

Duncan Blake, and the Mohair motorcycle.

Duncan Blake is a custom tailor Mer's fine suits, at three hundred bucks and up.

Duncan Blake is also a motorcycle enthusiast. As he sees it, one suit equals one minibike. Three suits, one shiny new street machine.

Over the past three years, Duncan's meticulous measurements have brought him twelve motorcycles. A closetful of clothes for a couple of Kawasakis, a Metrala, a Gilera, Herringbones for Hondas, sharkskins for Suzukis, and tweeds for Triumphs.

A few months ago, a customer ordered a particularly fine suit of expensive imported English mohair, with vest, a matching topcoat, and lining of Liberty silk.

The bill just happened to be exactly the price of a new 1973 Yamaha RD 350.

Duncan Blake says the best suit he ever made bought him the best street motorcycle he ever owned.

"Very, very quick," he says. "It took me two weeks just to get used to the throttle, that's how quick it is."

"The RD 350 is put together like it was made by a tailor. You get in it, instead of getting on it."

Somehow, you know the guy who designed the engine was sitting right next to the man who designed the chassis."

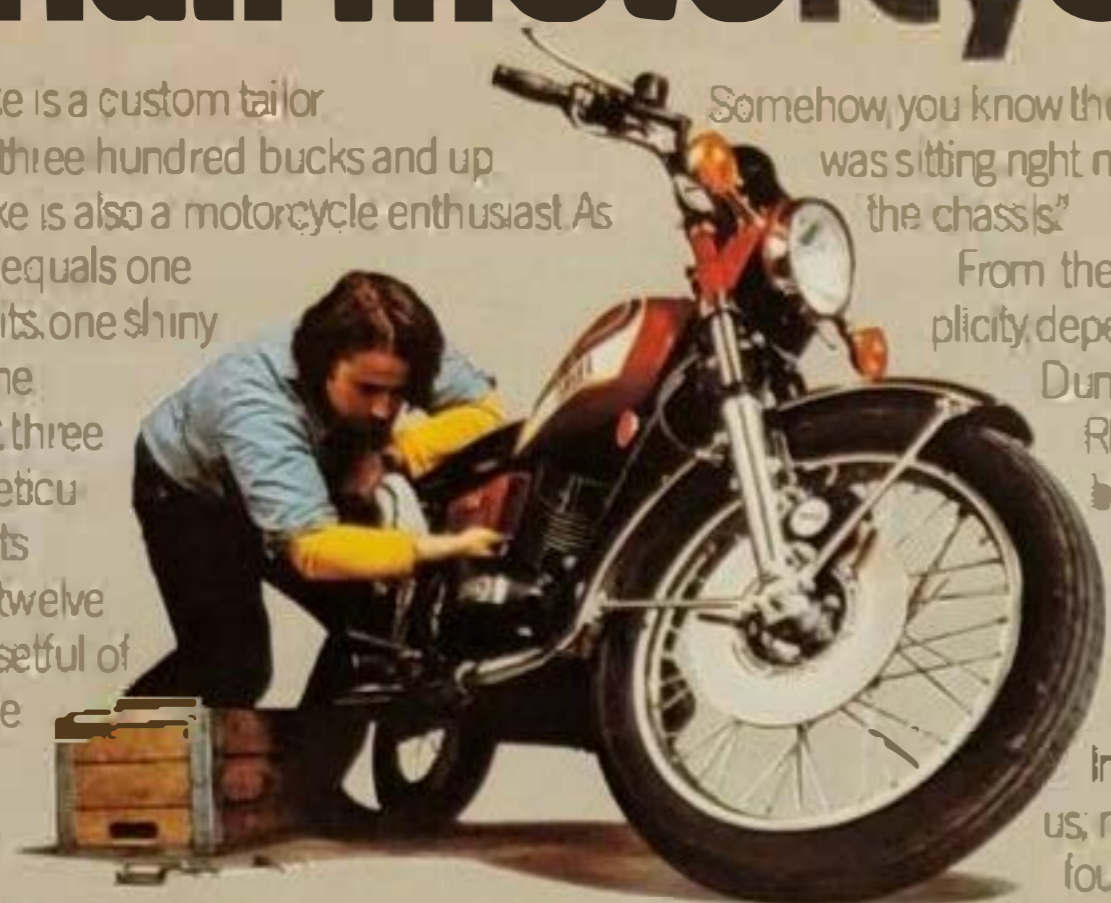
From the standpoint of handling, simplicity, dependability, balance and speed,

Duncan Blake says the Yamaha RD 350 "has just got to be the best street machine around."

To say the very least, Duncan Blake is happy with his new RD 350. In fact, he tells us, now that he's found out what

a great motorcycle it is, he'd gladly have made two mohair suits for it. Or even three.

Each, he says, with an extra pair of pants.



1973 YAMAHA RD350

Maximum speed range	100 mph plus
Climbing ability	28 degrees
Minimum braking distance	46 ft @ 31 mph
Displacement	21.18 cu in
Bore & stroke	64.54 mm
Compression ratio	5.5:1
Maximum torque	28.0 ft. lb @ 7000 rpm
Lubrication system	Autolube
Starting system	Primary kick starter
Transmission	5-speed gearbox
Weight (wet)	315 lbs
Engine type	2-stroke, Torque Inversion® Pore Jet™ Twin

Specifications based on change sheet release



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