





The unsurpassed 500

The most popular 500 ever-built. Kawasaki's half-liter roadster still has more thrust than any other machine in its class Performance second only to the H-2, 42.3 ft-lb of torque get it from a standing start through the quarter mile in iust 12.4 seconds. The threecylinder, piston-port engine puts out 60 hp/7.500 rpm, for speeds up to 124 mph. With lower vibration, better thermal dissipation, quicker throttle response.

Straight-line stopping power

A new single-disc front brake hauls MACH III down from fantastic



speeds in a flash. Safe and strong. Hydraulic action means smooth. effortless braking, hour after hour. And thanks to the progressive braking action, the danger of locking is minimized. Other new safety features include the new extra-big. extra-bright taillight and flashers, to make it easier for the rider to see and be seen; and separate, glare-free easy-to-read instruments. Plus a riding position orthopedically selected after extensive testing.



SPECIFICATIONS

The look of the elite This is the machine you always

knew you'd own someday. Now better than ever. The classic MACH III brought to an even higher level of perfection for 1972. With streamline styling. Sonic striping that adds color and dash to the sleek, polished three-cylinder engine. A new standard of beauty in pearl-candy-orange.



Features for the experienced rider

Close-ratio five-speed transmission. Light, sure clutch action. Threeway adjustable rear shocks. Quiet new mufflers for power without noise. Taut slimline suspension for perfect poise. And exclusive new three-points, three-coils ignition system for added reliability and performance, MACH III has it all.

PERFORMANCE

Maximum speed Acceleration Climbing ability Braking distance Min. Turning radius Fuel consumption

ENGINE

Type Displacement Bore & stroke Compression ratio Maximum horsepower Maximum torque

Ignition system

Starting system Lubrication

124 mph (200 kph) SS 1/4-mile (400m): 12.4 sec. 40° 35 ft/31 mph (10.5 m/50 kph) 90 in. (2.3 m) 55 miles/gal @50 mph (33 km/liter @ 50 kph)

2-cycle, 3-cylinder, piston valve 498 cc (30.4 cu. in.) 2.36 x 2.31 in. (60 x 58.8 mm) 68:1 60 hp/7,500 rpm 42.3 ft-1b/7.000 rpm (5.85 kg-m/7,000 rpm) Battery and coil (Three points, three coils system) INJECTOLUBE (automatic pressurized injection)

TRANSMISSION

Type Clutch

DIMENSIONS

Length, overall Width, overall Height, overall Wheelbase Ground clearance Weight Fuel tank capacity Oil tank capacity

FRAME

Type Suspension: Front Tire size: Front

5-speed, constant mesh, return shift Wet, multi-disc

82.5 in. (2.095 mm) 33 in. (840 mm) 43.5 in. (1,110 mm) 55 in. (1,400 mm) 5.5 in. (135 mm) 382 lbs (173.2 kg) 4.0 U.S. gal. (15 liters)

2.5 U.S. qt. (2.3 liters)

Tubular, double cradle Telescopic fork

Swing arm 3.25 - 19 4PR 4.00 - 18 4PR

Specifications subject to change without notice.