

## Smart, Efficient and Enjoyable

This year's RD200 sparkles at the head of the lightweight field. Diamond sharp styling, performance characteristics that provide safe, quiet traffic usage or a touring capability that gives the rider economical open road travel at minimal cost with instant and zestful acceleration.

Yamaha engineers have perfected this twin cylinder masterpiece of advanced two-stroke technology. Torque induction, seven port aluminium cylinders with cast in iron sleeves and a solid power band from tickover to the maximum 9,000 r.p.m., make the RD200 not just a sensible choice but the well balanced choice for the discerning rider.

A 5-speed gearbox, electric starter and hydraulic disc front brake will always confirm that the choice was right.







Engine
Superb Yamaha two-stroke twin with proven record of long life, minimal service requirements and smooth clean power delivery throughout its speed range. Yamaha's patent Autolube pump mechanism feeds clean undiluted oil to the engine to aid efficient lubrication while seven cost aluminium cylinder harrels and deep finned cylinder port aluminium cylinder barrels and deep finned cylinder heads ensure cool running.

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An instantly responsive engine with twin 20-mm carburettors, reed valve controlled torque induction, a swept
displacement of 195-cc and a full 20 b.h.p. fired into
action with the electric or kick start systems fitted, provide the RD200 with the luxury specification of a Superbike in a lightweight, easy to handle concept. The
efficient exhaust and induction silencing systems fitted
have been designed to allow the engine to produce all
its power without causing offence at any speed.

V-type Reed Valve Employing a special stainless-steel reed-valve assembly between the carburetor and the engine, intake is positive and efficient. Operating due to pressure variations within the engine itself, the reed valves open and close on demand positively fueling the engine and preventing blow-back through the carburetor, resulting in increased torque and higher economy.

Transmission

Variables of the early duty five friction plate clutch in old and the heavy duty five friction plate clutch. can take every punishment that the use of a multi-pur-pose motorcycle can give.

Frame and Suspension

The tough tubular high tensile steel frame for the RD200 was designed by the same team who produced the frames for Yamaha's world-beating road racing motorcycles. Strong but light, it can absorb all the stresses and strains that any rider can put on it. The basis of the RD200's reputation for "on line" handling, the frame, carries a rear swinging arm suspension set-up that utilizes three position adjustable hydraulic shock absorbers. Carefully and scientifically matched with long-stroke front forks, the rear suspension dampers are styled with chrome plated springs and legs.

The front fork design reveals this Yamaha's race breeding. Progressive springing and damping provides a long controlled fork movement which aids rider comfort and cornering control. Friction free seals ensure the perma nent silky smooth action over bumpy or rippled road surfaces. The right hand fork leg carries the hydraulically operated disc brake caliper for the 245-mm diameter stainless steel disc.

Control and Comfort

Riding position is all important, along with the posi-tion, location, feel and design of controls. The RD200 with its carefully positioned and easy-to-read speedowith its carefully positioned and easy-to-read speedo-meter and precision revolution counter at either side of the ignition switch is evidence of the thought that is given not just to the machine but to you, the rider. The dual seat is wide and luxuriously padded and even its springing is tuned to match that of the machine. Sculptured to match the classical lines of the tank side panels and rear mudguard assemblies, the seat unlocks and swings laterally to reveal the battery and Autolube

Handlebars are carefully formed for rider comfort and all controls fall within range of normal hand and finger movements to allow the rider to concentrate on the road

and surrounding conditions.

Powerful lights with good main beam penetration and dip beam spread and efficient direction indicators are standard Yamaha fittings.

In order to smooth out road roughness and reduce vibra-tion felt by the rider thereby lowering riding fatigue, this bike is equipped with ultra-responsive racing type front forks. These optimum-stroke forks are specifically designed to yield the best stability while allowing maximum manoeuvrability.

The 245 mm, large disc brake on the front wheel is hydraulically operated for maximum control with the least amount of effort. This disc brake, featuring double-piston type caliper operation, is not affected by water or dust, and it will not fade even after continuous, repeated use. Safe, controlled stops under all conditions.

The wide seat is extra comfortable to help reduce riding fatigue when the bike is ridden continuously for long periods. Positioned for the best riding posture, the seat blends in with the dynamic lines of the machine, and for lasting durability the cover of the seat is waterproof.

For safe riding day or night, the lighting equipment is designed to be readily visible by other traffic and so that the rider's field of vision is as wide as possible at night. The turn signals and rear stop light brightly indicating the rider's intentions, and the instrumentation is softly back-lighted for clear nighttime viewing.

Speedometer and Tachometer

The overall operation and speed of the bike can be easily monitored at a glance at the large, easily-readable speedometer and tachometer. These precision instruments are shock mounted for lasting durability and are placed at an optimum location for quick viewing.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

**ENGINE** Type ..... 2-stroke, Torque Induction, Twin

Displacement	195 CC
Bore & Stroke	$52 \times 46 \text{ mm}$
Compression ratio	7.1:1
Max. horsepower 20 bhp	@ 8,000 rpm
Max. torque 1.9 kg-m	@ 7,000 rpm
Max. speed range	133 km/h
Lubrication system	. Autolube
Starting system Electrick & P	rimary kick
	starter
Primary transmission	Gear
Final transmission	Chain
Gearbox	5-speed
Carburettor	$Y20P(\times 2)$
ClutchMul	ti plate, wet
Battery	12 V, 9 AH
Ignition typeBatter	ry, CB/Coil
DIMENSIONS	
Overall length	1,945 mm
Overall width	790 mm
Overall height	980 mm
Seat height	780 mm
Wheelbase	1,240 mm
Weight (net)	123 kg
Fuel tank capacity	11.5 lit.
Oil tank capacity	1.2 lit.
Oil tank capacity	2.75-18-4PR
rear	3.25-18-4PR
Brakes front Hyd. disc, dia	m. 245 mm
rear	Drum

\* Specifications subject to change without notice.



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