

• WHAT CONSTITUTES A MILESTONE MOTOR-cycle? First, it's one that represents a departure, technologically and visually, from the mainstream of things. Second, that departure must be broadly accepted. The bike must take the industry and consumers by storm. Third, the motorcycle must be a turning point rather than a technical or stylistic cul-de-sac. Its influence should be felt and seen for five or ten years; it will most likely open a new

area which other manufacturers will be obliged to fill—though rarely with the impact or completeness of the original. The milestone motorcycle may be a styling exercise, a new displacement category, a new size, or a new design. Or it may be a New Everything. In that case, the motorcycle's significance is obvious and overwhelming. The Honda VF750S Sabre is such a motorcycle.

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truly new motorcycles of the past decade; its sum of parts adds up to the most harmonious and creatively engineered package ever. The liquid-cooled V-four engine shows how manufacturers can comply with future government environmental and safety standards, and still create a motorcycle that delivers the performance and features enthusiasts demand. The Sabre is all new; as such, it has an extraordinary capacity for further