

REVIEW: HYOSUNG GT650R

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Commuter, this is for you. This is for you who don't like speeding but still wants enough power to get you through traffic. This is a perfect bike, backed by Kawasaki SA, for the "first bike" buyer ... light, easy to handle and comfortable too, who demands flexibility and performance. Great handling and balance is what stands out compared to other bikes in it's class.

Some of the features I picked up while on the GT were:

- Well positioned LCD display featuring all that is necessary to keep you well informed.
- The rider's seat is firm in design to provide good support and reduce fatigue.
- Race position handlebars and adjustable footrest positions gives you flexibility to tailor the ride position to your preference.



Marked as one of the Fastest Hyosung Motorcycles available you will not find another bike that delivers this kind of performance at this price. This compact water cooled 90 degree v twin, DOHC 8 valve engine incorporates the latest technology and produces 79 horsepower. It sets a new benchmark in V-twin performance. It has dual Mikuni downdraft carburetors, low restriction stainless steel exhaust (this one had an Air-Rage can fitted which sounded much nicer and it "upped" the HP too), environmentally friendly secondary air intake system, which meets all world standards, including euro 2.

The 90 degree V-Twin has been taken to the extreme to ensure the ultimate rush. Blistering performance is harnessed in a rigid box frame with all the features advanced technology has to offer. Any enthusiast in the world will be proud to take it to the roads in style. Subtle yet aggressive - this is no ordinary bike. Stunning good looks, broad power range, adjustable riding position and suspension make the GT650R unique.

Adjustable footrests compliment the versatile chassis, tailored ergonomics to suit your body and height. Dual lateral oval bar frame is designed to reduce weight and allow the engine to be carried lower to provide cornering agility.

Upside down forks compliment the chassis to give nimble handling and safer road holding. Twin front discs and dual twin piston fully floating brake calipers provide incredible stopping power. Fit racing pads and you are ready for the race track! Upside down forks have compression and rebound adjustment, and the rear shock is charged for suspension sophistication not normally available in this price range.

LCD instruments with fuel and temp gauges, clock and dual trip meter. A large 17 liter fuel tank ensures a long commuting range.

Split left/right fairing design allows cheaper repairs in the event of damage. The comet GT650R also has convenience features such as pillion seat, grab rail and heavy duty tie down rails for all your gear for those long trips. The GT650 incorporate key lock storage compartment under the pillion seat. Items such as wet weather gear, maps, lunch etc can be stored here, as well as locking helmet security.

PRICE

R49 995.00 Incl. VAT

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