total motorcycle registrations for the period January to September 2019 in the Netherlands are reported at 12,559 units; total registrations for the full year 2018 were 13,104 units. Total registrations of all classes of mopeds YTD were 39,135 units.

BELGIUM

FEBIAC - Motorcycle registrations January to September 2019 were +1.57% at 22,642 units YTD (September was +0.11% at 1,745 units). Moped registrations YTD were +36.16% at 22,035 units (September was +21.99% at 2,802 units).

UK: motorcycle registrations +1.58% January - September

The latest data available from the MCIA, the motorcycle industry association in the UK, shows new motorcycle registration growth continuing to slow from the good start to 2019 with sales at just +1.58% for the year to September (83,906 units). While many in the UK are pointing to Brexit and general uncertainty, with consumer confidence low, it does fit with the trend being seen elsewhere in the European market.

The UK motorcycle market was +3.45% (12,129 units) in September, having been +2.85% in July (9,223 units) and -8.51% (6,335 units) in August.

Moped market volumes remain low in the UK, but there is growth of +15.58% YTD (4,784 units) to put total new PTW registrations at +2.25% YTD (88,690 units), the strongest since 2016.

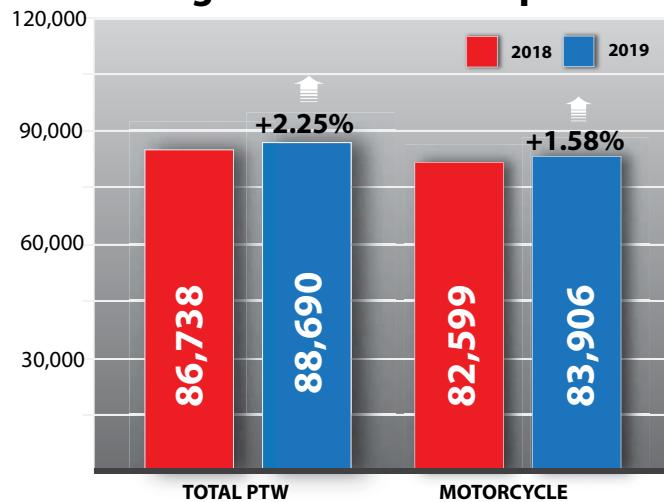
The largest single market sector in the UK remains 'Naked' style bikes, which accounted for 29,172 units YTD for a growth rate of +2.8%. The Adventure Sport sector is the second largest, growing at +9.0% YTD (16,231

units). In percentage terms, the biggest losers were the relatively small Sport/Tour (-21.2%, 2,128 units) and Touring (-13.3%, 1,857 units) sectors; Trail/Enduro bikes are +8.0% YTD in the UK with 5,144 units sold. Scooters were +3.9% YTD at 15,968 units.

Honda was market share leader in

September (2,601 units), followed by BMW, Yamaha, Triumph and Kawasaki. The R 1250 GS Adventure was the top selling Adventure Sport model in the UK in September (299 units), with the R 1250 RT leading the Touring sector and the R 1250 RS replacing the Kawasaki Z1000 SX as the best selling Sport/Tour model.

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Japanese made motorcycle exports to Europe -23.35% January - August

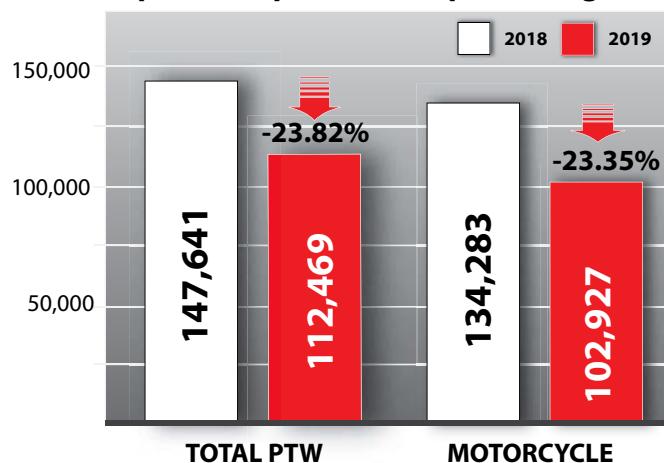
After modest growth seen in the final quarter of 2018, the latest data released by JAMA (the automotive trade association in Japan, which includes representation of motorcycle manufacturers among its membership) shows exports of Japanese made motorcycles to Europe continuing to decline in 2019 by -23.35% percent for the first eight months at 102,927 units; European imports have been down each month this year so far. They have been in dramatic decline ever since they peaked at 292,000 for the first eight months in 2007.

Exports of Japanese made motorcycles to USA YTD were -23.79% through August at 37,599 units. Total Japanese factory manufactured motorcycle exports worldwide were -20.11% for the YTD at 189,158 units; they peaked at 518,000 in 2007. Total PTW exports to Europe (motorcycles, scooters and mopeds combined) were

-23.82% for the eight months to August 2019 at 112,469 units; -13.42% to USA (64,796 units) and -17.83% worldwide (250,256 units). The peak was seen at 824,000 units in 2001. The increasing number of units being made by Japanese manufacturers elsewhere in Asia, the US and South/Central America goes some way to providing historical context for the data, though the majority of

higher value larger displacement Japanese brand machines, especially those being sold in Europe, are still made in Japan. Their overseas factories are primarily engaged in making and selling scooters and smaller capacity units in 'emerging' markets (where import tariffs are high) and in making ATV/UTV units - especially in the United States where demand for such machines is strongest.

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Spain: motorcycle registrations +9.72% January - September

The latest data from ANESDOR, the motorcycle industry trade association in Spain, shows motorcycle registrations +0.13% for September (15,019 units), having been -2.90% in August (11,672 units). This is the strongest September market performance in Spain since before 2009.

For the first nine months of 2019, Spanish new motorcycle registrations were +9.72% at 135,664 units - also the best since before 2009.

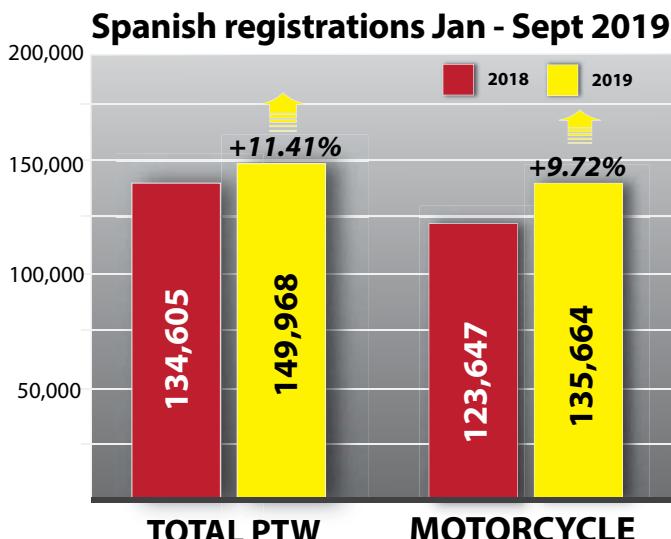
The moped market in Spain continues to recover (+30.53%, 14,304 units YTD), and in total PTW terms, the YTD in Spain was +11.41% (149,968 units registered in total - also the best first nine months in Spain since before 2009).

However, as seen elsewhere in Europe, the upward trend is softening, with September PTW registrations having

been +3.62% YTD after being down by -2.07% in August, following a

strong start to 2019. Jose Maria Riano, General Secretary of

ANESDOR, has highlighted "the strong growth of the private [as opposed to rentals] market" as being the "main engine of the market". Strong growth was seen in Spain in September in the medium (+21%) and large displacement sectors (+11%). Honda remains market share leader in Spain so far this year, selling 28,505 total units for a 21.0% market share. Yamaha was second (19,775 units/14.6%); Kymco third (14,371 units/10.6%), followed by BMW up to fourth and Piaggio down to fifth. The electric bike sector continues to grow in Spain, being +41.8% for the first nine months of the year (8,083 units). Jose Maria Riano says that the electric motorcycle "has become a daily reality" in Spain with more than 5% of the motorcycles sold being electric.



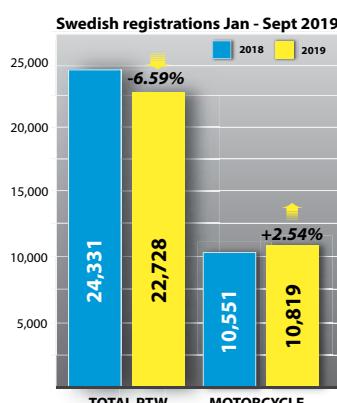
Sweden: motorcycle registrations +2.54% January - September

The latest data available from the motorcycle industry trade association in Sweden (McRF) shows new motorcycle registrations down by -6.69% in September (683 units), having been +12.09% in August (1,085 units) and +33.76% in July (1,355 units).

For the YTD, motorcycle registrations are running at +2.54% for the first nine months of 2019 in Sweden at 10,819 units.

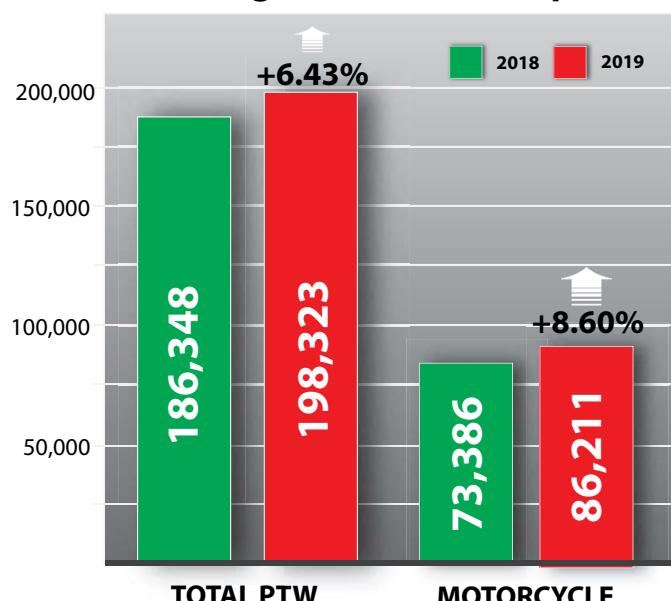
The January to September YTD total PTW registrations are -6.59% at 22,728 units, having been -4.40% in August and

-6.26% in September. The Swedish moped market was -13.58% for the first nine months of the year at 11,909 units, having been down for seven out of the nine months so far this year (-12.01%/1,864 units in August and -6.01%/1,204 units in September).



Italy: motorcycles +8.60% January - September

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The latest data released by ANCMA, the motorcycle industry trade association in Italy, shows the Italian motorcycle and scooter market continuing to grow, with motorcycle sales to September +8.60% at 86,211 units - the strongest January to September market performance for motorcycles in Italy since before 2013.

New motorcycle registrations were reported as being +5.57% in August (4,684 units) and +8.75% in September (6,950 units).

In total PTW terms, the Italian market was -2.47% in August (11,701 units) and +3.48% in September (18,155 units), which conforms to the trend seen elsewhere in Europe of registration growth slowing down after a strong start to 2019. Total PTW registrations were +6.43% YTD at

198,323 units - still the strongest Italian market performance since 2011. Scooter registrations were +4.81% YTD at 112,112 units for the first nine months, with the top three best sellers being Honda's Italian made SH 150/300/125 range, selling 23,149 units between them YTD, with Piaggio's Beverly 300 ABS in fourth spot (7,090 units) and its Liberty 125 ABS fifth (5,121 units), ahead of Kymco's Agility 125 R16 (4,505), Yamaha's XMAX 300 (4,064) and the Honda X-ADV 750 (3,818 units registered so far in 2019).

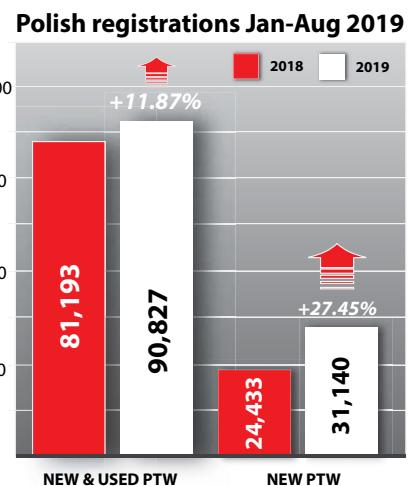
The top selling motorcycle in Italy YTD was the BMW R 1250 GS (3,657 units), followed by Honda's Africa Twin (3,253), the Benelli TRK 502/X (2,788 units sold) and the Yamaha 'Tracer' 900 (2,472 units).

Poland: new motorcycles +37.04% January - August

The latest data from the motorcycle industry trade association in Poland (PZPM) shows new motorcycle registrations at +43.52% for July 2019 (2,338 units) and +21.97% for August (1,771 units). Contrary to the slowdown being seen elsewhere in Europe, the figures show that the modest improvement of the new motorcycle market in Poland since the summer of 2018 appears to be sustaining. For the YTD (January - August 2019), new motorcycle registrations were +37.04% at 15,640 units - the best since 2016 and third best since before 2006. New moped sales are improving too, though comparisons with

the early months of 2018 are unreliable due to the moped segment's 2017/2018 Euro 4 transition - YTD moped registrations in Poland are reported as +19.05% (15,500 units), putting total new PTWs in Poland at +27.45% YTD (31,140 units - the best since 2016). However, new model registrations are only ever part of the story where the Polish market is concerned. Poland is an important market for pre-owned vehicles (from elsewhere in Europe) that are receiving their first domestic Polish registration; these machines provide valuable service, maintenance and PG&A income for Poland's franchised and

independent motorcycle shops and the vendors they buy from. When these units are factored in, the total number of new and used motorcycles sold from January to August 2019 were +11.24% at 67,949 units (the best since before 2010) and total new and used PTWs were +11.87% (90,827 units YTD) - the best since 2016. For the full year 2018 overall total new PTW registrations were -30.67 percent (30,971 units) for the year; new and



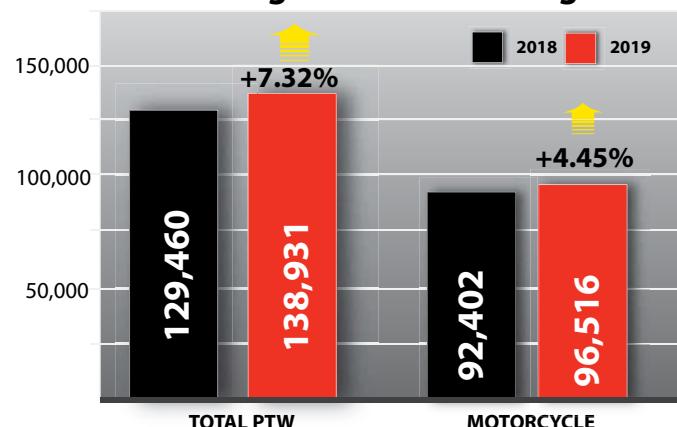
used PTW registrations were -7.53 percent (101,158 units) - retaining Poland's position as Europe's 6th largest market.

Germany: motorcycles +4.45% January - August

The latest data from the IVM, the motorcycle industry trade association in Germany, shows motorcycle registrations down by -10.21% in August (9,004 units), having been +13.29% in July (12,275 units) but -10.28% in June (11,518 units) and -1.38% in May (13,660 units). For the year January to August, the German motorcycle market is +4.45% at 96,516 units YTD but, as elsewhere in Europe, the trend is down after a strong start to 2019. In total PTW terms, August was -8.51% (14,505 units) and +7.32% (138,931 units) for the YTD. The top selling model for the first eight months of 2019 remains the BMW R

1250 GS (8,330 units), way ahead of the Yamaha MT-07 (3,217) in second place and the Kawasaki Z900 in third (2,729), followed by the Z650 in fourth (2,395) and the Honda Africa Twin fifth with 1,869 units sold YTD. With seven models among the top 30 best sellers, it is no surprise that BMW has stretched its German market dominance still further, having sold 21,599 units in total YTD for a commanding 22.38% market share (up +10.31% on the year ago period). Kawasaki was second with 11,067 units sold for an 11.47% market share; Honda was a close third with 11,065 units sold (11.46% share); KTM fourth (10,951 units sold,

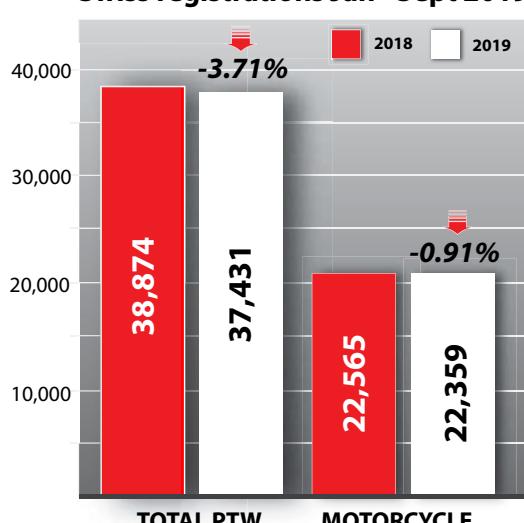
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11.35% share); Yamaha fifth (9,734 units sold, 10.09% share) and Harley-Davidson sixth (8,753 units, 9.07% share).

Suzuki was in 7th place, followed by Ducati, Triumph, Husqvarna, Aprilia, Royal Enfield, Moto Guzzi and Indian Motorcycle in 14th.

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Switzerland: motorcycle registrations -0.91% January - September

The latest new registrations data released by Swiss industry association MotoSuisse shows total new motorcycle registrations down for the nine months to September 2019 at -0.91% (22,359 units), having been up by +13.43% in July, down by -3.05% in August, and broadly flat in September at +0.94% (1,399 units). In total PTW terms, the Swiss market was running at -3.71% YTD at 37,431

units. In motorcycle market share terms, Yamaha continues as market leader so far this year with 3,822 units sold, followed by BMW (3,293), Honda (2,888), Kawasaki fourth (2,265) and Harley-Davidson fifth (1,904). The top selling model in Switzerland YTD is the Yamaha MT-07 (1,070 units), followed by the BMW R 1250 GS, the Kawasaki Z900, then the Z650 and the R 1250 GS Adventure.

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Motorradwelt Bodensee will be staged at Messe Friedrichshafen, February 20.-23. Close to the Austrian and Swiss borders, it is the largest spring 'mainstream' motorcycle show in southern Germany and regularly attracts over 300 exhibitors and 50,000 visitors.



In the U.S. total EV sales across all manufacturers were 176,174 through the first seven months of the year, +14.5% on the year ago period. Global electric vehicles sales were 1,105,405 in the first six months of 2019, +46.9 from 752,690 in the year ago period.



German oil and additives specialist Liqui Moly has become an official Parts Unlimited supplier in the USA. The company offers a wide range of motor oils for four and two-stroke engines for road machines, Enduro, ATV and snowmobiles.

South African carbon wheels specialist Blackstone Tek has unveiled a new website, with "new brand experience and new product features. Our new brand identity - Distinctly The Best - reflects the forward-moving direction of the company. Our new identity and tagline represent BST's commitment to innovation and new product development, while honouring our years in the carbon fibre industry".

Cardo Systems, Ltd. and Ducati Motor Holdings S.p.A. have announced retail availability of its special edition Ducati Red PACKTALK units at Ducati dealers in the USA. PACKTALK products are powered by Cardo's ground-breaking Dynamic Mesh Communication (DMC) technology, allowing up to 15 riders to connect seamlessly and feature Cardo's natural voice-command and sound by JBL.



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23m euro. BTC then merged the two businesses and consolidated production at the Salt, Girona factory, retaining 63 Gas Gas employees - the factory having been reduced to a skeleton staff to service demand for parts for some 18 months.

The combined business being managed by the Torrot management team - headed up by Torrot "re-founder" and CEO Ivan Contreras - who retained the remaining 40% ownership stake in the combined business. However, the two brands have maintained separate design and marketing strategies.

At the time there were several potential buyers competing for Gas Gas, including KTM themselves, along with French manufacturer Sherco and a rival investment fund called IRG.

In response to the reported interest from KTM in 2015, some 55 former Gas Gas employees gained international profile when they vociferously endeavoured to dissuade KTM from trying to acquire the brand and its assets from the liquidator. In the end the BTC/Torrot bid of 9m euro emerged as the preferred bid after the former employees had petitioned the Commercial Court of Girona to accept it rather than a KTM or any other deal as quickly as possible.

Torrot itself is also a storied brand. Founder Don Luis Iriondo started making bicycles and mopeds in the late 1940s. In the 1950s he had a partnership with French brand Terrot (producing the Terrot Dijon 100 among other models).

In 1958 Peugeot bought Terrot, but closed it two years later. In order to rebuild his business, Don Luis Iriondo changed the brand's spelling from "Terrot" to "Torrot" and went back to carving out his own place in the market. These days the Barcelona-based Torrot Group makes electric bicycles, trial bikes and kids' minis. Torrot eventually closed in the 1980s, but was brought back to life in 2011. Gas Gas was founded in 1985, emerging from the rubble left when the original Bultaco factory closed (for



Announced in 2018 after winning the inaugural Trial-E Cup in the hands of Marc Colomer, the 67 kg Gas Gas TXE with electric gear drive was said at the time to be the world's first ever production electric trials bike to incorporate the double solution of a mechanical clutch system and six-speed gearbox. The TXE uses the same tubular chromium-molybdenum steel chassis as the Gas Gas TXT and a highly efficient electric engine developed by Torrot.



the second time) in 1983.

By 2015 Gas Gas had been short of capital for some time. It had received a 4 million euro investment from an international consortium in 2013, with the Catalan government agreeing to provide Gas Gas with a further 2 million euro to fund a recovery plan for the company in 2014.

In 2014 it was announced that Gas Gas would merge with Ossa and relaunch that brand, having previously agreed to share production facilities and personnel. Ossa itself had been relaunched in 2009, three decades after its own original closure.

Also in 2014, Gas Gas reached an agreement with Moto Italia S.r.l., the former Husqvarna Motorcycles S.r.l., to acquire their two and four-stroke engine technology, a deal that had the approval of KTM at the time, KTM having acquired the Husqvarna Motorcycles brand from BMW in early

2013, just five years after BMW had bought it from the then Cagiva MV Agusta group.

Under BTC ownership, Torrot has prospered, developing its own range as well as investing in the Gas Gas facility at Salt, near Girona, where production has been consolidated. By 2018 BTC/Torrot had funded the introduction of the Gas Gas TXE (electric gear drive), the first ever electric trials production model to combine a mechanical clutch system with a six-speed gearbox.

In 2015 Torrot had launched the Muvi electric two-wheeler and announced the 'Velocipedo' in 2017, a three-wheeled, 100% electric vehicle with a range of around 100 miles, featuring regenerative braking, a carbon fibre structure and e-call technology. In 2018 Torrot unveiled the 'Movak' - an urban all-roader and opened its first Torrot/Gas Gas flagship store in Madrid.

Having made and sold some 6,000 models overall in 2016, Gas Gas/Torrot is said to have sold some 16,000 units in 2017 - over 6,000 of them Gas Gas models.

The Torrot Velocipedo Cargo - a last mile delivery and courier electric three-wheeler with 40 kg/210 L capacity and a range of 120 km.



At the time of press the precise nature of the deal between BTC and KTM hadn't been entirely disclosed but it appears that, for now at least, it does not involve KTM taking an equity position; it is also unclear as to whether the partnership also involves Torrot brand vehicles, or just Gas Gas.

Piaggio worldwide PTW shipments +5.9%

In the first half of 2019, the Piaggio Group reported a significant improvement in performance from the year-earlier period, growth in all the main earnings indicators, an increase in net profit, higher capital expenditure and a reduction in debt.

The Piaggio Group sold 321,500 vehicles worldwide, an increase of +5.7% (304,000 shipments in the year-earlier period), and reported consolidated net sales of 817m euro. During the period, the Group reported growth in sales volumes in all regions, with a particularly strong increase in Asia Pacific of two-wheeler (+20.2%), followed by the EMEA and Americas area (+6.7%) and India (+0.5%).

Piaggio Group has reported sales



of 215,900 two-wheeler worldwide in the first six months of 2019, an improvement of +5.9% (203,900 in the first half of 2018).

In the first half of 2019, the Piaggio Group reported "excellent performance in the Asia Pacific region (+20.2% volume, +28.8% turnover) and the EMEA and Americas area (+4.6% volumes, +9.4% turnover). In India two-wheeler turnover rose by 2.3%, partly thanks to an improved sales mix, and confirmed our leadership of the scooter segment with a share of 24.4%; on the North American scooter market it maintained a strong position, with a share of 21.3%.

"The Group motorcycle segment also saw boosted first-half revenue by 14%, largely thanks to the performance of the Moto Guzzi brand, which achieved a significant sales increase, generated in particular by the excellent results of the new Moto Guzzi V85TT, the all-terrain model that has enjoyed great success since it began shipping in February.



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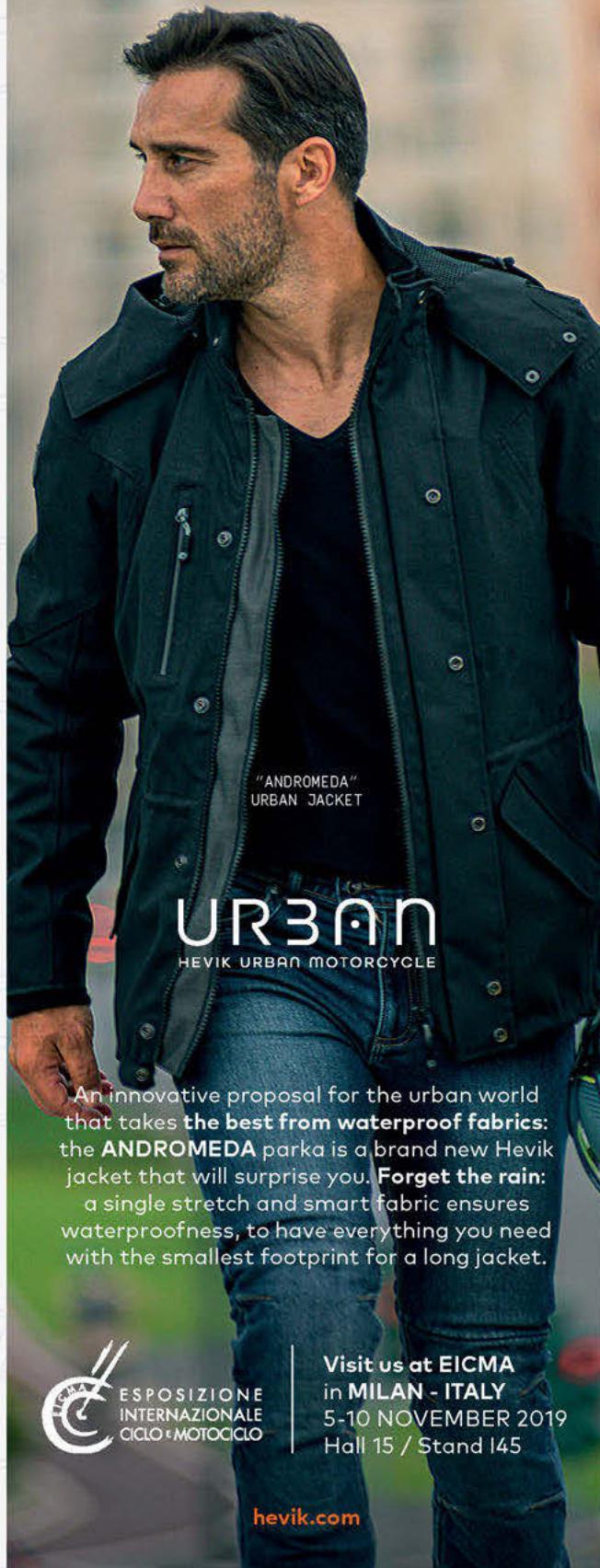
Ducati has announced the dates for the 11th biennial World Ducati Week



2020 (WDW) - 17, 18 and 19 July at the "Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli", Misano Adriatico (Italy). In 2018, WDW attracted approximately 91,500 visitors. More info as it becomes available at wdw.ducati.com



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The Monster Energy Kawasaki Racing Team is to welcome ex Yamaha man Romain Febvre on a multiple year deal for the 2020 FIM MXGP MX World Championship. Next season KRT will line up two of the most successful and experienced riders in the series as the Frenchman joins Clément Desalle to compete on the KX450 Kawasaki.



As at October 2019, still a year before the event, the 2020 AMD World Championship of Custom Bike Building has received entries for 41 bikes from 32 builders representing 21 countries for the 14th 'AMD' - well ahead of this time in the cycle at any time since the event moved to Europe from Sturgis and became biennial.

The European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Piaggio Group have signed a 7-year 70 million euro finance contract to fund research and development projects included in the Piaggio Group's investment plan, conducted at its Italian sites over the three-year period 2019-2021. The loan will also further strengthen the Group's financial structure through the extension of its average debt life and the reduction of the average cost of debt.

Sources: AMD, IDN, FT, Reuters, PSB, MPN, B&B, BDN, MCN, AP, Bloomberg, MNW

Yamaha half year rise in European unit sales

Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. announced that for the first half of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, consolidated net sales were 855.9 billion yen, an increase of +0.5% from the same period the previous year. The company experienced a -16.1% decrease in operating income of 13.2bn yen, while ordinary income fell -9.1% to 70.2bn yen. Falling sales in the "Land Mobility" sector (principally still motorcycles at this stage) and

robotics businesses resulted in overall net sales remaining unchanged. In developed markets, motorcycle business sales decreased due to yen appreciation against the euro, but operating income was at the same level as the previous fiscal year thanks to increased unit sales in Europe. In the emerging markets, motorcycle business unit sales increased and product mix improvements progressed in Indonesia, the Philippines, Brazil,

Thailand, etc., but unit sales decreased in Vietnam, Taiwan, Argentina, India, etc., resulting in decreased sales and income overall.

The increase in unit sales of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles in North America led to increased sales and reduced losses.



Bihr adds MIDLAND Bluetooth Systems to German distribution portfolio

Bartenheim, France based Bihr Distribution continues to add to the product range available to its dealers from its recently announced German office (at Pulheim near Cologne/Düsseldorf) with an exclusive deal for Germany with the Italian MIDLAND Bluetooth Communications Systems brand.

MIDLAND has 60 years of experience in radio communications, is also the leading manufacturer of CB radios, and is a technology leader in intercom systems for motorcycles. The ultra-compact devices offer a variety of comfort functions and motorcyclists secure communication with a range of up to 1,600 metres.

This is the fifth brand to be offered to German dealers by Bihr GmbH, in addition to Arai, BELL, RST and ANSWER.

"With MIDLAND, one of the most technically advanced manufacturers of



intercom devices, we are expanding our brand portfolio in Germany. We are delighted to be able to offer motorcyclists not only high-quality clothing and famous helmet brands, but also the opportunity to



communicate with each other and stay in touch," says Christophe Piron, CEO of Bihr.

"Our new German subsidiary now offers a very broad, high-quality range of products so that German dealers can offer their customers a quality line-up backed by unmatched service and support".

This news for Germany follows Bihr's announcement that it has now added Switzerland to the line-up of countries in which it sells Bell Helmets - now 14 countries in total including Germany, France and Spain.

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Under Shield - with Carbon Energised Fibre and Dryarn

Italian apparel specialist Moto One has introduced a new Italian made riding and outdoor sports technical underwear



brand called Under Shield. Described as a "technically advanced athletic clothing line", Under Shield is said to feature "an exclusive new fabric by combining Carbon Energized Fibre (C.E.F.) with Dryarn". The resulting yarn produces a fabric that is "breathable, comfortable and helps to regulate body temperature - a high quality technical material. "Combined with a continuous, conductive filament of C.E.F., the fabric fibres react to human thermodynamics to improve performance in any sports discipline. Dryarn is a material that is more breathable than polyester, more insulating than wool, and lighter than any other fibre - a garment in Dryarn weighs 32% less than the same garment in wool and 34% less than in polyester. During moderate intensity training sessions, Dryarn draws perspiration outward, helping balance the body's thermo-



regulation system and keeping skin dry." C.E.F. was first seen in selected Moto One riding apparel in 2019. The C.E.F. also wicks perspiration away from the body, working in combination with the polypropylene Dryarn. The 'secret recipe' of the Carbon Energized Technology in C.E.F. lies in how its molecules react to heat. When the body temperatures rises, the molecules in the material

expand, encouraging breathability and wicking moisture away. When the body cools again, the molecules in the base of the material close again, trapping a thin layer of air between the skin and the fabric.

The range being offered by Moto One includes vests, short and long sleeve tops, outer layers, 3/4 and full length pants, long and short socks (non and compressive), and a wide range of accessories from balaclavas to tube neck warmers.

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Polaris CEO Scott Wine is quoted as saying that the Administration's proposed 25% tariff on imported Chinese componentry would be "downright catastrophic in terms of its impact on the company and employees," claiming that they could cost the company a third of its net income. Meanwhile, at time of press, it was still unclear whether or not the EU plan for a massive retaliatory tariff attack on U.S. made motorcycle component exports to Europe was still on the cards or not.

Harley says that it made history in May with the 5 millionth motorcycle rolling off its York, PA. assembly line. Having initially been a U.S. Navy WWII anti-aircraft gun factory, Harley moved Ironhead Sportster and Shovelhead FL model production there in 1973.

Triumph's UK and Ireland Sales Manager Bruno Tagliaferri retired at the end of August after 29 years with the company and after 44 years in the motorcycle industry, including time with Honda. Tagliaferri was one of the first to join the reborn Triumph in 1990.



The 36th edition of the popular Motor Beurs, Utrecht, will take place from February 20 to 23rd, 2020. Regularly attracting over 100,000 visitors - making it the largest motorcycle show in the Netherlands.

EICMA will see a European debut for Yamaha's 2020 YZF-R1 and YZF-R1M Supersport flagship models with further advanced and enhanced track performance. Both models are powered by liquid-cooled, 4-stroke, 4-valve, in-line 4-cylinder 998 cm³ engines featuring a crossplane crankshaft. Launch of the YZF-R1 and the YZF-R1M in Japan is planned for the fall of 2020. Based on the "Full Control Evolution for the Master of the Racetrack" concept, both the YZF-R1 and the YZF-R1M were developed "with the aim of providing performance to dominate circuit racing via its high-level control of abundant surging power".

25 years of OptiMate



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It was 25 years ago that TecMate introduced its first OptiMate battery charger, diagnostics and maintenance tool as a response to the more powerful and compact AGM (absorbed glass mat - a sealed valve regulating lead-acid battery) that were being introduced into the powersport industry in the late 80s, early 90s. AGM batteries are still lead-acid batteries, but with a difference, the acid is absorbed into mats (i.e. sponges) which effectively made it a 'dry' battery that could be turned upside down - no more acid spillage, the bane of the biker at the time. Unfortunately, AGM technology also proved to be more difficult to recharge, and, especially, to recover it from a low voltage/sulphated state. Motorcycle OEMs wanted a charger for their riders, of course, mainly to ensure that battery outlasted its warranty, but TecMate took it a few steps further, making those batteries last much longer than intended, some even up to 10 years!

The result? Millions of happy AGM batteries that "have lived longer and performed stronger thanks to OptiMate's unique charging algorithm - one designed for AGM, but that works equally well on any type of lead-acid battery," says CEO and CTO Martin Human.

Then, 10 years ago, TecMate saw the emergence of Lithium starter batteries as a growing trend that could become mainstream rather than (at the time) something a few racers or custom bike builders used to save weight and space.

A range of OptiMate Lithium battery chargers were developed along the same lines as their AGM counterparts, all able to safely recover batteries from a low voltage state and then test to confirm the battery is OK. OptiMate's Lithium standard range of battery chargers are now recommended globally by Honda, Yamaha and Kawasaki and are the 'go to' chargers for a number of global Lithium battery manufacturers.

A reliable, high-performance battery charger, TecMate's stable multistep reselling strategy and its engineering group's design acumen have become the basis of a successful co-branding and OEM programme that continues to gain partners.

OptiMate 3 is the most co-branded battery saving charger, and powersport partners include Honda, Triumph, ES Energy Safe Batteries, Moose Utility Products and Drag Specialties. The OptiMate 1 DUO, the 'no brainer battery maintainer' for any type of battery (lead-acid or Lithium), has gained even more co-brand partners including KTM, Husqvarna and Honda now all using co-branded OptiMate Lithium battery chargers.

Martin Human says: "Part of OptiMate's success is due to this simple fact - no one cares about a battery until it's dead. Then the battery owner needs help, but 99.9% of people are not battery experts.

"OptiMate battery chargers are fully automatic with all the necessary battery intelligence built in - simply connect and OptiMate does the thinking for you. OptiMate has been trusted by the powersports industry since 1994," says Martin.

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MC Massan - Gothenburg

In its biennial frequency of moving between the Swedish capital Stockholm and Gothenburg in Southern Sweden, 2020 is a "head west" year for MC Massan, Sweden's annual motorcycle expo. The show will be open from Friday January 24th to Sunday 26th at the Swedish Exhibition Center, Gothenburg. The show hosts a broad-based powersports industry footprint with the inclusion of ATV/Quads,

snowmobiles and Personal Watercraft (PWCs) in addition to motorcycles, trikes, scooters and mopeds.

The last time the show was at Gothenburg in 2018, it attracted over 50,000 visitors, and with motorcycle registrations growing again in Sweden (+12.12% for the first six months of 2019), after a

MC MÄSSAN 2020

disappointing 2018 and reports of a good year for Sweden's important MX and off-road market, the organisers will be optimistic of at least the same level of attendance at Gothenburg again next year.
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ICON autumn 2019 catalogue - new VARIANT PRO helmet

Available through Wasserliesch/Trier, Germany based Parts Europe, the highlights from the new autumn 2019 ICON helmets, gear and apparel collection include a new VARIANT PRO helmet that became available in September.

ICON launches a new collection twice a year, and the company says that the new ICON VARIANT PRO helmet is in response to dealer demand. Designed at the ICON HQ at Portland, Oregon, it "is truly one of a kind with a wind

tunnel tested modern shape, handcrafted composite shell, intermediate oval head form and refined anti-lift visor, low profile vents, quick-change fog-free shield, five-piece modular liner with moisture wicking Hydradry, integrated chin EPS air channels to reduce shield fogging and removable chin curtain.

"There is also a newly designed Airframe Pro called LUCKYLID 3, four new designs for the Airflite fresh up the line with graphics PLEASUREDOME 3, TRUMBULL, UNCLE DAVE and FREEDOM SPITTER, and two new graphics for the Airmada line called TL and LEGION.

"The new TARMAC2 redefines riding jackets with waterproof, breathable and comfortable 4-way stretch HYCOR material.

"For 'dragon-fighters' ICON created



the OVERLORD SB2 SERPECANT jacket, which comes with an inner liner and some flex zones. The MALICE hoody is the perfect addition to the STRYKER vest or club cut - constructed of a soft fleece chassis with ripstop nylon overlays.

"ICON has always created fantastic

gear especially for ladies. The new OVERLORD SB2 MANDALA jacket will be a must-have for female riders. It comes with pre-curved arms and integrated flex zones for more comfort and a quilted liner for warmth.

"The ICON 1000 is the retro-oriented line with modern technology inside. The new BRIGAND jacket is constructed of a durable Cordura denim chassis. The chest pockets have a magnetic closure and laser perforation to keep the air flowing on hot days. Internally the BRIGAND features a flannel liner for warmth. Additionally, the jacket includes a removable, waterproof liner".

All ICON jackets are equipped with a complete set of D3O protectors at the elbows, shoulders and back.

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A man with a beard stands in a field of tall grass, holding a white, blue, and red motorcycle helmet. In the background, a blue and red motorcycle is parked. The Nordcode 2020 Collection logo is prominently displayed in the upper right corner. The Nordcode logo is a red stylized 'W' shape. The Nordcode brand name is written in a bold, sans-serif font below the logo. The Nordcode website address, 57022 Thessaloniki - Greece, and the Nordcode email address, info@motomarket.gr, are listed at the bottom right. The Nordcode phone number, T. +30 2310 795 615, is also included.

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Norton Motorcycles' founder Stuart Garner has appointed "prominent law firm and corporate adviser Fieldfisher to sound out potential investors". It is said that Garner is looking for GBP £5m to buy parts to fulfil a £26m order book. Previously Norton has relied on Garner's own financial resources. BDN reports that the company's most recent annual accounts to March 2018 show a 20% revenue increase to £6.7m, turning a loss of £201,842 in the preceding year into a £33,701 pre-tax profit.

Moto Guzzi says that their 2019 Mandello factory 'Open House' drew 30,000 visitors from all over Europe over three days in September. "The three days were filled with love for bikes, friendship, music, travel, adventure and lots of test rides". Over 20,000 'Guzzisti' were there on the Saturday, a record, to see the arrival of the "Road to Mandello" convoy, "consisting of more than two hundred riders who had left from Milan to reach the legendary red gates on Via Parodi, the symbol of Moto Guzzi".

The popular Moto Bike Expo (MBE) takes place again in Italy from



January 16th - 19th. This will be the 11th year it has been staged at Verona following its acrimonious split from Padua. A combination custom and 'mainstream' show, MBE has the backing of most of the major OEs, including Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Ducati, BMW, Triumph, Royal Enfield, H-D and Indian Motorcycle.

Sources AMD, IDN, FT, Reuters, PSB, MPN, B&B, BDN, MCN, AP, Bloomberg, MNW

Ferodo and Champion scoop Enduro World Championship successes



Ferodo will be celebrating another year of race success at EICMA this year, with Brad Freeman (Costa Ligure Boano Team) having won the Enduro GP and Enduro 1 World Championships (and the Italian Championship) using technical partner Ferodo's brake pads and sister company Champion's spark plugs and oil filters. With Matteo Pavoni taking second place in the youth series and first place in the Italian 125 cc Youth championship, Deny Philippaerts crowned Italian Champion 300 cc, and Beta Boano scooping the Enduro GP and Enduro 1 Manufacturer's Team World Championship, it was a pretty impressive year for the Ferodo backed racers.

A superbly well organised and well attended final round at the end of season French Enduro GP, with good crowds and competitive racing throughout the series, and with the backing of performance parts manufacturers such as Ferodo and Champion, the future is looking bright again for the Enduro class.

It has also been a busy year for Ferodo off the track, with more than 500 brake pad applications updated for 2019 models. The Ferodo brand objective is to deliver a "Balanced Braking Performance" – a four-stage concept that calibrates the initial bite, the resulting deceleration, the modulation (feel and control) that the rider

has going into a corner under braking, and the point at which the brake can be released after the apex of a corner.

"A track-derived concept that is just as valid when testing a street bike pad," says International Sales Manager John Davies. "Our requirements for a high-performance friction material are based on a braking cycle with three main phases - the bite, the deceleration and the feel - the objective always being to allow the rider to achieve consistent braking and feel regardless of the operating conditions."

The result is a 'Good', 'Better' and 'Best' programme, with distributors and their dealers able to select from an organic 'Carbon Grip' compound line for motorcycles and scooters (carbon steel composites manufactured using a unique, proprietary process) and an OE replacement 'Sinter Grip' powder metallurgy based line

(pressed metal powders are fused together at extreme temperatures). At the top of the range are the company's race-proven, race-only 'Ceramic Grip' compounds – "pads that place a premium on maximum possible caliper temperature reduction and class-leading modulation for the kind of feel and control that can make all the difference on the racetrack".

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Halvarssons and Lindstrands apparel brands bought by Duell Bike-Center Group

Swedish specialist Jofama has sold its Halvarssons and Lindstrands apparel brands to Finland's Duell Bike-Center Group. Comprising "high-quality apparel specifically designed for riding snowmobiles and motorbikes", the Halvarssons and Lindstrands brands will be under Finnish ownership as of 1st December 2019.

The asset deal between Duell and Jofama not only includes transfer of brand ownership, but also the product development, sales staff and current product stock.

The Halvarssons and Lindstrands brands have been designing "versatile riding apparel for motorbike riding: jackets, trousers, underwear, footwear, bags and gloves" for 70 years. The product philosophy is based on "high-quality craftsmanship" and has earned the brands clients such as the police forces of Sweden, the United Kingdom and the Czech Republic, who have all used Halvarssons riding apparel for a number of years.

The riding apparel of both brands is CE certified, "which means that the clothing conforms with the EU's highest safety categories for riding equipment". Halvarssons designs and manufactures "traditional, extremely durable and safe motorbike apparel for the Scandinavian climate. Over the past few years, Halvarssons has expanded its range to include trendy riding apparel and accessories for snowmobiling.

"Lindstrands started manufacturing motorbike footwear back in the 1950s, and today produces riding apparel for people who want to stand out from the crowd and enjoy a life of adventure. With its broad product range and modern features, Lindstrands products have become particularly popular among enduro and adventure rider enthusiasts."

Jarkko Ämmälä, CEO of Duell Bike-Center Group, said: "We are very proud to incorporate into our family these legendary Swedish brands that are renowned for their high quality.

From now on, Duell faces the familiar



Halvarssons

business from a slightly different perspective, as we will also be operating on the market as a manufacturer of apparel for motorcycle and snowmobile riders under our brands Halvarssons and Lindstrands. We will also be continuing the path shown by Jofama in seeking new growth and popularity for these brands in the future."

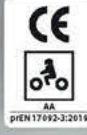
Duell Bike-Center Group is an import company established in 1983 in Mustasaari, Finland, with imported products sold in Finland, Sweden, Norway, the United Kingdom, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania through their dealer network.

The import range of Duell includes clothing, equipment and spare parts for motorbikes, mopeds, ATVs, in addition to boating supplies. Duell says it is the market leader of powersports products in Finland, Scandinavia and the Baltic nations and represents leading brands such as Oakley, Scott, Alpinestars, HJC and Schuberth riding apparel, Pirelli, Metzeler and Dunlop tyres, and Fox and Brembo technical products.

The group employs a total of 90 people in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Estonia, and the consolidated turnover for 2019 is expected to reach 55 million euro. Duell has logistics centres in Mustasaari in Finland and Tranås in Sweden.

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BMW is applying for a patent on technology that will lock the bike's transmission to make it impossible for a thief to wheel the bike away - technology that "will be far more robust and hard to defeat than its current equivalent, the steering lock".

MIPS, the Swedish brain safety technology company that has been leading the way in helmet and brain safety with over 20 years of research, has announced that founders Peter Halldin, Hans von Holst and Svein Kleiven have been awarded the 2019 Swedish Engineers Polhem Prize. The MIPS-patented Brain Protection System (BPS) is designed to reduce rotational motion transferred to the brain from angled impacts to the head.



Honda is celebrating the 40th anniversary of manufacturing in America at Marysville, OH., where production of the Elsinore CR 250 motorcycle started in 1979 with a staff of 64.



Honda was the first Japanese automaker to build products in the U.S., and automobile production followed in November 1982. Honda now has five U.S. auto plants, and in 2018 with 12 major plants in the U.S. in total employing some 25,000 people and representing an investment of over \$11 billion in Ohio and over \$21 billion in the U.S.A. in total.

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Technomousse - "It's all about the materials"



Noted for its innovative, high-tech products and Anti Puncture System (APS), leading Italian off-road tyre mousse manufacturer Technomousse has unveiled a refreshed corporate identity, including new website and logo.

After the recent launch of the "Black Mamba" series, specifically designed for the bike and e-bike markets, the Brescia-based company's new look is designed to "fit perfectly with the technical characteristics of our products and with the style, dynamic, energy and adrenaline of the off-road two-wheeler world. The new corporate image brings the emotional and technical aspects of Technomousse's products to the fore, thanks to a language of images, graphics and new content".

Marco Boletti, Sales Director, went on to say that "the rebranding of Technomousse comes at a time that is very important to us. Over the past few months, we have worked hard on several fronts with the aim of developing even better performing products in a way that maintains the trust of our historical partners and

brings us important new national and international customers."

The Technomousse Anti Puncture System (APS) is "ideal for long-distance journeys," says Marco. "It is made with a special compound that is capable of developing a higher virtual pressure than the standard that is usually used in mousses, which makes it perfect for rally and cross-country motorcycles."

APS is a new generation of mousses that uses a special type of closed-cell foam that has a high level of wear and deterioration resistance to the effects of weather and high temperatures. The material has a low-density composition, which is said to allow it to be three times lighter than any similar competitor's compound and to still maintain all its physical and mechanical properties.

The result is said to be "revolutionary mouldable plastic that is light, ductile, flexible and soft to the touch". Technomousse says that it does not cut, does not crumble, has no expiration date and is 100% Made in Italy and available for 90/90/21 front and 140/80/18 rear tyres.

"Thanks to its high elasticity it adapts to any type of tyre, 100% filling the casing. The mousse reaches the highest levels of elasticity after only a few minutes of use, while at rest it resumes its initial hardness".

Marco says that over the years the company has tested many different formulations of the material and made a huge investment in materials and testing to develop an application-specific suite of R&D techniques and processes for the four key motorcycle market sectors it sells to - Enduro, Motocross, Sand and Minicross. "The result is a specific compound with a precise degree of softness for each discipline, ensuring optimal pressures, high performance and complete protection. For us it is all about the materials," Marco concluded.

Technomousse is a brand of Gnali Ettore di Gnali Amelio Srl - a company with 60 years of experience, specialist skill sets and materials development for the moulding of plastic materials and an official sponsor of the Enduro GP and SuperEnduro World Championship series. The complete range of Technomousse products will be on display at EICMA.

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G.P.R. INOX M3 slip-ons

Italian exhaust system manufacturer G.P.R. Italia, one of the market's oldest exhaust manufacturers, has already had a big year with the debut of what it said at the time is one of its most important new products of recent years - the homologated 'Sonic Revolution'.

Well known for the race success that informs its product R&D, the Milan based specialist launched M3 Titanium slip-ons to celebrate its 2017 and 2018 Moto3 World Championships as a result of sales feedback from their distributors and dealers. Now it has launched the new INOX (stainless steel) versions of the M3 Titanium. The INOX is available in a homologated version with removable baffle for most of the best-selling recent new sport and naked bikes, the more competitive price will give street bike riders of bikes such as the Z800, Hornet 600, ER 6 and MT-09 access to



the same race pedigree that goes into every G.P.R. exhaust system product. Also seen here is a Euro 4 homologated extension to the G.P.R. Dual Carbon Enduro programme for models such as the R1250 GS and CRF 1000 L (Africa Twin). This INOX stainless steel version includes link

pipes and removable baffle, again offers a lower cost option, but with all the durability, corrosion and heat resistance properties that INOX offers. INOX has a minimum of 11% chromium and a maximum of 1.2% carbon content by mass.

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M3 Inox



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NEWS BRIEFS

Backed by JAMA, the Japanese automotive and motorcycle industry trade association, the 46th Tokyo Motor Show is being held at the Tokyo Big Sight and Odaiba Area, 24th October to 4th November 2019. All four of the Japanese motorcycle manufacturers are participating.

A UK based start-up spun out of the University of Cambridge claims a breakthrough in electric car battery chemistry that can charge in six minutes and that it can commercialise the new battery as soon as 2020. Echion Technologies says it has created a new powder that replaces graphite inside Li-ion battery cells and impressively improves recharge capacity. "The powders are the central component of a lithium battery. This is a new kind of powder". The start-up claims to have a validated prototype and that its new material can easily be incorporated into existing production.

A 1260 Pikes Peak became the 100,000th Multistrada built by Ducati in September - 16 years after the first Multistrada rolled off the assembly line. The buyer was Dave Hayward, a German 'Ducatista' who had ordered his Multistrada from the Düsseldorf dealership - it was presented to him by Ducati CEO Claudio Domenicali in person.

POLARIS
Think Outside

Polaris has revealed a "new corporate brand platform that represents its remarkable 65-year evolution to a global market leader with more than 30 brands. 'Think Outside' - the evolved Polaris brand position - articulates the company's corporate brand in a way that supports its vision, defines its pioneering spirit, sets it in the marketplace and expresses the value offered through its expansive products and services".

Piaggio says it has signed an agreement with the Italian Revenue Agency to access the tax relief regime provisions introduced by the Italian 'Patent Box' scheme - a tax relief regime on income generated, directly and indirectly, from the use of trademarks that are already registered or with registration pending. The scheme has a duration of five business years; Piaggio estimates a 2015-2018 tax benefit of approximately €6m.

Race Products revival

Race Products, one of the UK's longest established motorcycle race bodywork producers, has been given a new lease of life by Skidmarx.

Founded in the 1970s, Race Products specialise in GRP

(fibreglass), supplying club racers, track day enthusiasts and even world championship-winning teams with race bodywork - including fairings, seat units and mudguards. The company's future is now

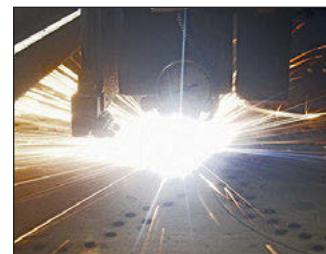
secure, following a buy-out by Skidmarx, who have moved production to its factory in Weymouth, UK.

"We're already well known in the paddock for our race screens," says Skidmarx Director Matthew Dench (pictured left). "Adding bodywork to our range makes perfect sense, because now we can offer customers a complete service and we have complete control over quality, start to finish."

Co-Director Ian Merrill (pictured right) adds: "Our priority is to get production of current lines up and running. As we move into next year, we'll be looking to start work developing bodywork for popular late-model production models." The current range covers most popular track bikes, from the Aprilia RS125 to the Yamaha R1. www.race-products.co.uk



Innovation is the tradition for Newfren



This has been a big year for Italian brakes and clutch specialist Newfren. A stream of application updates for their wide ranging brake pads programme has been followed by new Pro Race QC clutch plate development applications; high performance fixed brake, solid and steel hub floating discs laser-cut in AISI420 steel for off-road and street; hardened and coated AISI420 steel vintage application discs with Ergal 7075 T6 machined from solid hub; plus urban-friendly Pro Race brake shoes.

The first production began in the early 1960s, but founder Alessandro Barbero started the business in the 1950s and quickly established a reputation for innovation - developing gravity and high-pressure die casting and brake shoes without rivets among other firsts.

Indeed, innovation is still the focus with present CEO Valter Barbero continuing to invest heavily in



manufacturing technology, materials science and R&D at the company's UNI EN ISO 9001-2015 process certified 65,000 sq ft facility/100,000 sq ft site near Turin.

Newfren's internal R&D team is led by a race experienced mechanical engineers and includes specialised

technicians and skills-rich teams and riders who are at their disposal for testing.

Barbero says that "for example, take our Pro Race QC clutches - they were only allowed to go to market after more than two years of testing by the most renowned motocross riders and once they had confirmed them to be the best they had used, especially for grabbing the Holeshot."

Among the accolades, Alberto Forato of Maddii Racing team said "I will never start without the Newfren clutch," his race team partner Mattia Guadagnini won the Italian MX championship with the Newfren Pro Race QC clutch, and many Moto3 riders such as the Angel Nieto CIV-CEV team riders use the Newfren 'HP' special steel clutch discs that were developed specifically for the demands of the Moto3 championship, Newfren having been the clutch plate technical partner for Moto3 ever since the series

made its debut.

"It isn't only race requirements and market forces that drive R&D," says Barbero, "there are also the technical regulations in terms of materials used, how they are used and the environmental impact they have are important drivers of R&D for any friction material manufacturer in the 21st century.

"I am proud to say that Newfren is now working to obtain the new European products homologation (R90) in order to be always up to date, much as our products were TÜV ABE homologated from the 2000s. The newest material certifications - REACH regulation, PROP65 and CEPA, are also topics on the table for us at Newfren."

www.newfren.com

Eleveit - Internal Protection Technology



The technology and feature-rich Eleveit apparel programme is the brainchild of a Treviso, Italy, manufacturer with over 30 years of experience in the boot and technical workshoe business with "Italian authenticity" engineered into every product.

The range includes race, touring, urban and café racer style boots and gloves, one-piece race suits and textile and leather jackets with removable CE certified protectors.

Seen here, the top-of-the-line RC Pro boot features Eleveit's proprietary Internal Protection Technology (IPT) - a new ankle

protection system that is said to offer "an excellent balance between flexibility and protection".

"While not hampering the normal movements of the joint, it limits ankle movement at certain pre-defined points to prevent twisting beyond its natural limits. The IPT has an injected polyurethane structure with two flexure points and programmed restraint points. The excursion of the restraint points is pre-set to mechanically control lateral and longitudinal torsion of the ankle within its physical limits, preventing excessive torsion and therefore

protecting the joints from possible injuries.

"The structure is sewn both to the upper and lower part of the upper and connected to the heel to guarantee excellent hold for the leg in the event of a fall. The IPT has an ergonomic form that is less bulky and gives the freedom of movement needed for riding while guaranteeing maximum protection".

The upper is in durable, lightweight microfibre with a breathable 3D soft touch mesh lining for superior comfort and internally there is an ergonomically designed polyurethane heel counter. The Rear Closure System (R.C.S.) has a stretch panel for a close fit and ease of entrance and removal. "The combination of a shin plate and micro-adjustable ratchet top closure gives safe and precise calf protection and



fit with rear zip made from TPU to reduce friction, offering an increased level of comfort and ensuring that the upper wraps around the foot, providing maximum fit, precision and sensitivity while riding". There is also an Eleveit designed lightweight, double compound and double colour rubber sole with a specific grip area.

www.eleveit.it



Yamaha Motor Europe - Amsterdam Collection Hall

Described as intended to "preserve the company's heritage in Europe",

Yamaha Motor Europe has launched its Yamaha Motor Collection Hall in Amsterdam. The collection marks Yamaha Motor Europe's efforts to "preserve both the racing and production history of the brand, containing a broad spectrum of significant machines from 1961 to the present day".

Alongside the historic consumer products are an impressive selection of fabled racing machines, whose histories are littered with success, from the early days of Dakar to the tarmac tracks of the Grand Prix Championship.

Stephan Peterhansel's 1991 Dakar winning Yamaha YZE750 can be seen alongside the 2009 World Superbike Championship dominating YZF-R1 that Ben Spies took to victory in his maiden year on the world stage. Motocross fans can enjoy many legendary race machines, including Stefan Everts' 2006 MX World Championship winning Yamaha YZ450F, and an evolution of that machine that kept up the victory achievements, Adrien Van Beveren's 2015 l'Enduropale du Touquet winning YZ450F.

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Collection also provides a unique insight into Yamaha's development past, with the 2007 MT-03 concept on display, along with icons from the past, including the 1961 Yamaha MF1, 1969 YL1 and the 1968 YAS1. Add in the 1986 XJ650 Turbo amongst many others, and the collection is truly a feast for a two-wheel enthusiast.

Eric de Seynes, President Yamaha Motor Europe N.V., said: "The Yamaha Motor Europe Collection Hall is dedicated to the memory of our past in racing, and to the memory of what has revved the heart of our customers. A "home" for our iconic models, it has two missions - to inspire our engineers and designers in creating future models, and to support the credibility and the emotional value of our innovation."

The Yamaha Motor Europe Collection Hall is not open to the general public. The collection units will be travelling around Europe and can be viewed at various shows and events organised by the national Yamaha Motor distributor.



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Turin, Italy based Tacita Motorcycles is the latest E-bike manufacturer to cast covetous eyes on the domestic US market, having established Tacita USA Corp. in Miami, Florida, headed up by CEO Axel Heilenkötter. Tacita says it has been building electric motorcycles since 2011 and plans to offer two model ranges - the T-Race off-road and Enduro E-bikes, and three power/price point cruiser style models (T-Cruise) that are clearly aimed at Harley's LiveWire. Whereas most electric motorcycles have a 'Twist & Go' throttle, the T-Cruise will apparently have a more conventional gear shift transmission.



British "luxury" helmet manufacturer Hedon is to supply BMW with classic and custom-inspired helmets. The London-based company is known for its eclectic mix of retro-styled open and full-face lids. Despite that retro aesthetic, Hedon says its helmets are made with modern materials and features, including fibreglass/carbon fibre shells, anti-bacterial fabrics and multi-channel ventilation systems.

Known as the largest annual spring motorcycle show in Germany, Motorräder Dortmund is being staged at its usual Congress Centre Westfalenhallen venue, from March 5th to 8th, 2020. The show regularly features over 500 exhibitors and is known to attract up to 100,000 visitors in one of the primary riding markets in Germany.

Sources: AMD, IDN, FT, Reuters, PSB, MPN, B&B, BDN, MCN, AP, Bloomberg, MNW

KTM Industries AG to be renamed PIERER Mobility AG

KTM Industries AG Group has announced a corporate Group level name-change in order to recognise the increasing importance to its balance sheet of its "emerging brands" - especially considering the developments in the e-mobility sector - and to future-proof its reporting and corporate strategic planning. As Europe's "leading manufacturer" of "powered two-wheelers", producing in series all drive technologies from combustion engines to electric motors, upcoming brands such as "Husqvarna Motorcycles", "Husqvarna Bicycles", "Raymon" and the component brand "WP" will now appear alongside the core brand "KTM" under the PIERER Mobility AG umbrella.

The Group continued its growth in the first half of 2019, registering Group revenue of EUR 754.9 million. This corresponds to growth of +4.2% (excluding the Pankl-Group)

compared with the same period during the previous year and lies at the upper end of the company's expectations. With a total of 135,711 motorcycles sold in the first half of the year (+7% compared to the previous year - 115,318 KTM motorcycles and 20,393 Husqvarna motorcycles) "the Group strengthened its position as Europe's largest motorcycle manufacturer. At EUR 46.6 million, earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) in the first half of 2019 were significantly over budget.

During the first six months of the current financial year KTM Industries Group ("KTM") outperformed the overall market (+2.7%) in its key motorcycle markets (> 120cc), with its KTM and Husqvarna Motorcycles brands, with an increase in registrations of +5.2%.

"In the most important future market for KTM, India, KTM registrations in the first half of the year increased by

over 35% in comparison with the previous year. Its market share rose from around 4.3% to around 6.8% with 32,539 (+7,672) KTM bikes already sold in India and Indonesia via our strategic partner Bajaj.

In July 2019, KTM AG increased its equity holding in Motorcycle Distributors Australia Pty Ltd from 26% to 100%. The sales subsidiaries in Australia and New Zealand therefore becoming wholly owned subsidiaries of the KTM Group.

"With over 10,000 KTM and Husqvarna motorcycles sold, the Australian and New Zealand business has developed into the world's third largest market, meaning that Motorcycle Distributors Australia Pty Ltd is KTM AG's third largest subsidiary".

In June 2019, KTM Industries AG and Bajaj Auto Ltd. decided to launch a series of development projects for PTW electric vehicles in the performance range of between 3 and 10 kW (48 V) at KTM AG level. The platform will support various product variants - powered two-wheelers and electric bicycles - under the brands of both partners.

"Series production will begin by 2022 at Bajaj's production location in Pune, India. This will represent a further significant step in strengthening the cooperation with Bajaj. The Bajaj Group has also further strengthened its commitment to the KTM Industries-Group and the board of Bajaj Auto has approved to acquire 1% of the shares in KTM Industries



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Husqvarna Factory Racing extends partnership with Twin Air

Husqvarna Factory Racing has announced the extension of its partnership with noted Dutch dirt bike filter manufacturer Twin Air. The agreement will see the majority of Rockstar Energy Husqvarna teams benefit from Twin Air high-performance air filters through to the end of the 2022 season.

Founded in 1972, Twin Air was the first company to introduce the washable and reusable dual-foam laminated air filter. "Since then, the firm has been at the very forefront of off-road racing technology for almost 50 years. Continuing to evolve alongside advances in motorcycle design, Twin Air remains leader in the field of air filter

innovation and quality". The extension of this technical partnership with Husqvarna Motorcycles will see the majority of Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing teams in the US together with worldwide motocross, enduro and rally racing activities use Twin Air products to further enhance the performance of their racing machines.

Diego Clement, Motorsport Manager at Husqvarna Motorcycles, said: "We are excited to continue our working relationship with the Twin Air company. With their iconic name and history of innovation and success, Twin Air is among some of the most important names in off-road motorcycle racing. "You only have to look at the results of the Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Racing team to understand the importance of quality partnerships, and we believe Twin Air has been a positive factor in that success. We are pleased to



continue our partnership with Twin Air and look forward to many more successful seasons together."

Pieter Does, Twin Air General Manager, said: "It is our honour to continue our long-term partnership and cooperation with Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing for three more years. Our commitment is to provide the latest air filtration and performance products to all of the team's off-road racing activities. From World Championship MXGP racing to AMA Pro Motocross and SuperCross to AMA GNCC racing, the World Enduro Super Series and rally racing, Rockstar Energy Husqvarna Factory Racing bikes will rely on the legendary quality and performance of Twin Air products."

www.twinair.com



Suzuki fiscals Q1

Suzuki has announced decreased net sales and income due to the impact of a decrease in Japanese production arising from the restructuring of its final inspection procedures and a slowdown in the Indian automobile market.

Consolidated net sales for Q1 of Suzuki's financial year to March 2020 (April to June 2019) decreased by 80.0bn yen (-8.1%) to 907.5bn yen compared to

2018 Q1; operating income decreased by 53.8bn yen (-46.2%) to 62.7bn yen; ordinary income decreased by 60.7bn yen (-45.6%) to 72.4bn yen.

In the company's motorcycle business, net sales increased by 1.3bn yen (+2.0%) to 65.6bn yen year-on-year mainly due to increased sales in India and the Philippines. Operating income increased by 0.2bn yen (+7.5%) to 2.3bn yen year-on-year.



In its automobile business, net sales decreased by 83.5bn yen (-9.3%) to 817.1bn yen year-on-year; in the marine business, etc., net sales increased by 2.2bn yen (-9.9%) to 24.8bn yen. With regard to operating results by geographic region, Asia and Japan saw a decrease in net sales and income. Suzuki has kept its consolidated

operating results forecasts unchanged as it says the outlook is "unclear", so it is still forecasting total net corporate sales for the year of 3,900.0bn yen (up +0.7% year-on-year), with operating income of 330.0bn yen (up +1.7% year-on-year) and ordinary income of 340.0bn yen (down -10.4% year-on-year).

Swiss-Moto 2020 Zurich February 20 - 23

The 17th annual Swiss-Moto, Switzerland's largest motorcycle, scooter and tuning show, will take place in Zurich again in 2020 with "numerous industry leaders and new brands already having confirmed their participation", according to Messe Zurich.

Features next year will include a revival of the popular Streetbike Freestyle Show and a focus on the response to the motorcycle driving licence regulations for young people aged 16 and over in the new "SWISS-MOTO Youth" meeting point 2020.

In the wake of the Swiss Federal Council's decision to allow young people aged 16 and over to ride motorcycles and scooters with a displacement of 125 cm³ (maximum



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11 kW) by 2021, the organisers' new "SWISS-MOTO Youth" initiative will be a platform that appeals to young people between the ages of 14 and 17, with the show welcoming future riders with a mix of shows, news, gaming and the opportunity to experience first road tests. Organiser Yves Vollenweider sees a big opportunity in the change of the law:

"This adjustment opens up exciting opportunities for both the motorised two-wheeler industry in Switzerland and for Swiss-Moto as an expo. "For us, as an important sector engine with a digital reach of around 1.7 million people interested in public transport and a media coverage worth over 1.3 million Swiss francs, it is clear that we are now responding to and

promoting the many advantages that motorcycling has to offer. A target-group campaign is planned that uses humour and creativity to highlight the many advantages of riding a motorised two-wheeler at a young age, such as the unrivalled price/performance ratio compared to public transport and the independence that two-wheelers bring to their lifestyles.

"As an additional highlight, after a ten-year break, the organisers are reviving the crowd pulling Streetbike Freestyle Show. Action is provided by international stunt professionals with spectacular stunts, smoking burn-outs and daredevil manoeuvres on two or one bike".

www.swiss-moto.ch

MV Agusta secures five-year plan funding

MV Agusta has announced a five-year business plan and says it has secured the capital to support its execution and the "consolidation and growth of the company", entirely provided by the Sardarov family, MV Agusta's shareholder.

The business plan aims at reaching a sales volume of over 25,000 motorcycles in the five-year frame, along with investments in both a new premium and medium capacity range "which will enable the company to extend the availability of MV Agusta products to more customers. In the three-year period 2019-2021, the industrial plan also provides for a strong investment in the global distribution network focused primarily on Europe, Asia and the USA".

MV Agusta says it is starting production of the new "Hyper-naked" model, the

Brutale 1000 Serie Oro and the Superveloce 800 Serie Oro. Both models will be produced in only 300 units, "all of which have been sold out online in just a few days. They will be delivered to customers over the next months".

After becoming the new Chairman of the Board and CEO in December 2018, Timur Sardarov has put together a new top management structure and has brought Massimo Bordi and Paolo Bettin into MV Agusta's team. Bordi, a "renowned engineer and manager in the industry" has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice Chairman, with Paolo Bettin, "who has a strong record in the financial restructuring of several industrial companies", as the new CFO of MV Agusta, while Giovanni Castiglioni remains in an advisory role. Timur Sardarov commented: "Over the



next five years, MV Agusta's attention will be focused on developing the sales and service network, while investing in product development and maintaining its efforts in digitalisation and technological innovation. We are committed to deliver the best products and continue to be a benchmark in the motorcycle industry in quality, design and technology - finally MV Agusta has

all the tools to do so. "Together with the management, we are working diligently to execute the business plan and achieve our objectives, which will require an increase of personnel and dedication from all at every level of the company. This will also positively impact the local community in terms of employment and benefit related Varese-area industries."

LeoVince and the Marco Simoncelli Foundation

It may have been eight years already since Marco Simoncelli lost his life at the Malaysian GP in 2001, aged just 24, but his legacy is alive and well.

Founded by his father Paolo, the "Marco Simoncelli Foundation" is involved in humanitarian and social projects in memory of Sic. The "Marco Simoncelli Foundation" is the ultimate "give back", and Italian exhaust manufacturer LeoVince is a dedicated supporter.

With the Sic58 Squadra Corse Limited Edition exhaust, LeoVince has developed a limited series of 58 numbered copies of the LV-10 Titanium (named for Simoncelli's retired Honda Moto GP race number) based on the experience of LeoVince with the Sic58 Squadra Corse riders in the Moto3 World Championship. Available for the CBR 1000 RR Fireblade/SP/SP2 and CB 1000 R Neo Sports Café, LeoVince says

that "the entire proceeds from the sale of this Limited Edition will be donated to the

Foundation to help it further its philanthropic aims". leovince.com



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Honda fiscal Q1

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. says that its consolidated sales revenue for the fiscal first quarter (April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019) amounted to 3,996.2bn yen, a decrease of -0.7% compared to the same period last year, due primarily to a decrease in sales revenue in its automobile and motorcycle businesses as well as unfavourable foreign currency effects. Consolidated worldwide motorcycle sales were 3.264m units for the quarter, which was -0.351% on the year ago quarter (4.921m units on a group-wide unit basis, -0.431%). Consolidated operating profit for the fiscal first quarter amounted to 252.4bn yen, a decrease of -15.7% compared to the same period last year, due primarily to an increase in selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses. A decrease in profit related

to changes in sales volume and model mix resulting from a decrease in automobile unit sales in U.S. and a decrease in motorcycle and automobile unit sales due to the slowdown of the Indian market, as well as unfavourable foreign currency effects. This was despite cost reduction efforts.

Consolidated profit before income tax for the fiscal first quarter amounted to 289.8bn yen, a decrease of -19.1% compared to the same period last year. The previously announced forecast for consolidated sales revenue for the current fiscal year (April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020) was revised downward by 50.0bn yen to 15,650.0bn yen, mainly to reflect the downward revision of the forecast for automobile unit sales in India.

Despite the downward revision of the

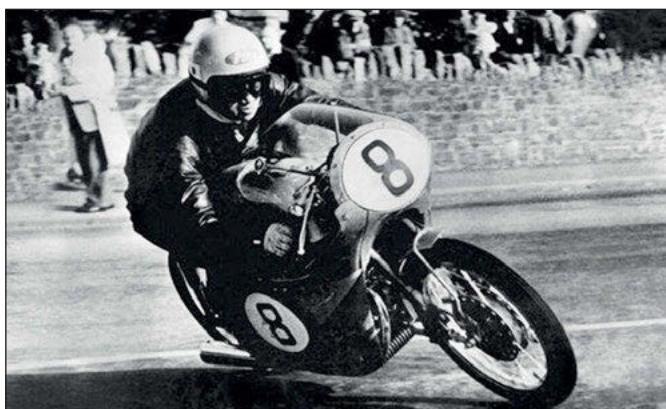


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forecast for automobile unit sales in light of uncertainties in emerging markets, the forecast for operating profit remains the same, 770.0bn yen, due to an increase in the forecast of motorcycle unit sales in some countries such as Vietnam and the further improvement in the business structure.

June this year saw Honda celebrating the 60th anniversary of its racing heritage at this year's Isle of Man TT. In 1954 company founder Soichiro Honda declared his intention that the

company should enter the legendary Isle of Man TT in the FIM 1 Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix (WGP), the premier class at the time.

For the next five years Honda developed their first racing machines, and on June 3, 1959 became the first Japanese motorcycle manufacturer to enter the Isle of Man TT with Junzo Suzuki, Naomi Taniguchi, Giichi Suzuki and Teisuke Tanaka riding their RC142 racing bikes in the 125 cc class. The rest, as they say, is history!

Puig celebrates 2019 WSBK win



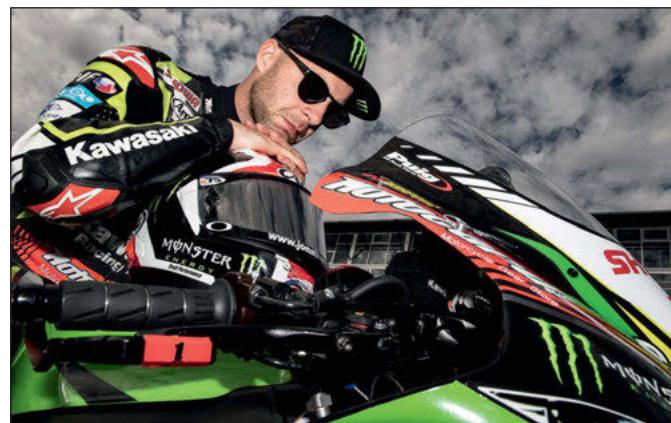
Spanish parts and accessory specialist Puig (Motoplastic) is celebrating more track success as a technical sponsor and the KRT team's WSBK win... "congratulations to Jonathan Rea!" The northern Irishman confirmed his 2019 and fifth successive championship with his win at Magny-Cours and "becomes the best rider in the history of the discipline - statistically the most successful World SBK rider in the history of the championship".

The Puig team says that "our congratulations go to Jonathan and the Kawasaki Racing

Team, of which we are a proud technical sponsor supplying our windscreens."

"From Puig we send our most sincere congratulations for a title of this magnitude and take the opportunity to congratulate Jonathan on his fifth successive championship title win - one that makes him the most successful Superbike rider in history, a title that, until now, was reserved for the legendary Carl Fogarty."

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BRP Electric Concepts



While Polaris Industries appears to be still sitting on its hands where electrification is concerned, its snow and off-road rival Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (BRP - the owner of Rotax Engines) has trailed six different electric concepts within its current product lines and beyond. Long rumoured to be eying the motorcycle and wider PTW (Powered Two-Wheel) markets, these concepts "give a glimpse of what the future could hold, among others, for both of its current product lines and for other potential segments," said Denys Lapointe, Senior Vice President, Design, Innovation and Creative Services.

"As a leader in the powersports

industry, BRP continues to push the limits of the industry by unlocking new ways to move people and to explore new territories, while still providing the fun and exhilarating experience that riders expect.

"BRP has been working for some time on how to create e-vehicles to bring new experiences to potential and existing riders. As we've said, it was never a question of "if", but "when". We are truly excited about electric and see it as a potential opportunity for our business.

"We continue to constantly innovate, and e-vehicles are no exception. Our talented team from around the world is working on new ideas and we're eager to hear the consumer's reaction. For the

moment, these are preliminary concepts as we are currently evaluating market viability."

These concepts follow a series of past ventures by BRP into electric propulsion, which included the introduction of its Neighborhood electric vehicle and its electric side-by-side vehicle, the development of a Can-Am Spyder electric prototype, and the commercialisation of its electric karts.

BRP says it has annual sales of CA\$5.2 billion from over 120 countries with a global workforce of 12,500 people. Additional BRP brands include Ski-Doo, Lynx, Sea-Doo, Evinrude, Manitou, Alumacraft and Telwater.

www.brp.com

Rainers track success and 'Misuri' jacket



Rainers Sports in Spain has had a great year on the track with its sponsored riders - not least with 17 year old Kawasaki racer Manu Gonzalez ("Manugas") who "trusts Rainers for his racing gear" and recently won the Supersport 300 World Championship at Magny-Cours, France, becoming the youngest rider in history to win this title. Recent new products added to



Off-Road spoke sets and brake discs "on the shelf and ready to ship"

Swedish off-road spokes and wheels specialist Cross-Center reports increasing sales right across its range of Swedish made wheel products, with particularly strong demand so far in 2019 of its off-road wheels.

The company has added spokes and wheels for many older and late-model bikes this year, including BMW GS models, KTM Adventure, SMC models and the Honda Africa Twin. "We have also made spokes for several military models that are used throughout Europe like the KTM LC4 03-05, Husqvarna model 258, Husqvarna model 256, and even the new Yamaha XTZ 700 that is used by some countries," says Cross-Center owner and founder Torbjörn 'Tobbe' Bergh.

"We have now passed the 550 mark in terms of different article numbers for spoke sets, with some of the latest additions including for the R1200GS, KTM 450 Rally, BMW G 650X

18 and 21" and the F 650GS 17", the Honda XRV 650 18x2, Bonneville T 120 17 and 18", NX 650 and YZ 100/125 21".

"There are just too many to list really, but the full range of applications is on our website," Tobbe told IDN.

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Swedish steel, and Tobbe says that all their spoke sets are "in stock and ready for fast delivery. We keep our inventory very high - most of what we make is on the shelf and ready to ship."

"We have also added a lot of new MX brake disc applications for older and the latest models of Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, Kawasaki, KTM and Husqvarna.

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it is the range that gets people's attention. From the newest models to the oldest - Vintage MX is over 50 percent of the sales here in Sweden, and our export orders suggest the same trend is happening around the world. The enthusiasm for vintage is massive."

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the Rainers Sports range include the 'Misuri' jacket, made in 600D Nylon with a waterproof membrane, removable thermal lining and an "especially soft neck".

Additional features include air ventilation at the forearms, waterproof zippers, reflective high visibility print on the back, adjustment straps at the arms and waist and outside TPU protectors at the elbows. It is available in black with yellow fluo or red details and made to CE certification EN 17092.

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Dakar inspired KTM slip-on

Italian performance exhaust specialist SC-Project has added to its race-derived exhaust options for all-terrain bikes (Adv) with this new 'Rally Raid' muffler for the KTM 790 Adventure - developed by the SC R&D department for extreme off-road use.



With inspiration taken from the gruelling and varied conditions encountered in the Dakar Rally, it is fully made in titanium, right down to the muffler downpipe socket and robust, highly resistant fixing clamp, resulting in the highest possible strength, lowest possible weight and best possible performance improvements.

Supplied with a Db Killer, the muffler comes with Euro-4 homologation and it is suitable for street-legal use.

SC-Project will unveil a full system line (100% titanium) with 'Rally Raid' silencer, for race use only, at EICMA.

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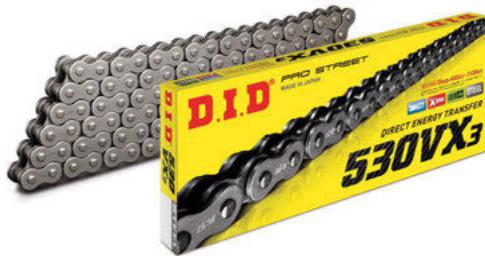
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D.I.D chain upgrades for improved wear resistance

Bologna, Italy based D.I.D Europe has announced new chains for the coming season, with the company's current D.I.D 525VX and 530VX to be upgraded to new D.I.D 525VX3 and 530VX3. The new chains are said to feature +8% higher tensile strength due to increased hardness of the inner plate and up to a +5% improvement in durability (chain life) thanks to increased X-ring retention and durability - greatly improved sealing performance results in higher wear resistance.

The upgraded chains will also fit a wider range of motorcycles, with the updated 525VX3 now having



a maximum application of up to 1000 cc (from 900 cc) and the 530VX3 up to 1100 cc (from 1000 cc). Additionally, the current D.I.D 520ERV3 G&G is also



being upgraded with the new 520ERV7 G&G, giving an up to +3% increase in tensile strength thanks to the increased hardness of the inner plates and thicker pins.

The increased X-ring retention and durability also delivering greatly improved sealing performance for up to +13% higher wear resistance; an improved seal ring means reduced friction resulting in minimised power loss.

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G.Stelvio touring boot

The G.Stelvio is a new short sports touring boot from Italian footwear specialist Gaerne.

It incorporates a Drytech waterproof membrane and lightweight microfibre on front and rear for more flexibility and comfort. Other features include ankle protectors, reflex inserts and a new lateral closure with one buckle and Velcro strap for "easy and precise closure". Available in black and brown, the upper is made of leather and the sole is rubber.

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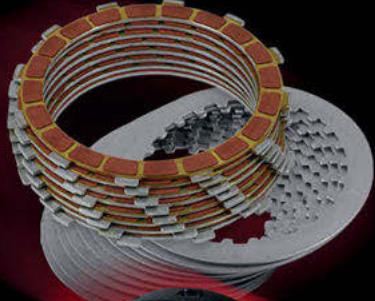
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Yoshimura 2019 Ducati Scrambler Race Series slip-on



Chino, California based Yoshimura Research and Development of America has introduced a Race Series stainless slip-on silencer that is said to be 4 lbs/1.8 kg lighter than the stock exhaust it replaces. Made in USA, Yoshimura says its R-34 profile "was perfect for the aesthetics of the Scrambler. Its retro vibe and its tone are a match made in heaven. The Race Series R-34

works finish slip-on boosts max torque by 6.3% while adding 3% max hp to the mid-size twin".

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Panigale starter motor end cap



Following the news in the last edition of IDN about new CBX stators from Hampstead, New Hampshire based Rick's Motorsport Electrics, the internationally acknowledged manufacturer of OE replacement and upgrade electrical components has designed this stylish new branded end cap for its 2012 and up Ducati Panigale replacement starter motors. Rick's Motorsport Electrics, USA, www.ricksmotorsportelectrics.com

VStream+ Windscreens Z650 and X-ADV

Maywood, Illinois based specialist National Cycle continues to add to its popular VStream windscreens programme with new applications for the Kawasaki Z650 and for Honda's breakthrough 750 cc X-ADV adventure maxi-scooter.

Riders of the versatile Z650 can upgrade to a new National Cycle VStream+ Windscreens "to make their riding experience even more enjoyable. These windscreens are made in three different sizes and tints to satisfy almost any rider. All will offer improved wind protection and riding comfort compared to other aftermarket windscreens".

VStream gets its name from its unique patented shape. The advanced "V" profile and dimensional contours push the wind vortex out and away from the rider's helmet, resulting in a peaceful, quieter riding environment.

The "+" means these windscreens include a custom mounting bracket specifically designed and engineered for this model of bike.

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With 90 world titles to its credit, Italian helmet manufacturer Airoh (Locatelli) continues to develop its range, with its race team support and H-Lab (Helmets-Lab) laboratory driving its innovation and R&D efforts. Created and implemented by Airoh "to produce helmets that are suited for the most demanding motorcyclists thanks to a constant and intense

GP 550 S - "race-ready"



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SPARK - "top of the range street helmet"



SPARK has two different external shell sizes, extra-wide visor, an integrated sun screen visor, is Bluetooth-ready, Stop Wind and Pinlock lens included.

collaboration with top athletes of motorsports", the Airoh H-Lab is a project that aims to make products that are "looking for performance and results".

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HELIOS - "tech-Jet"



With three different outer shell sizes in HRT (High Resistant Thermoplastic), the HELIOS has an integrated sun screen visor, is Bluetooth-ready, has an adjustable micrometric buckle, fully removable and washable hypoallergenic inner lining with contrast stitching, air ventilation and extraction system with a carbon-look finish.



The TWIST 2.0 has a HRT shell with two EPS liners, aerodynamic rear spoiler for improved stability, new internal ASN system (Airoh Sliding Net) allows the inner lining to slide in the event of an impact, an improved, sophisticated airflow ventilation system, adjustable peak with extension, dust filter and DD-rings retention system.

AVIATOR ACE - "double outer shell"



The AVIATORACE features a double outer shell made of HPC, A.E.F.R. system (Airoh Emergency Fast Release), a refined ventilation system combining front, upper and rear air and chin guard air vents and an adjustable peak.



WRAAP features an ultralight HRT shell in three different sizes, regular and slim versions, double EPS system with variable density, hypoallergenic and removable inner lining, DD-rings retention system, aggressive graphics.

Puig smartphone support

Spanish specialist Puig Hi-Tech Parts has provided three different ways to attach a smartphone to the motorcycle, on the handlebar, the rear view mirror or on an external rod, with its new smartphone support.

The support for the base of the rear view mirror (3532N) is universal and fully adjustable through 360 degrees to guarantee the best possible view. The support consists of a metal plate and a semi-rigid arm that ensures a perfect attachment to the base of the mirror. This support is suitable for all motorcycles that have a rear view mirror on top of the handlebars, which is compatible with Puig quick-fix covers.

A smartphone can also be attached to the

rear view mirror rod (3533N). There is a "quick and easy attachment bracket where the plastic body wraps around the rear view mirror rod and is fixed using a thumbscrew". This piece is offered with different rubber parts with different thicknesses to adapt it to each motorcycle. This bracket is suitable for mounting on any rear view mirror with a cylindrical rod from 9 to 25 mm diameter and also compatible with the Puig quick-fix covers and mirrors.

To mount a smartphone on the handlebar support (3534N), this element consists of two halves that fit together and wrap around the handlebar tube, fixing it with a thumbscrew. In addition to the part, Puig supplies different rubber thicknesses to



3570P

ensure perfect fit. Can be used on any handlebar with a diameter of between 20 and 25 mm and is also compatible with the Puig quick-fit covers.

Additionally, Puig has just released a universal smartphone mount (3570P) "of superior quality", with parts machined in billet aluminium and anodized in silver colour. The diameter of the tube is 20 mm, it is 80 mm in length and it allows the attachment of several products such as GPS, cell phone etc. It attaches easily and quickly, using screws in different lengths to adapt it to any motorcycle. Once mounted, it can in turn be used to mount 3534N or any other smartphone support with a 20 mm diameter.

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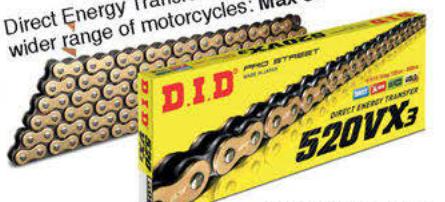
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Sports jacket from iXS



iXS, the Swiss clothing brand owned by the Hostettler Group, has introduced a new sports jacket, the RS-400-ST. It has been developed for sport-touring purposes and boasts a "body-hugging cut, sporty design and attractive colouring".

It has an outer shell made of 600D Polyoxford material and is "extremely versatile and comfortable". Features include the company's proprietary solto-TEX Z liner membrane, a polyester mesh lining with water barrier provides 100% water- and windproofing while retaining breathability, and a removable padded polyester thermal lining. It also has ergonomically shaped sleeves, Velcro fastenings at the wrists and collar, hip adjuster and width adjuster at the elbows and upper arm area and protectors at the elbows and shoulders (certified in accordance with EN 1621-1:2012, Level 1). The sports jacket also includes a long connecting zipper and reflective inserts, two outer pockets, three inside pockets in the mesh lining and four ventilation openings. The jacket comes in various colourways and sizes and has a pocket for an optional back protector.



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DNA FCd1 tech high-flow cotton filters exceed OEM flow rates

Greek high-performance cotton air filter manufacturer DNA recently added five new applications to its fast growing application list - applications that show just how broad based and up-to-date their range is.

Showing that the company has coverage for the most recent and highest performance bikes on the market, there are filters available for the 2018-2019 Ducati Panigale V4 and Kawasaki Z900 RS; for the off-road and ADV market for the KTM 790/R Adventure; for the burgeoning middleweight market, and what we think is IDN's first aftermarket product item for the new Royal Enfield 650 Interceptor and Continental GT, and, showing that the coverage is as historically deep as it is contemporary, for BMW R Series models from 1969 - 1979.

The filters feature their advanced DNA FCd1 (Full Contour design) technology, an innovative technique developed by DNA that allows the filtering material to follow the contour of the airbox precisely, or, in the case of the old BMWs, their model-specific round design.

The FCd1 technique means the filter can use the complete surface as "active filtering area", which will eliminate any "dead spots" that can cause turbulence, therefore increasing air flow and filtering efficiency.

A specially made laser-cut supporting frame is embedded into the DNA filter and the filtering efficiency of DNA's filtering media is described as being extremely high at 98-99% capture of dirt as small as 5 microns (ISO 5011), using four layers of DNA cotton.

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2018-2019 Ducati Panigale V4 - for road and race use. Flow for the DNA filter is put at 181.50 cubic feet per minute (CFM), compared to 158.70 CFM for the OEM filter. This DNA Full Contour design filter is designed to be "spark safe" for racing use on highly tuned engines.



Kawasaki Z900 RS - full contour design for road and race use. Flow is put at 198.30 CFM, compared to 163.20 CFM for the OEM filter.

KTM 790/R Adventure - full contour design for road, race and off-road use. Flow is put at 183.20 CFM, compared to 153.10 CFM for the OEM filter.



Royal Enfield 650 Interceptor and Continental GT - round design, for road and race use. Flow is put at 60.40 CFM compared to 42.40 CFM for the OEM filter.

BMW R Series models from 1969-1979 - round design, for road and race use.

S 1000 RR 2019 accessories



Italian sport bike and race parts specialist Bonamici has turned its attention to the popular 2019 BMW S 1000 RR with a wide range of model-specific accessories available.

"Designed and developed through our race experience, all these accessories are CNC-machined in aluminium and give dealers a comprehensive range of options with which to help their S 1000 RR

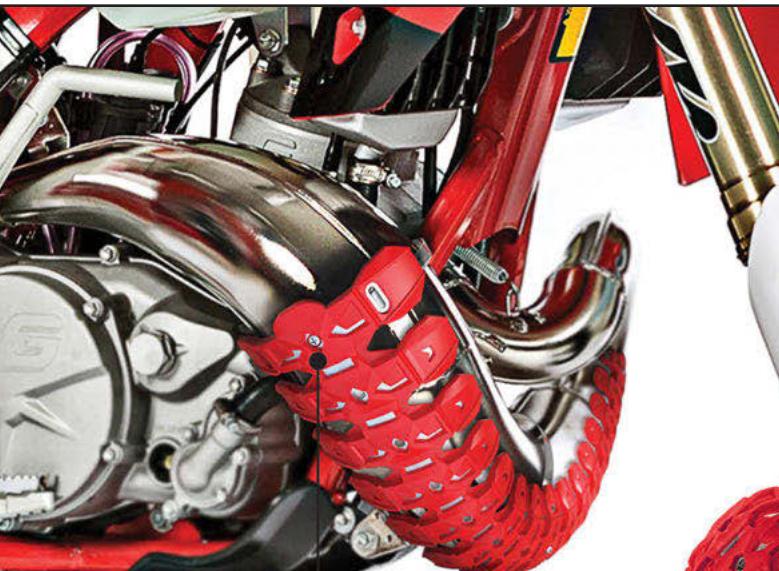


riders improve the performance and looks of their bikes with high quality personal touches that will set them apart".

Available products include rearsets, left side engine protection, left side water pump protection, right side pick-up protection, right side clutch protection, full kit engine cover protection, brake and clutch levers and kits, chain adjuster, street and racing version top triple clamps, handlebars for stock or Bonamici Racing top triple clamps, dashboard cover protection, steering plate 'bracelets', mirror blocks, engine oil and gas caps, swingarm spools (racing and standard) and a universal fit 24 ml oil tank. All accessories come as standard in black.

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Venhill expands range of cables and hoses



Motorcycle controls specialist Venhill will be presenting its expanded range of cable and hose kits at EICMA.

During 2019 the British manufacturer has focussed on developing kits for the current models of off-road bikes as well as popular ranges of road bikes that are more than three years old.

Operations Manager Martin Bradfield explained Venhill's strategy: "The off-road market is all about giving riders a competitive edge, so they buy the latest model and upgrade cables and hoses for performance and reliability.

"With road bikes, the market is changing. In the past owners would replace the rubber brake hoses on new bikes with braided steel lines. However, today the majority of new motorcycles are purchased using finance schemes and owners are unwilling to make changes.

"However, once a bike is over three years old, owners start to think about replacing worn out cables and hoses. We are also finding that older sports bikes are used widely in club racing and on track days, so we have been developing kits specifically for popular models in this bracket."

Additions to the range include the latest off-road bikes from KTM, Kawasaki and Yamaha as well as popular sports bikes such as the Kawasaki ZX-6R Ninja 2013-2019 and Yamaha R1 2015-2019.

All Venhill kits are designed as a direct replacement for the original equipment and are made in Venhill's ISO 9001 accredited factory in the UK, near London. Every brake line is tested to 1500 psi before leaving the factory and is approved to DOT and TÜV standards.

Cables are made using marine-grade stainless steel inner wire for minimum stretch and a low-friction PTFE liner for a smoother action, without the need for lubrication.

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Sifam Hoodies - 'comfort and protection'



In addition to its S-Line own brand helmets programme ('Venge' S441 full-face, S770 'Kyle' jet, American design SWAP'S Industry S818 MX style), French specialist Sifam has added to its apparel programme with additional new hoodies for men and women "with a cool urban and casual look that will keep you warm and protect you".

Made of thick and reinforced cotton (Aramid), "these hoodies are extremely soft and protective with an elastic hem at the base and cuffs for a perfect fit, designed for comfortable and safe riding".

Further features include CE-approved elbow, shoulder and back protectors with Aramid reinforcements for better resistance to abrasion.

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Kriega updates its US-Drypack soft luggage system

Kriega's popular US-Drypack system has "led the way for universal-fit, waterproof carrying on a motorcycle for over 15 years", and the company says that its classic design "has had a refresh" with the introduction of Cordura fabrics for the main body construction - providing increased abrasion resistance and durability "with a fresh new look".

The US-Drypack system is said to provide guaranteed all-weather protection for a rider's gear on any type of motorcycle. Available in four sizes from five to 30 litres, US-Drypacks have a 100% waterproof roll-top closure main compartment with a removable white liner. Easy to fit with quick-release hooks attaching to web loops secured to the bike's subframe, they can be used individually or additional US-Drypacks can be hooked on for touring, creating a modular luggage system of up to 70 litre capacity.

"The two larger Drypacks (US-20 and US-30)

can also be carried on or off the bike as a shoulder bag with shoulder and waist straps included with each Drypack, plus [apart from the US-30] all the packs can also be mounted as a tank bag with the separately available Kriega tank converter".

Established in the UK in 2000, Kriega is now available in over 40 countries. Kriega innovations include the 'QuadLoc' harness system (on all its backpacks), an ergonomic design that allows unrestricted arm movement and transfers weight from the shoulders to the chest and body for "all-day riding comfort, even with heavy loads". All Kriega backpacks are guaranteed for 10 years against defects in materials and manufacture.

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US-Drypack range

Nordcode - "smart, safety first design, high quality, reasonable cost"

Available exclusively from Moto Market, Greece, Nordcode is a riding apparel brand developed by Moto Market based on the company's "many years of knowledge and experience about the 'real world' needs of modern riders" - a clothing line created by Moto Market's own research and development department to fully meet the necessary safety standards.

"The attention to detail of the design, combined with the high quality of the materials we use, ensure perfect fit and comfort for even the most demanding of riders, offered at a price-quality ratio that is hard to beat".

Nordcode has now designed a line of riding gloves, EN 13594:2015 certified, for "everyday comfort and maximum security". All the brand's gloves have a focus on testing the "design requirements, the integrity of the whole glove, ergonomics, durability, cut resistance and impact protection".



The advanced 'Voras' is "the perfect glove for winter riding elegance". Its waterproof and windproof Softshell topside stretch fabric construction acts as a windbreaker and is flexible enough to offer maximum comfort. The full grain reinforced leather palm and the knuckle shells concealed underneath the fabric offer perfect protection, with thermal insulation and weatherproofing ensured by a Thinsulate lining and a breathable Hipora membrane. Available in sizes from small to 3XL, the closure system is by a wide Velcro strip. The 'GT-Carbon' glove is



constructed from mesh, full grain, high quality leather ensuring top quality and good airflow, with a focus on "comfort, technology and ergonomics". They are short summer gloves with a "high degree of technical content and an aggressive design", featuring elasticated inserts and pre-curved fingers, with a carbon fibre shield at the knuckles. Other apparel in the Nordcode range includes women's fitments, mid-season riding gloves, jackets, leathers, rainwear and soft bags.

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Italian Scooter and Urban Riding accessory, gear and apparel specialist Tucano Urbano launched a new touring accessories and G&A brand at EICMA in 2018 - T.ur, "designed for the most demanding riders. Born from the experience that Tucano Urbano has built up over twenty years, T.ur offers a complete range of highly specific products for touring, characterised by high-quality materials, thermal comfort, advanced ergonomics and CE certification". The J-ONE jacket is the flagship product of the T.ur line-up with a three-layer modular system made up of a detachable, thermal inner jacket, the main outer jacket, plus a 100% waterproof layer. The detachable, thermal inner jacket is made with Thermore classic padding with a fine fibre structure. Made with recycled fibres from PET bottles, the inner thermal padding is non-allergic, non-toxic and stays compact. The outer shell is a breathable windbreaker in four-way stretch fabric in black, which doubles as a standalone casual jacket with a padded polyamide back panel and inner sleeve, plus T.ur branding.

The main jacket provides contemporary protection from abrasion, impact and heat control features and state-of-the-art materials and technology. It features new D3O LP2 PRO armour, "certified to the highest level of impact protection, it gives 40% more protection than the CE Level 2 standard". It has D3O shoulder and elbow armour, with an Aero 3D mesh pocket to add back protection, and pockets for chest protection.

The jacket is made from two highly resistant Cordura fabrics - the body and inner sleeve is in a micro-weave Cordura for lightness and fit, whilst the sleeve outer is in Cordura Oxford 600. It has a polyester mesh lining and a soft neoprene edge on the collar, as well as adjusters on the biceps, forearm, cuffs and waist for optimal fit. It has many ventilation options, with zip openings on the front, sleeves and hem. The back can also be unzipped and folded down to reveal a large ventilation panel.

It has reliable and sturdy YKK zips, fine adjustment on the collar with an anti-flap hook, tape across the



shoulders with loops to securely fix an action camera, plus built-in pockets for a hydration pack with a valve discharge system. There are a number of internal and external pockets, including a low, watertight front pocket, an easy-access cargo pocket with a magnet and Velcro, plus a large, anti-condensation and waterproof pocket on the back where the rainproof layer can be stored. Light-reflecting panels are incorporated into the jacket design for high visibility from any angle.

Stored in the main jacket's back pocket is an ultra-compact rainproof outer jacket, made with Tucano Urbano's patented Hydroscud system, a breathable, waterproof and windproof polyamide fabric with taped seams and a high water column. The jacket is rain tested with a storm trip on central zip and collar to ensure 100% waterproofness.

Additional items in the T.ur line-up that feature the three-layer modular system include the matching, connectable P-ONE trousers, and the J-TWO jacket.

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'Bow' and 'Ergonia' adjustable levers



Known for its ergonomics and precision manufacturing, German specialist LSL has added to its popular adjustable levers programme with an innovative new design that features an advanced new adjustment system.

Based on the LSL 'form follows function' design principles that have always informed its engineered solutions, the 'Bow' lever is a lightweight construction (130 g) with machined cut-outs between the mounting points and the lever surface. LSL says they could achieve this due to a "completely new patent pending adjustment mechanism in the lever which creates space and prevents inaccuracy or clearance. Adjustment is with a supplied plastic key which operates the polished and anodised six-stage adjustment star without scratching the surface".

A long horizontal hole at the lever end (only on the long version) is said to reduce the air resistance of the lever and therefore prevent accidental activation at high speeds. Pre-determined breaking points enable continued riding after a fall, ensuring the continued functioning of the lever. Supplied in a standard or short

version (30 mm shorter), the lever colour and colour of the adjuster star come in seven colours. The 'Bow' comes with ABE for over 500 different models.

On the new 'Ergonia' lever, in addition to lever position width adjustment, the length of the lever can also be adjusted. "This lever has a revolutionary new design with a slider in a lever length T-nut connection with a long hole allowing seamless adjustment".

As with the 'Bow', adjustment is by the supplied plastic key. "The combination possibilities of this lever are unsurpassed as the rider can adjust the lever itself, the slider, and choose the colour of the adjuster. An advanced anodising process guarantees best possible colour fastness and shine".

The slider can be adjusted from 0 to 26 mm; also sold with an ABE certificate and for over 500 bike models. The LSL classic lever in the classic design remains available, so riders can now choose from three different lever versions.

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Tank bags and ABS side cases

New from German luggage and touring accessory specialist SW-MOTECH, these Aero ABS side cases feature "aerodynamic streamlined shape, light weight, convenient features such as easy-care ABS surface, carry handle, reflective textile welt, comfortably equipped interior with textile lining, elastic cross straps and mesh pocket". Weighing just 1.8 kg and offering 25 litres of storage space on each side with removable EVO or PRO side carrier, in combination with the new matching Urban ABS top case, the side cases give a

black soft vinyl. Additionally, SW-MOTECH has a selection of luggage and accessory applications that fit the 115 hp, 3-cylinder Yamaha Niken (Japanese for "Double Sword").

Four different EVO tank bags are available for an application-specific EVO tank ring design and a selection of rear mount luggage solutions using model-specific SLC side carriers - a quick-lock system allows URBAN ABS side cases or the SysBags to be used with one of the three new ION tail bags.

The company says that despite its three wheels, the Niken does not stand freely, but is placed on the side stand, so they have a range of protection options for the engine and axles, including a side stand foot



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Also seen here, the new generation of ION tank bags feature a sleek new design with "elements of soft vinyl, the stitched SW-MOTECH bull and reflective textile welts giving the black tank bags their signature look".

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SW-Motech has a selection of luggage and accessory applications for the Yamaha Niken



W2 'Cruiser' boots

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All-new 2020 Gerbing MicroWirePRO heated jacket liner

Heated riding apparel specialist Gerbing says that "after more than a year in development, we are excited to unveil a brand-new version of our flagship jacket liner - our warmest yet".

"Retaining the proven and popular features from the

previous model, the new liner now features our patented MicroWirePRO heating element throughout the whole jacket as well as offering a sleeker, tailored fit. The jacket liner is just the first new product coming this winter, with trousers, gloves and heated socks coming soon".

The updated version features an increase in the patented heating wire throughout the entire jacket - including the front, rear, collar and sleeves - giving the user a better and more even distribution of heat. The new product comes with three input connections that are situated inside the front pocket, one to draw the power for the heated liner, one to draw power for the Gerbing MicroWirePRO heated gloves and one which can be connected to the heated trousers and/or socks.

Constructed from a soft, wind-resistant nylon shell with Thinsulate insulation and water repellent zip, the new jacket liner is said to feature "a more tailored design, making it fit more snugly to the body. The incredibly lightweight garment is also highly compressible, allowing it to be easily packed away on journeys".

Built-in sleeve plugs enable Gerbing gloves to be directly fitted to, and powered from, the liner, and glove plug pockets in the sleeves secure the glove plugs when not in use; there are two dual wiring circuits to enable gloves and any other Gerbing products to be controlled independently from the



jacket. Gerbing offers a lifetime warranty on the heating elements, and a budget option, without the plug-in options for the gloves and trousers, will also be available.

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Leatt twenty/twenty apparel range

Leatt has unveiled its all-new 2020 off-road gear collection. The inventor of the Leatt-Brace and producer of specialised, advanced protective gear says it now offers head-to-knee protection including a complete

apparel range of products for all off-road moto disciplines.

The twenty/twenty apparel range has a completely new look and feel, incorporating the latest fresh colourways for pants,

jerseys and gloves, which includes the proud South African statement colourway, the Zebra! Helmets also combine the same colours whilst incorporating Leatt's 360° Turbine Technology.

GPX Moto Jerseys



Having produced what Leatt believes is the best in the business, for the second year, the construction of the Leatt 5.5 Ultraweld jersey remains unchanged. "Keeping the minimum amount of material in contact with the body is key for comfort and ventilation, that's why a 3D 4-way stretch material with welded overlock stitching is used. The material is so flexible, you can use it with or without a body protector underneath".

GPX Moto Pants

The 5.5 Ultraweld pants are completely new from the ankle up for the twenty/twenty range. New lightweight and breathable Ripstop stretch material makes up over 95% of the construction for the best comfort and feel. Now added is a full grain leather inner knee panel to work alongside the proven I.K.S (Inner Knee Brace System) to give "the best bike grip and improved wear resistance in those critical areas. A completely new rear yoke gripper system means you won't be caught with your pants down".

The 4.5 pants also get a complete makeover for twenty/twenty – a combination of Ripstop stretch material and X-Flow mesh panels "means these are by no means a typical entry level pair of pants, by some standards these are top level! A new rear yoke and reinforced seat area, along with leather inner knee panels, improve comfort, fit, bike feel and longevity".

GPX Moto Helmets



The Leatt helmet range replicates the apparel line colourways of twenty/twenty, but will also work well with other clothing brands, should the customer choose. All models, from the cost-effective 3.5 to the carbon 6.5, feature the same Leatt 360° Turbine Technology. This system uses small turbine-shaped discs made from an energy-absorbing material that can move in all directions, said to help reduce the risk of concussion by up to 30%, and rotational acceleration to the head and brain by up to 40%. All helmets are available in both ECE and DOT certification. Material construction for the 3.5 and 4.5 models is an injected polymer, with the 5.5 being composite and the 6.5 full carbon fibre.



twenty/twenty we have introduced three small but important consumer products that suit very different climates. The Race Cover jacket is made from a lightweight, waterproof, translucent material with large vent holes under the arms for those wet races and rides. When you need something lightweight and non-restrictive to wear for cold morning practice sessions, we have the Race Vest or Race Vest Lite. The Race Vest is made from a soft-shell waterproof stretch material with four pockets and a specially tailored neck to ensure the collar doesn't irritate".

GPX Moto Gloves

The Leatt gloves get upgrades on all models for twenty/twenty, from the entry level 1.5 to the top of the range 4.5. "Constantly developing new materials, not just for soft goods but for impact materials too, the 4.5 and 3.5 still comprise of market leading NanoGrip palm material, yet now have softer impact protection, whilst maintaining CE certification. This, along with upgraded Velcro closure, means comfort, protection and optimised feel. The 2.5 now gets a Velcro closure strap, for those who want that tight grip around the wrist, and is made of MicronGrip palm material alongside the 1.5 GripR. The very popular 2.5 Windblock for those cold, windy days remains unchanged".



GPX Moto Junior Collection

"Junior riders want to emulate their heroes, so that's why Leatt uses the same cool designs as in the adult collection. With pants, jerseys and gloves starting at size XXS, there is sure to be a size to fit every junior or mini pilot. Super lightweight yet durable stretch materials are used in the pants and jerseys. The 3.5 gloves have CE certified impact protection in the knuckle area; the helmet range consists of the 3.5 and 4.5, both made from a polymer compound material and use the same 360° Turbine Technology as in the adult version." Both helmets are available in both ECE and DOT certification.



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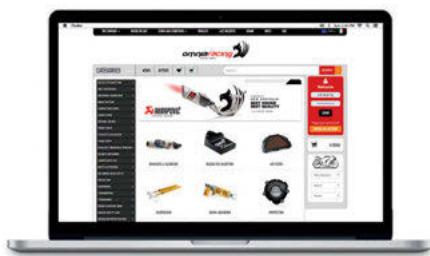
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Jetprime advanced plug & play handlebar switches

Naples based distributor Omnia Racing is offering dealers access to the Modena, Italian designed, engineered and manufactured Jetprime range of performance accessories.

As seen here, Jetprime plug & play switches are "perfectly interchangeable with the original without making any changes to the bike. Just mount them and insert the specific connector for each motorcycle model - it is that easy, assembly is simple and takes a few minutes, making the bike immediately operational with the same functions as the original panel, for both the road version and racing versions". The street version includes a key fob with basic functions such as turn signals, horn and high beam headlights. Each button control unit has been machined from a solid billet of 7075 aluminium and fitted with IP67 military standard switches to ensure everything is watertight and to guarantee use for more than 1,000,000 working cycles.

They are available in either a left-hand version (five or seven buttons) or a right-hand version (three buttons) for road or race use for all Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, Kawasaki, MV Agusta and Yamaha



sportbike models, as well as for selected Ducati road bike models (Monster, Hypermotard and Multistrada).

Based at Modena in the heart of Italy's 'Motor Valley', Jetprime was founded in 2002 by Marco Diazzi. With advanced R&D, manufacturing and testing all carried out in-house, since the start Jetprime has specialised in the development of special parts for racing and road motorcycles, "offering the market innovative products for electronic injection management and other components to improve the performance of all motorcycles and the best-selling scooter models". Omnia Racing distributes selected parts and accessory products all over Europe (indeed, worldwide) and has the industry backing of an impressive portfolio of performance brands, including the likes of Bitubo, K-Tech, Zard, HP Corse, LeoVince, Accossato, Termignoni, Akrapovic, Brembo and Arrow Special Parts.

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EXO 1400 Air Carbon

Scorpion Sports Europe says its new EXO 1400 Air Carbon is the "best GT (Gran Turismo) helmet ever built" by the company.

The shell is available in three different sizes and made in a mix of Ultra TCT fibre (Thermodynamic Composite Technology), with the carbon fibre bringing the weight down to just 1,250 g while "still delivering great impact resistance and shock absorption". The air intakes are profiled, while the removable and washable interiors have a customisable Airfit inflatable inner cushion system. KwikWick III lining fabric with antibacterial properties is said to keep the head and the face dry and fresh whatever the conditions.

In addition to the transparent visor, the EXO 1400 Air Carbon is sold with a "dark



smoke" visor included and, "thanks to our Ellip-Tec mechanism, the visor can be replaced easily and without the use of tools. Equipped with very powerful springs, the system guarantees a totally sealed tightening of the visor with massively reduced noise. In the event of a fall, Ellip-Tec proves to be resistant and will hold the visor in place".

Fitted with a retractable 'Speedview' sun visor with anti-fog treatment on both sides, it has a Pinlock 100% Max Vision visor to ensure 100% anti-fog action. The anti-fog lens is positioned on the visor to ensure maximum visibility.

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'Herm' and 'Hermia' Cordura collection



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Rukka's Cordura line is "aimed at riders who value safety, functionality and comfort, even on shorter journeys", and have expanded the line with these 'Herm' and 'Hermia' jackets.

Cordura 500 elbow reinforcements provide tear and abrasion resistance. In the 'Herm' jacket, shoulders, elbows and forearms are additionally protected by the new Rukka D30Air XTR Level 2 protectors (CE standard EN 1621-1 2012). 'Hermia' includes D30 LP1 protectors (EN 1621-1 2012), which have the same properties, but are specially shaped for the female anatomy. Both jackets can be upgraded further with a Rukka D30 Air All Back protector or the D30 Full Back protector.

A Gore-Tex Z-liner provides breathable wind-and waterproofing, both jackets include removable thermal lining

and air vents, and they have two external pockets and two waterproof interior pockets. Both have a body hugging fit, with adjusters on the sleeves and the sides of the hem. 'Hermia' also features an elastic strip in the back for a slim fit at the waist; both have Neoprene collars.

The men's jacket comes in light grey with white and red detailing or in black with graphics in silver, yellow or green. The women's jacket comes in light grey with pink or red details, as well as in black with silver, yellow or green elements. Both can easily be joined to any pair of Rukka trousers using the all-round zipper.



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JT Sprockets extends range

JT Sprockets has launched two new motorcycle aftermarket products - a wide range of "RB" rubber cushioned front sprockets and an all-new Z3 GS super heavy-duty motorcycle chain.

"Alongside designing and producing over 18 million sprockets a year for all makes and models of motorcycles and ATVs, JT Sprockets also features as 'original equipment' applications for some of the world's leading motorcycle manufacturers. The current range includes over 2,500 types of steel and aluminium sprockets, chains and associated products.

"With RB type rubber cushioned sprockets widely used by major Japanese motorcycle manufacturers, JT can now boast the most comprehensive aftermarket application line-up for this high mileage product. Designed to dampen the chain impact on the front sprocket, the dual-sided rubber cushion is a one-piece moulding produced by utilising 'through holes' in the sprocket, and the rubber is bonded with state-of-the-art impact and vibration resistant adhesives to ensure maximum lifespan".

The sprockets themselves

are manufactured from the highest quality SCM420 chromoly steel alloy, which is then heat treated and finished for optimum durability. The company says that "every sprocket goes through up to 25 production stages and 10 individual quality control checks before it is ready to leave the factory - achieving the highest quality standards. "The level of quality, design and OEM proven technology are the same as used by all the major motorcycle manufacturers within their genuine replacement parts, but available in a cost-effective package".

JT Sprockets has also launched what it says is its strongest ever chain - the Z3 GS super heavy-duty chain, featuring gold colour plated outer plates and bright nickel plated inner plates for superior corrosion resistance



"and is the ultimate in appearance. The Z3 GS chain is engineered for maximum strength, durability, and offers high performance for all modern motorcycles up to 1400 cc".

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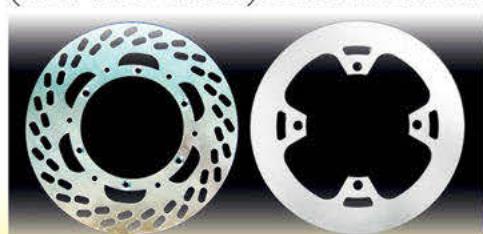


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GIVI accessories for the Yamaha Niken

For this revolutionary Yamaha, Italian helmets to luggage to accessories specialist GIVI has created a set of accessories to "transform the standard model into a sports-tourer kitted out for riding with a passenger".

The design of the frame and the fairing of the Niken has enabled the company's R&D department to create holders for a three-case set and a tank bag. With the use of the SR2143 rear rack, any Monokey or Monolock case can be installed by using a matching series of plates. An alternative to the top case is to use the EX2M anodised aluminium plate, which acts "as an elegant base for small or large soft bags". For side bags, the "quick release" PLXR2143 has been created, which is specific for the futuristic V35 cases and the brand new V37 Monokey side cases.

The Niken can accommodate various styles of tank bags, however, the most useful are the Tanklock and/or TanklockED models. These are GIVI patented systems that "enable bags to be attached to the tank cap with a simple click".

Additional accessories include the D2144ST transparent screen, featuring an increased height (58 x 59 cm), installed with the specific D2143KIT mounting kit. On the Niken GT no specific mounting kit is required. A "fully reliable" ES2122 side stand in aluminium and stainless steel gives wider ground contact.

There are also numerous options to install the most commonly used communication and navigation devices on the instrument panel area with brackets, smartclips, kits and various other accessories. Additionally, the fluid reservoir cover situated on the right side of the instrument panel can be used as a support for mobile phones or sat navs, using the O2VKIT and Smart Mount RC S903A.



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Clutch kits for KTM MX and older bikes

These new OE replacement clutch kits from Italian clutch component specialist Surflex are race-developed for competition use and recreational riding for KTM 250/300 2-strokes and 400/450 4-strokes.

These new clutch disc kits feature nine die-cast aluminium trimmed discs and eight middle steel discs. "The off-road specific friction coating is a mixture composed of fibres and technologically advanced resins that have been worked up for a long time for a homogeneous delivery of material. The result is a stable coefficient of friction and excellent resistance to high temperatures and abrasion. The clutch can be more easily modulated and can avoid sudden failure or seizing, even under



Seen here is a clutch disc kit for Ducati Scrambler and a complete clutch unit for Aermacchi - just an example of the range of the Surflex offer as a supplier to prestigious and old fashioned motorbike and scooter firms and brands since 1949.

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prolonged stresses, allowing riders to benefit from all power that the KTM motors have.

While Surflex is well known for responding quickly to new model introductions, the company's history (celebrating its 70th anniversary this year) means that it is able to offer one of the largest inventories of applications for older bikes in the world - "the everlasting performing ones!" To celebrate a race legacy that includes many famous wins with legendary Italian motorbike firms, Surflex is offering some rare specific clutch disc kits, with model/manufacturer-specific materials, alongside its contemporary late-model applications.



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Kappa accessories for Versys 1000



Kappa prides itself on keeping up to date with providing accessories as new bike models are introduced, and the Versys is no exception with the company's R&D department developing bike-specific components for the 650, and since 2012 for the 1000 as well as for the recent X300. The company's Versys 1000/SE kit includes parts and accessories from luggage to rider and passenger comfort and protection of the motorcycle.

Kappa says that the size of the Versys 1000 makes it ideal for the classic 3-piece set of luggage and that the rear top case can be mounted using the KR4105 or the KR4105M mounting kit, which enable fitting a Monokey case (the mounting plate is included in the kit) or a Monolock case (mounting plate included with the top case). The KLR4126 is a quick-release side mount for cases dedicated to the new Versys and specifically designed for the Monokey cases. This side mount can also be accessorised with the KTL8705KIT, which in turn accommodates the KS250 toolbox on the left side of the bike. If three cases are

not enough, a tank bag can be added, either a universal type or a Tanklock model (with rapid attachment to the fuel cap) by using the BF29K flange.

Greater riding comfort is provided by the KD4126ST windscreens. Transparent and a further 18 cm taller (52 x 48.5 cm) than the OE screen, it is fixed using the pre-existing attachment points (however, not compatible with the Versys 1000 SE version).

Further accessories include the KN4126 tubular engine protector in black with a tube diameter of 25 mm; the KPR412 radiator guard in stainless steel is painted black and the ES4126K stand in aluminium and stainless steel, which provides a greater contact area with the ground when attached to the factory issue side stand.

Further to these model-specific components, the Versys 1000 can be further accessorised with other universal Kappa parts like a smartphone holder, a pair of supplementary headlights, soft bags or products for enhancing cases and top cases both inside and out.



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Body styling for the MT-09/10 SP

British bodywork specialist Pyramid Plastics, internationally known for their award-winning 'Extenda Fenda' and hugger extension programmes, has just added a new hugger design to its range for the Yamaha MT-09 SP.

After the success of its MT-09 SP seat cowl, Pyramid has now added availability of a stylish and durable replacement fly screen, belly pan and hugger - all professionally painted by UK paint specialists Dream Machine.

"With this complete colour matched kit, you can completely transform your SP and really make it stand out from the crowd," says Pyramid's Adam Bowser. Also available for

the MT-10 SP, options include standard and comfort seat cowl options.

Designed in-house by Pyramid's own team of production engineers, these huggers are handmade in fibreglass, which means they have a hard outer shell and energy absorbing layers of fibres. They are really simple to fit and only require the use of original mounting points on the bike, so no bracket sets or modifications are required at all.

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Italian quality and design for the 2019 BMW S1000 RR

Noted for its high-quality materials, precision manufacturing and advanced, ergonomic design, Italian parts and components manufacturer LighTech has introduced a new and exclusive accessories line for the popular 2019 BMW S1000 RR.

"All parts have been made with the main aim of complementing and improving the performance of this bike, without giving up the aesthetic aspect of the products themselves - products that have been designed to be in perfect harmony with the bike's lines and styling".

As ever with LighTech, it is the rear set that is the flagship product. Equipped with its famous Track-system, a LighTech trademark that enables use with both the normal shift mode and reverse shift mode (especially appreciated for track use), it's available in three configurations - normal, with fixed footpegs; "W" version with fold-up footpegs and the "R" version with carbon heel guards, folding footpegs, high-quality bearings and titanium bolts.

All three models permit seven positionings -



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but simply by adding the LighTech "up & down" plates, riders have access to 28 different positions. LighTech also offers a wide range of parts and accessories to allow complete customisation of the rear set - such as carbon and aluminium heel guards (as shown here), coloured footpegs, footpeg holders, fold-up toe pegs and more. In addition, LighTech also offers a model-specific chain adjuster, license plate holder, frame protection, carbon parts and a wide range of additional component fitments "to



give dealers the opportunity to offer their S1000 RR owners a comprehensive and contemporary 'redesign' programme that combines great design with safety and durability".

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Said to represent "high quality for a reasonable price", Parts Europe has further added to its offer with the American Z1R brand.

"With over 20 years of experience, Z1R is dedicated to creating products that fuel all type of riders - whether it's riding off-road trails, blasting berms on a motocross track or just hitting the open road, Z1R focuses on design, safety, performance and value for each and every product they offer."

"The wide range of the Z1R collection includes various helmets for every kind of rider. For street riders the JACKAL helmet offers a comfortable fit at a high-performance level. The drop shield makes the helmet versatile in all lighting conditions and the chin vent design improves interior airflow and reduces shield fogging."



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"The ROAD MAX line makes scooter riders and custom bike fans happy - the closable top vent and rear exhaust vent allow an increased airflow. The ROAD MAX collection is also equipped with a drop-down sun visor, which is easily adjustable with the side helmet lever."

"The SOLARIS helmet comes in different classical colours and combines classic with modern - the dynamic shape of the JACKAL and the comfort of the ROAD MAX can be re-found in this new helmet. The SOLARIS is also the helmet for an all-weather rider, together with the available breath box, dual shield and electric shield, this is a year-round helmet."

"These are just three of the many Z1R helmets that are available for 2020 - all of which meet DOT and ECE Helmet Safety Standards".



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Clutch spring conversion kits for Yamaha models



Californian specialist Barnett's coil spring conversion kits include a CNC precision machined billet aluminium pressure plate and six heavy duty coil springs to replace the stock diaphragm spring and pressure plate on select Yamaha models. These spring conversion kits provide a more progressive, controllable clutch engagement compared to the OE diaphragm spring. Multiple spring pressure options make them ideal for stock to high performance applications. Installation is 'bolt-on' with no modifications required - it simply replaces the stock pressure plate/spring assembly. Barnett says that for maximum performance dealers could also install a set of its clutch plates

with the spring conversion kit. Barnett spring conversion kits are available for the Yamaha V-Max (thru '07), Royal Star, Road Star, XVS1100 V-Star, 1986-98 XV1100 Virago, FJ1100/1200, XJR1200/1300, FJR1300, XTZ12 Super Tenere, XV19 Raider/Roadliner/Stratoliner (thru 2012), YZFR1 (thru '03), MT-01 and YXZ1000 SXS.

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Oversized brake shoes for Vespa

After the success achieved with its oversized drums for the Vespa 8" (VN-VL-VBB-VNB), Italian specialist Pinasco has developed oversized front brake shoes specifically designed for the oversized drums. Made from a touring-specific compound, these new brake shoes for Vespa 8" are said to "guarantee safe breaking even in the most critical conditions and complete our range of model-specific accessories for Vespa riders - a range that also includes shock absorbers and braking kits".

This year Piergiorgio Bettella has been celebrating the 20th anniversary of his acquisition of the 50-year old

Pinasco brand, founded in 1969 by Andrea Pinasco.



The business has come a long way since Andrea's first double carburettor kit for the Vespa GT, and additional recent product introductions include new Vespa carb kits, additions to its 'Racing Bull' clutch programme, replacement shock absorbers and crankshaft assembly kits.

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Ducati V4 rearsets, winglets, clip-ons, protectors and switches

Italian sportbike and streetbike parts and accessory specialist CNC Racing has a range of parts available for the Panigale V2 and V4, including these two versions (plus exclusive Pramac Racing Limited Edition) of V4 footrests.

Severe duty track tested, they are up to 12 position



Frame crash protectors



Left-side handlebar switches

multi-adjustable and fully machined from solid lightweight alloy and designed for use with road or inverted gear levers without any modification. The footrests themselves, and the extremities of the

levers, can be reclined and locked by means of elastic steel pins and the gear and brake levers are mounted on very smooth bearings.

The footrests are knurled to ensure maximum grip even in very wet conditions, with the hole for the workshop motorcycle stand and the hydrostop included in the kit. A second, less extreme "Easy" kit is also offered.

Available in versions for V2 and V4 Panigale models (and the Aprilia RSV4), these aerodynamic autoclave made carbon fibre GP winglets are said to create greater aerodynamic downforce on the front axle, equal to about 25 kg at the maximum air pressure, increasing the stability of the bike and guaranteeing great driving precision.

Also seen here, these 53 mm clip-ons for the V4 are machined from solid 7075 zinc alloy aluminium (Ergal - for good ductility, high strength, toughness and good resistance to fatigue and corrosion) and then anodised. They are equipped with lightened stainless steel screws and front holes for fixing a front brake fluid tank bracket.

A 51 mm steering damper support is included in the kit - this allows the angular adjustment of the handlebars without modifying the anchor point of the stem. The handlebar inclination is 6.5 degrees, and they are 225 mm long with 30 mm collar height. CNC Racing frame crash protectors for the V4 Panigale are model-specific designs to preserve the engine, chassis and fairing from damage in the event of a drop, slide or side crash. They are made in aluminium and Delrin and no modifications are required for mounting.

Finally, these left-side handlebar switches for Panigale V4 street models are machined from 7075 aluminium bars (Ergal) and then hard black anodised. All the buttons are compliant with the IP67 water resistance standard and CNC Racing says the operation of all the buttons is guaranteed to cover 700,000 cycles. They are a fully reversible plug & play

V4 rearsets



install - just dismantle the original switch with the tools recommended by the manufacturer, then fit the CNC Racing switch, connecting the plug to the original cable. They are also available as a Pramac Racing Limited Edition in black.

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53 mm clip-ons

'Andromeda' parka

The new 'Andromeda' parka from Hevik is said to be versatile and practical and "equal to any classical technical jacket, featuring ingenious technical solutions for ultimate comfort and ventilation".

With its CE certification it is "perfect to be worn over a suit and tie, in particular on maxi scooters", and comes with a detachable hood. The external laminated fabric features an impermeable and breathable membrane, waterproof to 5,000 mm, which is elastic (Spandex). It also has a 100 g removable thermal padding and finishing touches such as knitted wool cuffs. 'Andromeda' features the innovative "Hevik ventilation system", which provides "optimal air recirculation". With a mesh flap folded under the right-hand side that can be hooked onto the left side, it includes a zip that can become an extra air vent to allow direct air in from the front. This

doesn't affect the outer flap, which will remain open and anchored onto the left-hand side of the jacket using several small magnets.

The jacket has numerous pockets inside and outside and safety is provided by Level 1 approved protection at shoulders and elbows, with a back pocket to insert a HFB back protector (made by Hevik and CE Level 2 certified). 'Andromeda' is available in black in sizes from S to 4XL.

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Italian suspension specialist Andreani has developed a series of "must have" suspension tools and machines for all kinds of motorcycle suspension. Among the most recent tools are the universal fork tube removal kit that we featured in the last edition of IDN and the new universal suspension fluid injector seen here - a new tool for easy maintenance of oil levels in each fork.

The procedure is simple, fast and accurate. Set the desired oil level through the integrated graduated shaft, insert the empty injector into the outer tube, making sure it is centred, push the cylinder down to suck the fork oil and then take the injector out to throw the oil away.

In addition to these tools, the Andreani Group also

offers professional workshop machines for testing the suspensions of motorcycles, cars and bikes - such as the DB4, the new generation and fully automated test bench, and their electronic spring tester, developed from the need to calculate accurate spring loads for shock absorbers and forks.

Other workshop machines include the SP2 vacuum pump, which allows the technician to vacuum shock absorbers manually, using special hydraulic controls; the SP4, which allows the technician to vacuum and fill all shock absorbers automatically, controlling all processes using the display thanks to easy-to-use software.

At the top of the range, the SP5 is the "most innovative vacuum pump developed by the Andreani



Group to make easier, more precise and more efficient filling and vacuuming of shock absorbers of any kind and brand with a fully automated process thanks to an easy-to-use and extremely efficient software and a user-friendly, intuitive graphical interface with touch screen display for real time process checking".

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'Velox' and 'Vector' in new Sport U line



HP Corse
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specialist HP Corse has a new Euro 4 approved 4-TRACK muffler for Suzuki's popular aluminium beam framed, inverted fork, 90-degree V-twin engine V-Strom 1000 (2017 and up). Said to deliver horsepower and torque improvements especially where riders need it most at low and medium revs, the lightweight 4-TRACK has a laser engraved logo silencer body that is available in three different materials and finishes - titanium, satin finished or black finished steel.

The muffler body is a stylish octagonal casing with included carbon heat shield, reinforced support bracket, watertight stainless steel rivets and high capacity sound absorption material. The end cap is manufactured using advanced hydrochromatic and mechanical weld-free processes.

Also available for the BMW F 850 GS, Triumph Tiger 800 and additional popular Maxi Enduro and Sport Touring/Adv models.



The new Sport U line collection from Stylmartin includes two new boots which are both waterproof, have different styles for the intended range of users, but "share a sporty and bold character".

Both models have internal ankle protectors (in PU) on both sides, external micro-injected inserts and an anti-slip outer sole, plus an EVA shock absorber, as well as a waterproof and breathable internal lining. Stability is provided by lace-up closure and a frontal tear open strap.

'Velox'



'Velox' has "a sporty design, ideal for riders wanting to wear the boots on and off their bike". The upper is made from a combination of suede leather and textiles, supported by the sturdy structure and with a high cut above the ankle. This model also features a gear/shift protector and is available in black/anthracite grey. It also has an anatomical, changeable and breathable microperforated footbed.

The 'Vector' has "more urban character and features slim styling, together with more lightweight materials of microfibre and microfibre rubber, the lining is waterproof and breathable with air mesh and features include malleolus protection on both

'Vector'



sides, fastening laces, as well as an anatomic, changeable and breathable, microperforated footbed". The 'Vector' targets female riders, with sizes starting at 36. The boot offers different coloured inserts (including red and purple) over the base black/anthracite colour.

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PBR handlebars

In addition to its rear and front sprockets, Italian specialist PBR also produces this exclusive line of street and off-road handlebars.

The street range consists of two Ergal (7075 zinc alloy aluminium) lines made in different colours with a 28.6 mm version for sports and naked bikes with variable clamp area dimension and without reinforcing bar, and a 22 mm version for the most popular naked style motorcycles.

For street motorcycles PBR also offers 'clip-ons' made of light silver coloured alloy with an inclination of 7.5 degrees for most forks

from 41 to 54 mm diameter for model-specific screw or universal expansion style handlebar weights.

For off-road motorcycles the range has been updated with new bumpers with more contemporary graphics and brighter colours.

Developed during MX and Enduro world championships, they too are made in 7075 T6 heat treated Ergal and offered as a 22 mm Pro-version with a classic design with a reinforcing bar



and in a 28.6 mm racing version with variable clamp area dimension, with and without a reinforcing bar and fork plate attachment kit.

Both versions are supplied with standard bumpers in three colours, red, blue and orange, for two different shapes "and all PBR road and off-road handlebars have guaranteed sturdiness and reliability".



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CSP30 suspension cartridge with Through-Rod Technology

Italian suspension specialist Mupo has introduced a new front suspension cartridge - the CSP30 - that features "Through-Rod Technology".

Described as the result of over 10 years of development by its in-house R&D department, the CSP30 is a race cartridge that has been tested, among others, by Michele Pirro in the Italian SBK series ("which we won again this year for the fourth year in a row"),

Alex Barros in Brazil and in other countries in a number of leading and demanding series and race environments.

Octavio Lucchini, Mupo's Director of International Sales and Marketing, told IDN: "So far the results and feedback have been fantastic - everyone who has tried the CSP30 has immediately changed over to it from whichever suspension cartridge they were using before, and the opinion of racers is that the CSP30 is the most advanced front suspension technology on the market."

At the heart of the CSP30 is the company's Through-Rod Technology, "an innovative system used by top teams in the most prestigious competitions worldwide. This technology is defined by the innovative way the piston rod operates - entering and exiting the body of the cartridge at the same time, avoiding gas pressure imbalances and limiting oil dilatation.

"The result is a homogeneous and extremely progressive damping, with outstanding front end grip and feel under braking and in the apex and exit phases of the corner. The performance of the CSP30 is quite simply the result of superior design - delivering much improved performance to the less responsive and slower dynamics that traditional open, closed and pressurised cartridges deliver.

"The compression and rebound damping are completely independent. This, together with the spring preload adjustment in both legs, makes finding the perfect set-up simple, fast and intuitive".

Founded in 1993, 100% of Mupo's production is carried out at its 650 sq m headquarters at Castel Guelfo di Bologna - in the heart of Italy's famed 'Motor Valley' - and is backed by the resources of the Roberto Nuti Group - a five-company industrial group founded in the early 1960s



that specialises in the production of suspension products of all kinds - from industrial vehicles, such as trucks, trailers and buses, to motorcycles and scooters. This gives Mupo access to a wide range of R&D, testing, manufacturing and quality control resources, and with five production sites worldwide and over 300 people employed in the group, Mupo can draw on the skills available in one of Europe's major engineering centres of excellence.



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Fehling accessories for Yamaha SCR 950

Baggage holder and luggage carrier



Well known German motorcycle accessories manufacturer Fehling offers dealers access to one of the largest handlebar, engine guard and protection parts, luggage rack and related parts ranges in the industry.

The company specialises in anything that involves tube bending, and in recent editions we showed a selection of their accessories for the 2017 and later Triumph Street Cup and Yamaha's popular MT-07. Shown here are more product range updates, this time for the Yamaha SCR 950.

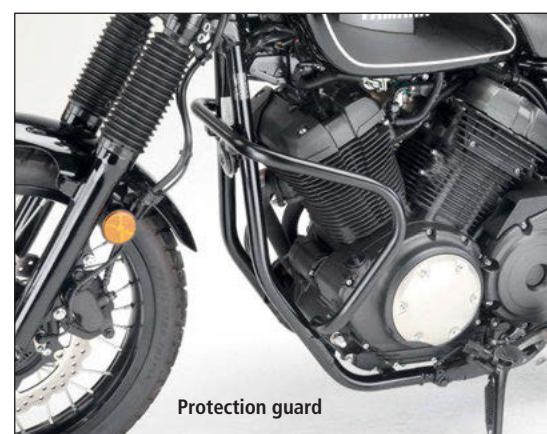
Made in steel, and seen here in black, are a one-piece protection guard in 38 mm (1 1/2") tube, a side mount luggage/pannier holder and a rear luggage rack in 16 mm tube.

Fehling designs and makes all its own products in-house at its factory near Dortmund in Germany. Founded in 1945 as specialist metal forming and processing engineers, the company specialises in motorcycle parts, currently employs around 25 people and is still in the founder's family ownership.

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LV One Black Edition - for Yamaha models

Celebrating its 65th anniversary, Italian exhaust brand LeoVince has released a new version of its popular LV One slip-on muffler, the LV One EVO Black Edition, for a range of 2016/17/18 and 2019 Yamaha model applications, including the MT-09 SP and FZ-09, XSR 700/900, Tracer 700/900 variants, and select MT-07/FZ-07 models.

The new version features a "beautiful matt black finish, made using a ceramic painting technology that is extremely resistant to high temperatures.

"The new LV One EVO Black Edition in AISI 304 stainless steel is the synthesis between tradition and modernity. It combines the LeoVince classic style and

looks with LeoVince signature and innovative high-performance materials research".

LeoVince chose full carbon for the muffler end cap, with an asymmetric ("slash") cut, to combine the performance and lightness of the carbon fibre without giving up its "Made in Italy" style. Additional features include high temperature resistant packing (1,650 °F), full carbon fastening strap and laser etched LeoVince logo.

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280 mm MX front brake kits

To meet the current trend of increasing front disc sizes on off-roaders, Spanish brake component manufacturer Galfer has released new race-developed oversized kits with 280 mm discs.

Available for all the main off-road motorcycle brands, Galfer says the new kit delivers "substantially improved braking performance, especially under extreme weather conditions or at higher speeds. So much so that the 280 mm oversized discs have been used in the last two seasons of the AMA Supercross Championship with great results - former Spanish motocross rider Javi García Vico used it recently on his Honda CRF 450."

The new RWSX front kits will include a fixed grooved 280 mm disc, a caliper spacer and a set of Galfer's new Sport Racing G1396R sintered brake pads. The kits are available for leading off-road models, including Honda CRF 250/450, Kawasaki KX 250/450 F, Yamaha YZ 125/250/450 F, Suzuki RM-Z 450 Z and for KTM/Husqvarna 125/250/450 SX (2011 and up).

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Barkbusters 'Sabre' MX/Enduro handguards

Barkbusters of Australia, the noted, innovative and popular motorcycle handguard specialist, has announced the release of a new motorcycle handguard design - the 'Sabre', designed to offer the "ultimate in versatile off-road coverage". Featuring upper and lower removable deflectors and fully customisable colourways, the sleek, lightweight design combines

with sturdy alloy mounting clamps to offer a robust and functional handguard to fit a full range of off-road bike models.

Thin profile alloy clamps provide multiple mounting positions and easily attach to the handlebars without interfering with switch blocks or controls, "making the 'Sabre' an ideal choice for either motocross or enduro racers".

The removable upper and lower deflectors mean riders can tailor the level of coverage to suit any riding condition and protect from damage to their hands caused by flying roost and debris while still having ample room for fingers to reach levers and controls. "With a range of 15 colour variations available and replacement parts in all colours, the 'Sabre' is infinitely customisable to fit your individual style".



Each complete set of high impact resistant moulded plastic guards includes left/right guard, top and bottom deflectors as well as all mounting hardware. The mounting clamps are manufactured from high grade aluminium with adjustable fit in two side positions. The low profile guard provides a minimalist design with venting for increased airflow.

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Organiser Koelnmesse has confirmed 2020 dates for INTERMOT, Cologne, with the show open to press and trade visitors on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October, with four days of public attendance from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th. INTERMOT Customized in Hall 10 will again host the AMD World Championship of Custom Bike Building.



Husqvarna Motorcycles are set to return to the Moto3 World Championship in 2020. After 5 years of absence, Husqvarna says it will field an official team composed of two riders. The company says that their Moto3 effort "complements Husqvarna Motorcycles' continuing expansion in street motorcycles, which will see constant growth and development in the coming years".

Fort Worth, Texas based Tucker Powersports (formerly Tucker Rocky Distributing) has announced its 2020 'Tucker Show' for the downtown Fort Worth Convention Center for three days from January 21st to 23rd 2020.



SIP Scootershop in Germany is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Founders Alex Barth and Ralf Jodl started the business in a garage, but it has quickly and continuously grown, with a new custom-built new 6,000 sq m headquarters facility, complete with in-house Dyno and R&D department, opened at Landsberg, Germany, in May 2016. The company carries more than 24,000 scooter parts and lifestyle items in stock at any one time and has a multi-lingual sales staff.

Sources: AMD, IDN, FT, Reuters, PSB, MPN, B&B, BDN, MCN, AP, Bloomberg, MNW

Hoco Parts joins forces with Rino Trading

Dutch distributor Hoco Parts (Barneveld) has taken over Rino Trading (Hulshout, Belgium) in a deal that brings the off-road strengths of Rino to the Hoco Parts dealer offer.

"Rino Trading has been on the forefront of off-road products for more than forty years, and with the deal, Hoco Parts is adding even more premium brands to its swelling portfolio. Adding the Rino Trading brands to its already extensive offer only means one thing: Hoco Parts, the reputable wholesaler in motorbike parts and accessories, has its eyes firmly set on the future".

Hoco Parts will be taking over the entire Rino Trading distribution range, which includes brands such as Putoline, Vertex Pistons, Hot Cams, UFO Plast, HGS Exhaust Systems and Twin Air, effective 21st October, significantly increasing Hoco's market share - especially in the



off-road sector.

"To guarantee the outstanding quality and level of service both companies have built their reputation on, and to ensure that dealers will still be able to rely on their familiar contact persons, all Rino Trading representatives will join the new, combined business. The expansion of the dealer network will allow Hoco Parts to provide dealers with an even better service".

Arno van de Glind, Managing Director of Hoco Parts: "Of course we are proud of this step because it means

tremendous growth for Hoco Parts. Our range is more comprehensive than ever now, and also our dealer network has expanded."

Tom van Ewijk, owner and Director of Rino Trading: "In Hoco Parts we found an excellent partner who can help us to further develop the distribution of our brands. But the icing on the cake is that our customers will be able to rely on the same great service from Hoco Parts."

Hoco Parts is part of the Powersports Distribution Group (PDG), which also includes DC Afam as a subsidiary.

Vertex and Gajser - 2019 MXGP champions



Tim Gajser and Vertex Pistons won the 2019 MXGP title, with three races to go, by willing the Italian GP to give the Slovenian a third MX World Title.

His Honda HRC-Honda Europe Team CRF450RW uses Vertex GP-Racer's Choice pistons "for maximum performance and reliability.

"These excellent pistons are refined by the constant work of Vertex Pistons technicians, not only alongside the riders of the Motocross World Championship, but also of the Enduro, Supermotard and Moto3.

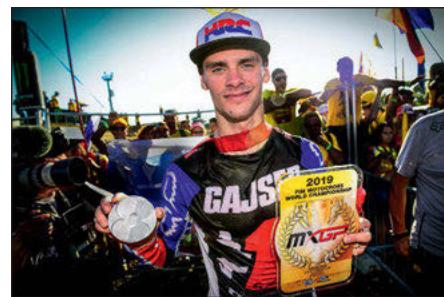


Among additional prestigious teams that collaborate with Vertex Pistons are Yamaha Monster Energy MXGP, Kawasaki KRT, Yamaha Wilvo, Yamaha Kemea, Beta Motor, TM Racing and Sic58.

"This latest success crowns the intense development work on hi-tech products carried out by the Vertex Pistons R&D department, continuing to apply the technical solutions defined

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