

INTERMOT - Five New BMWs!

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This new series of single-cylinder machines takes BMW Motorrad into a new market area that will bring a new group of riders to the brand. A group who are after a lightweight motorcycle that is capable of dynamic performance, both on and off road in a distinctive BMW package.

The new range consists of three models built upon the same platform. They all share the same frame with the 9.5 L tank situated under the seat and an updated 650 cc motor that has proved itself in the F 650 GS. It is lighter, even more fuel-efficient and puts out 53 hp/39 kW, an increase of 3 hp/2 kW.

The G 650 Xchallenge, G 650 Xcountry and G 650 Xmoto are motorcycles with their own distinct personalities, targeted at different riders.

The Xchallenge is the hard-edged dirt machine and at 156 kg is the lightest of the trio and will have a dynamic performance that will satisfy serious Enduro riders. The Xcountry is styled to hark back to the era of the classic Scrambler. It is capable on the dirt and the suspension set-up lends itself to carving up country roads. The Xmoto is the modern supermoto. Sticky road tyres mounted on 17-inch wheels, with stunning Graphitane matt metallic paintwork.

The brakes are different on each model but switchable ABS will be an option as it is on all BMW models. There is also a long list of accessories that can be added for comfort and convenience.

This new range has set the motorcycle world talking, as BMW Motorrad continue to expand the range into new areas, attracting new riders as well as tempting existing BMW enthusiasts.

The K Series is expanded with the launch of the K 1200 R Sport. It is the fourth new four-cylinder model and will compliment the S, R and GT. It is a bit of an each way bet, offering greater protection than the K 1200 R but without the visual bulk of the K 1200 S. The solid mounted fairing and the higher mounted 'bars will attract riders who like naked bikes but with the added comfort.

Rounding out the new models was the HP2 Megamoto. This, like the original HP2, will be a limited release machine and will be produced strictly to order. It has the same motor and frame but is fitted with 45 mm upside-down Marzocchi front forks and a high performance Ohlins strut at the rear. The 17-inch alloy wheels are shod with sports rubber for maximum grip and fun. The headlight is surrounded with a distinctive aggressive cowl in which sits a road orientated set of instruments. Maximum performance and fun.

Five new bikes further adding to the ever expanding range of BMW motorcycles. The full story is in the upcoming October edition of BeeEm.

One of the many reasons why you should join the club. (apologies to Damien for suggesting that I was waiting on him for the text of the article. It was ready days ago, it just got caught up in the works)