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## Fabulous Yamaha 650 Street XSI to shortly launch onto market



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A Yamaha 650 Street XSI and Yamaha Course. Acceleration, top speed, maneuverability, reliability and other details of performance are tested here.

### *Smart looking*

Look at its style, first! It looks surprisingly smart for its large displacement. This may be the first impression for the biggest Yamaha. But keep in mind the fact that outer completeness symbolizes inner perfectness.

Firm frame structure, stubborn well-balanced suspensions supporting big massive tyres, beautiful streamlining tear-drop type fuel tank, subtle separate meters and sparkling one vertical twin 4-stroke engine — these high performance components are combined together to give a

fabulously smart looking to this exciting model to enchant the youth around the world.

### *Exciting performance*

Its performance is most exciting, of course. Here introduced are



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A maximum output of 53 h.p., acceleration of 5.5 sec. for 1/4 mile, top speed of over 185 km/h, these are figures specified in its technical data for the domestic market. They are far above the standard levels.



[4] A 653cc ohc aluminum twin cylinder engine is fitted with a couple of Solex type SU carburetors to deliver exclusive steadfast performance through a 5-speed gearbox.



A cap-fitted from double leading-shoe brake is so powerful.



Newly designed speedometer (left), tachometer (right) and ignition key (center).

its specifications for the domestic market.

A 653cc ohc twin near-square type power unit (bore-75mm, stroke-74mm) is fitted with a couple of Solex type SU carburetors. At a compression ratio of 8.7:1, it develops the output of 53 h. p./7000 rpm and maximum torque of 5.5kg-m/6000 rpm. Through a five-speed gearbox, it shows a tiger-like dash of acceleration, covering 1/4 mile in 13 seconds from standing start, and marking a top speed of over 185km/h.

Though not possibly specified in its technical data, its reliability and maneuverability as a whole is found exclusively steadfast while cruising over a range of speeds from low to medium.

A Yamaha 650 Street XSI is expected to be an ace in its class. Yamaha hold high hopes with this model to successfully advance into the world heavy-weight market.

### other features

Included among its exclusive fea-

tures are a new type key, a same quick-lock type cap of fuel tank as one used for a GP racer, a newly designed seat allowing effortless taking-in and out of tool kit, and easy inspection or maintenance of battery kept under it. A fuel tank is so designed as to be removed without tools, and a cylinder head and piston can be detachable without removing a crankcase. These innovations are highly valued as improvements for actual riding or maintenance work.

## Yamaha's Outright Success Australian Big Events

Here reported are Yamaha's astounding racing successes at the Queensland Grand Prix Road Race Meeting recently held at the Surfers Paradise circuit during Australia's national "Speed week" promotion. There were a total of 13 solo races run in this meeting, and Yamaha were most successful by winning 6.

Most spectacular was Ron Tooms's success on a factory prepared 125cc machine. He won the ultra-lightweight race renewing both race and lap time records. Besides, he snatched other three wins of the meeting riding a Yamaha 350cc TR 2 production racer. (offered by Mc-CULLOCH OF AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.)

Results are as follows:  
JUNIOR INTER-STATE RIDERS RACE, 350cc

1. Ron Tooms Yamaha TR2
  2. Brian Hindle Yamaha TR2
  3. Laurie Turnbull Yamaha TR2
  4. Bill Dillon Yamaha TDIC
- Fastest lap - R. Tooms, Yamaha TR2, 1' 26" 4 (fastest throughout the meeting)

OLD ULTRA-LIGHTWEIGHT GP, 125cc

1. Ron Tooms Yamaha Factory 125cc
  2. Dave Gormley Yamaha 125cc
- Fastest lap - R. Tooms, Yamaha factory 125cc, 1' 33" 1 (Record)



Barry Rattray is proving his Yamaha 350cc TR2 competent enough even in the unlimited class.

UNLIMITED INTER-STATE RIDERS RACE, 1000cc

1. Laurie Turnbull Yamaha TR2
  2. Brian Hindle Yamaha TR2
  3. Vincent 1000cc
  4. G500 Matchless 500cc
- Fastest lap - G500 Matchless, 1' 24" 4

OLD LIGHTWEIGHT GP, 250cc

1. Tom Gibson Yamaha TD2
  2. Ron Tooms Yamaha Factory 125cc
  3. Roger Ralston Yamaha TD2
  4. Kawasaki
- Fastest lap - R. Tooms, Yamaha TR2, 1' 30" 6

FINAL JUNIOR RIDERS RACE, 350cc

1. Ron Tooms Yamaha TR2
  2. Laurie Turnbull Yamaha TR2
  3. A. J. S. 350cc
  4. Brian Hindle Yamaha TR2
- Fastest lap - R. Tooms, Yamaha TR2, 1' 26" 6 (second fastest time of the day)

OLD JUNIOR GP, 350cc

1. Ron Tooms Yamaha TR2
  2. Laurie Turnbull Yamaha TR2
  3. Brian Hindle Yamaha TR2
  4. Tom Gibson Yamaha TD2
- Fastest lap - Brian Hindle, Yamaha TR2, 1' 27" 9

## Read vs. Agostini battle eye-witnessed by a Yamaha fan at Cadwell Park

Here introduced is a racing picture of Cadwell park, England, personally taken by Mr. Madeleine Carrol, one of the great Yamaha fans who eye-witnessed Phil Read on a Yamaha beating G. Agostini riding a works MV.

"It was a very exciting race, indeed", states he "Agostini trying all the time to catch Read, never managed to do this. Yamaha are to be congratulated for having had such an excellent rider, and Read himself is to be congratulated for doing such tremendous hard work on a wonderful Yamaha against the most powerful works machine."



## Damascus International Trade Fair

Spectators were most interested in the Yamaha corner where sparkling Yamaha motorcycles were exhibited at the Damascus International Trade Fair. These Yamahas were the first batch imported to Syria and specially permitted to join the Fair thanks to painstaking efforts of Mr. Oden who has recently become the Yamaha Distributor in Syria. 50 Yamahas which were imported with a YGIK shown here were sold within three days, and future demand is expected to be so much promising.



## YAMAHA Topics

### Contributions Invited

Just send us pictures you've taken of stories, interesting happenings or, extraordinary incidences—anything if it's about YAMAHA. A commemorative gift will be sent to those subscribers whose pictures are accepted for publication.

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## Charmed by Yamaha Mate seats

Arranged along a counter are Yamaha Mate seats which never fail to attract attention of the youth. This chic arrangement has been jointly designed by three young interior designers for a recently opened snack "Lincon" in the biggest amusement center, Yurakucho, Tokyo for the purpose of satisfying fresh tastes of the youth. These seats, breaking an established image of seat, are winning popularity among all of novelty-loving youth. A girl may have a mood of riding with her boy friend.



## Yamaha team in Algeria

Using ultra-fast 250cc TD2 production racers, the members of Algerian Yamaha racing team are being trained for starting technique. They are all Algerian military police men, and even a normal public road is ready to be offered for their use as the government is giving the team every support and facility for encouragement of motorcycle sport. The team made an experimental racing debut in the 1969 French GP. Picture: extreme left: Mr. Bouxiri, Boss of Algerian Yamaha Distributor, second from right: Mr. Moulay, Algeria-Morocco racing champion, extreme right: a team leader.

