

Cracking One-Off

Obsession. There's really no other word to describe the depth of the passion David Sharp has for building and owning stunning motorcycles.

The bike you see here, which started life as a bog-stock 2005 Yamaha YZF-R1, represents in excess of £60,000 of David's money. Yes, that is the right amount of noughts.

It's hard to estimate how many FIAT replica R1s currently prowl the streets and trackdays of the UK, but we'd

lay a decent wager that none are as special as this one. Sixty-K will, of course, buy you some pretty special kit, but the spec' list for this bike is far more impressive than a fancy shopping list.

The bike was built by GP Motorsport, who can tailor the build to whatever spec' the customer wants.

This bike

would have been dramatically cheaper without the über-expensive suspension parts - but it is pretty hardcore having Carlos Checa's Moto GP fork from his 2003 bike - even if that one part alone comprises half the total build cost!

The rear shock is WSB spec' Öhlins, the same as you'd have found on Noriyuki Haga's 2008 race bike. No corners have been cut with this build - even the Brembo Monoblocs are WSB spec' with Titanium pistons, rather than aluminium.

It's not all off the stockroom shelf either, with much of the

carbon work being bespoke, and several parts actually sourced from ex-Rossi bikes, including the Brembo beryllium rear caliper, and the 2D dash and datalogging electronics. The bodywork is all GRP, formed on moulds taken from actual M1 panels, and painted by the same chap who finishes the panels for the Yamaha Factory GP team.

Amazingly, having gone to all the effort and expense of creating this extraordinary M1 replica, David is now selling it. He's a serial offender when it comes to building exotic bikes, and the next project is already beckoning. If you've got £25k burning a hole in your sky-rocket, get in touch via FB Towers...



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MODIFICATIONS

DAVID SHARP'S 2005 YZF-R1 M1 REPLICA, BUILT BY GP MOTORSPORT

2005 Yamaha YZF-R1

Performance

Brembo WSB spec' Monobloc calipers, with Titanium pistons
HEL stainless brake lines
Braking WSB spec' wavey discs (320mm)
Quick action throttle
2D dash and datalogging system
Factory Brembo front brake master cylinder
Brembo GP spec' Beryllium rear caliper (from Rossi's '03 bike)
Fully-floating rear disc (from Rossi's '03 bike)
Bespoke billet underslung caliper hanger
520 race chain & sprocket conversion
GP-spec' Titanium and carbon fibre exhaust by Racefit (exact M1 replica)

Chassis

MotoGP spec' Öhlins TTX magnesium fork bottoms from Checa's 2003 MotoGP bike
Öhlins WSB spec' TTX rear shock

Dymag GP spec' carbon fibre 16.5" wheels
Harris GP spec' clip-ons
Promach YZF-R7 yoke
Factory replica rearsets
Dunlop KR108 195/75 R420 rear slick
Dunlop KR106 125/60 R420 front slick

Aesthetic

GRP M1 body kit, copied from Rossi's 2005 M1
Renthal race grips
Biketek billet filler cap
Race seat pad
Bespoke carbon fibre mudguard
Bespoke carbon fibre exhaust heat shield
Bespoke carbon fibre exhaust hanger
Bespoke carbon fibre air intakes
Bespoke carbon fibre swingarm covers
Spy remote start and alarm system

TOTAL (IN EXCESS OF) **£60,000**