

REVIEW: TRIUMPH SPEEDMASTER

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As some of you might say, "This is not something we've known Hein to be riding", my response would be; like the many curios in the background of this picture you normally buy only one you really feel drawn to, and that's the same with the Speedmaster, there are so many middleweight cruisers out there but this will be the ONE you end up taking home with you.

Getting off my Busa and on to this was an adjustment at first, like "where are the foot pegs" and "where's the ignition", but once you get cruising with this beauty you realise what the ride is all about ... freedom and peace. The easy on the body riding style left me with a relaxed feeling of note, something simply not possible on a sports bike.



FEATURES

Fitted with a fuel injected, 865cc, air-cooled, DOHC, parallel twin engine delivering 61bhp @ 6800rpm and a max torque of 74Nm @ 3300rpm, you can be sure the ride will be satisfying.

The fuelling injection system has been updated to meet Euro 3 legislation and it is very nicely hidden by what's called "throttle bodies" making it look like a set of carbs ... COOL HEY!

The handlebars are comfortably stretched out and fitted with high risers giving you that "mean machine" type of riding position.

The new teardrop-shaped tank now has a bigger capacity, nicely finished off with the chrome badge and fitted with your typical indicator and warning lights ... right there where you need them.

The Speedmaster is pulled to a stop by twin-piston callipers clamping down on the twin 310mm front brake discs and a single twin-piston calliper on a 285mm rear disc.

The one-piece seat offers a very comfortable ride to the rider which will snug your but all the way down the long and winding roads you'd find yourself on with this baby.

LOOKS

The gloss black paint, the chrome and the matt black finish on some of the engine parts and the low-down slash cut pipes really makes the Speedmaster stand out above the rest. Both the front and rear wheels are fitted with cast aluminium alloy rims which are an absolute blessing when it comes to cleaning compared to spoke wheels, wouldn't you agree.

To quote Triumph in saying "With its dark, brooding lines and a pared-down hot-rod essence, the Speedmaster is a standout middleweight cruiser from every angle. Punchy 865cc engine, mean looks and souped-up chassis - the Speedmaster is the very essence of an old-school street-rod, packing performance and style into one very individual motorcycle."

WHO NEEDS IT

This is a real middleweight cruiser and would be suitable for the short and/or lady rider, yes boys too, wanting quality at an affordable price. Take some time off, make the effort to consider this and option with your next or first cruiser purchase.

PRICE

R77995.00 Incl. 14% VAT

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