HONDA V45 SABRE

proportions—of major faults.

The Sabre has given us more cause for praise than any new motorcycle since the introduction of the 750cc Ducati V-twin in 1972. Its faults are few, and in time

Honda will most likely smooth, hone and polish the rough edges. Even our resident chronic complainer came back bubbling with delight after a lengthy Sabre excursion—and he's normally as effervescent as vinegar.

With the Sabre, the curtain to the fu-

ture has been raised. For those of you who thought motorcycling would repeat itself into a tasteless and homogenized future, you can stop moping now and rejoice. The Honda Sabre says the future of street motorcycling is as bright and incandescent as we've ever seen it.

Cycle TEST SPECIFICATIONS

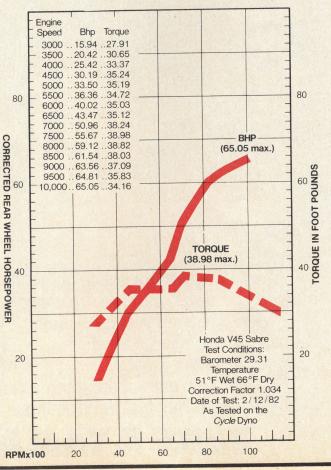
Make and model
PERFORMANCE Standing start ¼ mile
Type Four-stroke, 90-degree V-four; liquid-cooled with dual chain-driven overhead camshafts; four valves per cylinder
Bore and stroke
Carburetion
Air filtration (2) Oiled foam elements Oil filtration Strainer and paper element, disposable Oil capacity 3.2 qts. (3.0 l) Bhp @ rpm 65.05 @ 10,000 Torque @ rpm 38.98 @ 7500
TRANSMISSION Type
(4) 1.07 (5) 0.90 (6) 0.75 Gear ratios (overall) (1) 16.10 (2) 11.39 (3) 9.07 (4) 7.52 (5) 6.33 (6) 5.27 CHASSIS
Type Double-downtube, full-cradle frame; tube/box-section swing arm
Suspension, frontCenter-axle, air-assisted fork with 37mm tubes, four-way adjustable anti-dive valving, and 4.8 in.(121mm) of travel rear(1) shock absorber, adjustable for air springing and rebound damping, producing 4.2 in. (107mm) of travel
Wheelbase
rearRod-actuated, single-leading-shoe drum Wheel, front
rear
Ground clearance

Fuel capacity	3.7/1.1 gal. (14.0/4.0)
Curb weight, full tank	537.5 lbs. (243.8 kg)
Test weight	
ELECTRICAL	
Power source	Three-phase AC generator
Charge control	Solid-state voltage regulator
Headlight beams, high	/low 65/45 watts
Taillights/stoplights	(2) 8/27 watts
Battery	12V 14AH
INSTRUMENTS	
	.Speedometer, odometer, tripmeter,

Speedometer error, 30 mph indicated, actual ... 29.63 mph 60 mph indicated, actual ... 58.82 mph CUSTOMER SERVICE CONTACT

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