









The FJ1200. My how it's grown.

Since we built the first FJ1100 several years ago, nothing in its class has outaccelerated it. Or out-handled it. Or out-lasted it.

Accomplishments duly noted and applauded by the motorcycling press, which has designated the FJ1100 the category leader for two years running.

This year, we've taken steps to ensure that this situation gets even better.

The first of which was adding 91cc to the already brawny engine. A change which allows this deceptively straightforward air-cooled in-line four to hold on to its awesome peak power while gaining extra low and mid-range.

punch.

It breathes through 16 valves, operated directly by the camshaft lobes for maximum efficiency and reliability. It's fed by four 36mm carbs. And lubricated by a sophisticated system that utilizes double-trochoid oil pump and a high-performance oil cooler.

Which helps explain why the FJ1200's engine produces more horsepower-per-pound than any superbike in history. But it's also the narrowest, lightest and most compact powerplant in its class. So it accommodates lean angles up to a mind boggling 52°.

It sends its power through a close-ratio five-speed transmission that's been revised for even smoother shifting and greater reliability. On through a scaled O-ring chain with a TZ-style tensioner to a V-rated 16-meh

rear tire.

To make the FJ1200 even faster, we turned our attention to the fairing and undercowling. Scrapping them for a new design that reduces frontal area drag while increasing rider protection. We even integrated the rear view mirrors into the fairing, trimming drag by 8% and increasing visibility.

This aerodynamic marvel is mounted directly to an equally marvelous frame. Based on our legendary road-racing machinery, it offers handling so precise, you'd swear you were on a one-off factory F-1 racer.

Up front, a pair of massive 41mm air-adjustable forks with an aluminum alloy brace and a 3-way programmed damping pre-load adjustment provide taut, flex-free performance.

In the rear, our justly famous Monoshock suspension system bolds the rubber firmly to the asphalt. Remaining supple over small irregularities and automatically stiffening as the potholes and bumps get bigger. Its remote linkage makes pre-load adjustments a snap. And new needle roller bearing pivots provide even smoother response than ever.

Three internally-ventilated hydraulic disc brakes are ready to haul down the FJ1200. Each with opposed piston calipers and semi-metallic, water-resistant pads.

When you use them, you won't get the nose-dive that robs you of clearance going into corners and traction coming out of them. Because our exclusive anti-dive system helps keep the bike level even under the hardest riding.

Add to all this styling and convenience changes that include a dramatic new rear cowling, spoiler and passenger grab rail. A sleek new aircraft-type fuel filler cap. Black mufflers. An electric reserve fuel switch. Even a digital clock.

What you wind up with is a bike that's as pleasant on a trans-continental journey as it is exciting on a quarter-mile dash. As reliable going to and from work as it is exhilarating sweeping in and out of curves.

The Yamaha FJ1200. The choice is yours. Either you ride one.

Or you move over for the guy who does.