

A LITTLE MORE THAN YOU DARED TO HOPE FOR

Acclaimed by the press of five continents as one of the most exciting motorcycles ever made, the YAMAHA RD350 is nothing less than an engineering sensation.

Thrilled by the poise and beauty of its styling and fascinated by the audacity of its concept, the press instantly recognised that the RD was a stunning success: the perfect expression of YAMAHA's concept of the whole motorcycle.

The RD350 embodies, in the most direct way possible, the unique knowledge and experience YAMAHA have acquired from a brilliantly successful racing history.

The piston-ported, twin-cylinder, liquid-cooled engine, the close-ratio gearbox and the incredible Monoshock suspension system are derived from the legendary TZ racers. The RD, naturally, is fast and handles superbly. Which is only part of the story.

YAMAHA designed the RD to be a perfect combination of engine and chassis; the perfect blend of power and handling; a perfect example of modern motorcycle production. A complete motorcycle.

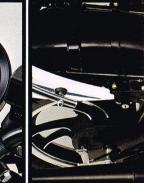
And a safe motorcycle. The motorcycle that wins races is so much more than a fast motorcycle. It holds the road better than any other, holds its line better, brakes better, responds better and withstands the pace better than any other.

And now the RD translates the best of all racers for use on the road. The RD is to the road what the TZ is to the track: fast, safe, dependable. Racing technology distilled for the enthusiast. A little more than you dared to hope for. A YAMAHA.

The RD350 displaces 347cc (bore and stroke 64 mm × 54 mm) and develops maximum power of 47 HP at 8,500 rpm. Maximum torque is 4.1kg-m at 8,000 rpm. The engine is a liquid-cooled two-stroke twin equipped with a frontal radiator. Gearbox is six-speed; clutch is wet multiplate; final drive is by chain.



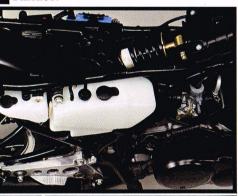




Instrumentation is comprehensive and includes sports tachometer and full range of warning lights. Self-cancelling indicators are fitted as standard.



Cast aluminium plates act both as heel stoppers and to protect legs from the high-rise mufflers. Rear suspension is YAMAHA's all-conquering Monoshock. A triangulated rear sub-frame carries the wheel, which is suspended by a long spring-and-shock-absorber unit running under the tank to the steering head. The system provides not only rear wheel travel, but more positive damping, which allows the wheel to follow more closely the variations in road surface.

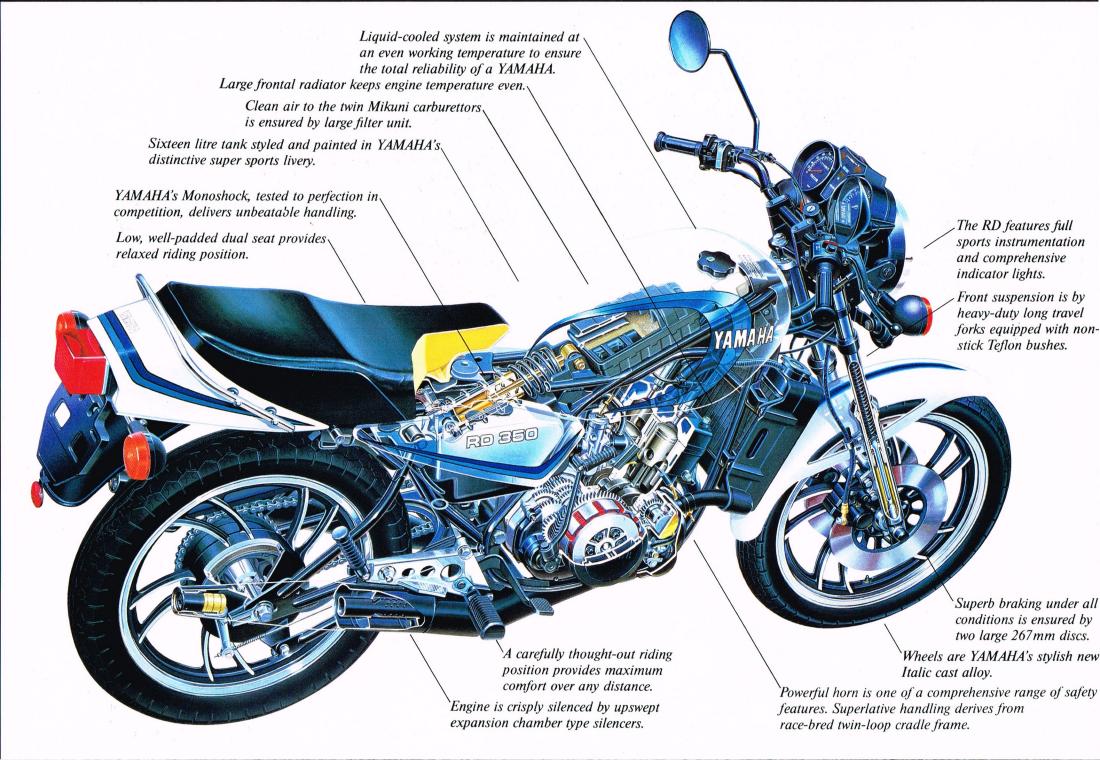


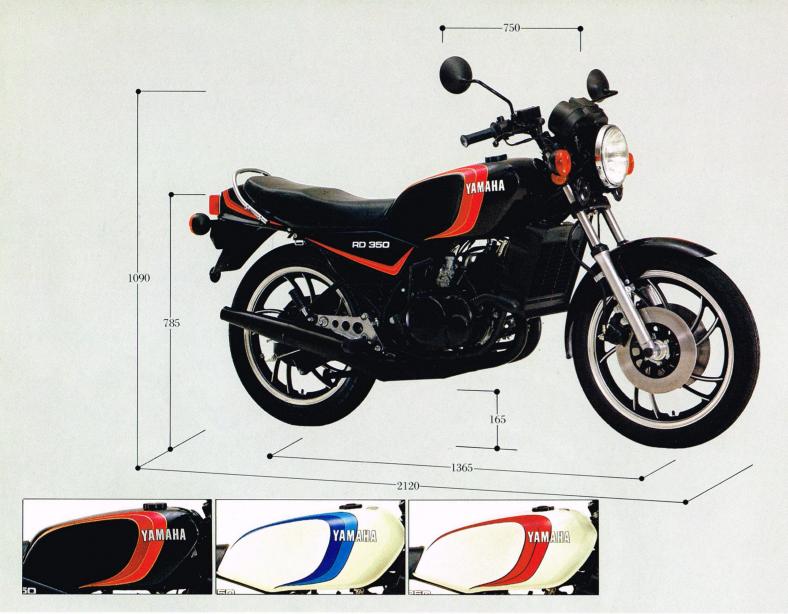


The wheels are YAMAHA Italic design, cast in alloy and finished in silver and matt black. The brakes are double disc front and waterproof, dustproof drum rear.









SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE
Type2-stroke, liquid-cooled, twin
Displacement
Bore and Stroke64.0 × 54.0 mm
Compression ratio6.2:1
Max. Power output47.0PS/
8,500 r.p.m.
Maximum torque4.1 kg-m
(59.2 Nm) @ 8,000 r.p.m.
Carburetion(2) VM26
Ignition
StartingKick
LubricationYamaha autolube
Transmission6-speed
CHASSIS
Overall length2,120 mm
Overall width750 mm
Overall height1,090 mm
Seat height785 mm
Wheelbase
Ground clearance165 mm
Dry weight
Fuel tank capacity16.5 \(\ell \)
Oil capacity
Suspension
FrontTelescopic forks
Rear Monocross suspension
Brakes
FrontDisk
RearDrum
Tires
Front3.00H 18-4PR
Rear3.50S 18-4PR

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