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## NEW MODEL

## LONG-AWAITED 125CC ROADSTER

Yamaha has released a new all-purpose roadster, 125 A-7 which is a long-awaited modified version of 125 YA-6.

In addition to improvements done to internal mechanism ensuring higher performance, the 125A-7 has numerous eye-

catching features in appearance, such as cross-shaped fins, stream-lined fuel tank, larger lighting equipment, novel ribbon tyres and sharp-designed air-cleaner. A single autolube engine develops dynamic and flexible power at any riding condition.

Most notable is that the 125 A-7 ensures smooth and reliable riding on any snowy ground with chained tyres. Yamaha 125A-7 will do a lot of things for a lot of people!



### MAIN FEATURES OF A-7

- \* Rotary valve single engine for maximum use of power at all speeds.
- \* Yamaha's exclusive automatic oil injection system, "Auto-lube", no pre-mixing of gas and oil, negligible carbon accumulation and great fuel economy.
- \* Electric starter for quick and easy starting.
- \* Large-size head and tail lamps, wipers to guarantee safer riding.
- \* Perfect water and dust proof brakes for faster and safer stops under all weather conditions.
- \* Telescopic front fork and swinging rear arm to ensure smooth and comfortable riding at any ground condition.
- \* New designs on stream-lined fuel tank, side covers, seat, etc.



## SPECIFICATIONS OF A-7

### PERFORMANCE

Max. speed range.....100-110km/h (65-70mph)  
 Climbing ability..... 20 degrees  
 Min. turning radius..... 1,980mm (78in.)  
 Min. braking distance .....  
 .....7.5m 35km/h (23ft @ 22mph)

### ENGINE

Type ..... 2-cycle, rotary valve single  
 Bore x Stroke... 56 x 50mm (2.205 x 1.969 in.)  
 Displacement ..... 123cc (7.5cu. in.)  
 Compression ratio.....6.8: 1  
 Max. horsepower.....11hp @6,700rpm  
 Max. torque...1.25kg-m(9.04 lb-ft)@5,000rpm  
 Transmission.....4-speed gear box  
 Starting system .....  
 .....Electric & kick (primary coupled)

### SUSPENSION

Front .....telescopic fork  
 Rear .....swinging arm

### DIMENSIONS

Overall length..... 1,880mm (74.0in.)  
 Overall width..... 745mm (29.3in)  
 Overall height.....1,045mm (41.1in)  
 Wheelbase ..... 1,240mm (48.8in)  
 Ground clearance.....135mm (5.3in)

WEIGHT (Net) .....110kg (243lbs)

FUEL TANK CAPACITY.....9ℓ. (2.4 US gal.)

OIL TANK CAPACITY.....1.7ℓ. (1.8 US qt.)

TIRES front.....3.00-16-4PR

rear..... 3.00-16-4PR

### COLORS AVAILABLE

For frame.....peacock blue  
 .....light vermillion  
 .....Yamaha black



## YAMAHA KEEP TRIUMPHAL GOING

Though both lightweight titles had been clinched already, Yamaha teamsters continued to dominate the 125cc and 250cc races in the Finnish GP and Ulster GP. P. Read became the magnificent

double winner in the Finnish GP on August 4. But, in the Ulster round held two weeks later, B. Ivy won both races to regain the lead in the individual 250cc title contest.

### Finnish GP-Imatra

In the 125cc race P. Read, the 1968 champion dashed to gain the 200-yard lead from a flying start. B. Ivy relentlessly accelerated his Yamaha to close the gap and stay into Read's slipstream, setting up a record lap. Ivy, however, had to stop for front brake adjustments which made Read's lead consolidated. Read won the race at a record average speed.

The 250cc race was much more exciting for the 1968 individual title. After shadowing Ivy, Read gradually nipped ahead. Ivy tried to keep pace on a wet track. Luck turned against Ivy! He spun off and knocked his leg. With Ivy out, Read rode his Yamaha into the easiest win.

### Final Results

#### 125cc class-20 laps, 74.88 miles

1. P. Read(Yamaha)52' 40" 2 85.38 mph (record)
2. B. Ivy (Yamaha)53' 24" 2 84.20 "
3. H. Rosner (MZ) 19 laps
4. F. Kohlar (MZ) "
5. J. Lenk (MZ) "
6. T. Heuschkel (MZ) "

Fastest lap-B. Ivy, 2' 34" 6 87.24 mph (record)

#### 250cc class-23 laps, 86.20 miles

1. P. Read (Yamaha) 64' 55" 3 79.66 mph
2. H. Rosner (MZ) 66' 57" 3 77.24 "
3. R. Gould (Yama-Bul) 22 laps
4. G. Molloy (Bultaco) "
5. L. Szabo (MZ) "
6. G. Marsovszky (Bultaco) 21 laps

Fastest lap-P. Read, 2' 39" 7 84.37mph



### Ulster GP-Dundrod

B. Ivy won the 125cc race after a tremendous duel with his team-mate, P. Read. His average speed of 99.65 mph was a record faster the old lap record! In this race P. Read established a lap record at 102.44 mph while chasing Ivy.

The vital 250cc race was fought between them more fiercely than.

Read took the lead for the first five laps with Ivy staying into his slipstream. Ivy went ahead on the following lap, and on the 9th lap, a flung up stone punctured Read's radiator, causing him to retire. Ivy won this most important race, regaining the lead in the title contest with 46 points to Read's 44.

### Final results

#### 125cc class-11 laps, 82 miles

1. B. Ivy (Yamaha) 49' 00" 6 99.65 mph (record)
2. P. Read(Yamaha)49' 03" 4 99.54 mph
3. H. Rosner (MZ) 10 laps
4. G. Molloy (Bultaco) "
5. D. Braun (MZ) "
6. K. Carruthers (Honda) "

Fastest lap-P. Read, 4' 20" 0 102.44 mph (record)

#### 250cc class-15 laps, 112.0 miles

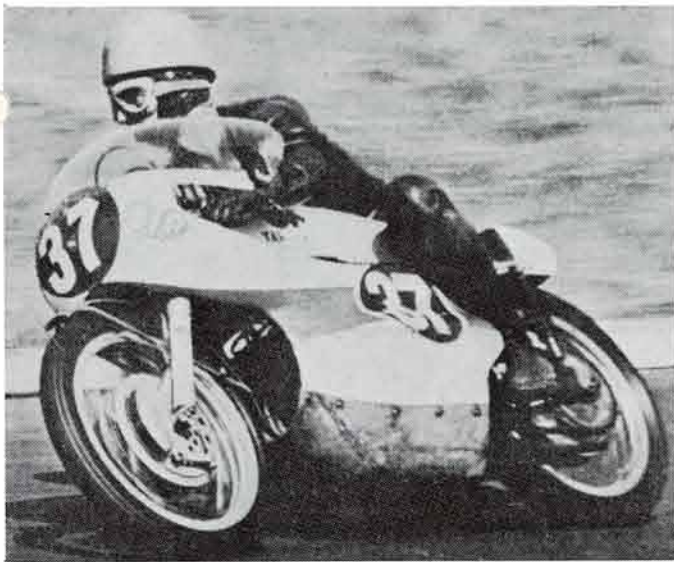
1. B. Ivy (Yamaha) 68' 38" 8 97.50 mph
2. H. Rosner (MZ) 70' 40" 0 94.45 "
3. R. Gould (Yama-Bul) 71' 08" 0 93.26 "
4. G. Molloy (Bultaco) 14 laps
5. M. Uphill (Suzuki) "
6. K. Anderson (Yamaha) "

Fastest lap-B. Ivy, 4' 17" 4 103.64 mph



# YAMAHA Topics

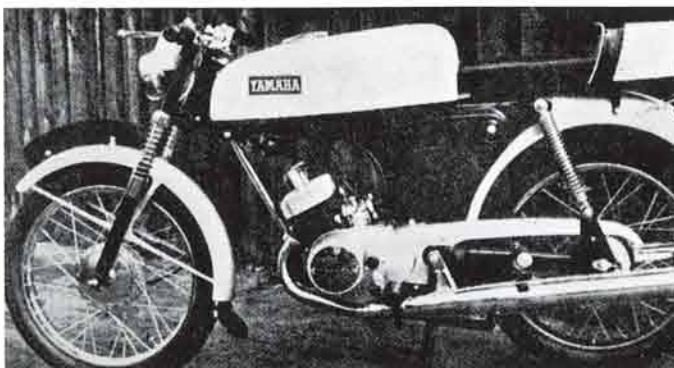
**YAMAHA'S BIG PR CAMPAIGN:** These Yamaha motorcycles with a boy of bikini-clad beauties constitute one of the scenes of Yamaha's PR movie recently shot on a sand dune of the beach of Yokohama, the native place of Yamaha. Even these pretty girls can't outshine the charm of Yamaha motorcycles, don't you think?



**REDMAN IN FINE SHAPE:** Mr. Jim Redman, a one-time race hero, is now a dealer in Yamaha motorcycles in the Republic of South Africa. But he never fails to take part in any race related to a possible expansion of Yamaha sales, displaying by far greater racing skill than other participants much to the delight of local race fans.



**YAMAHA MOTORCYCLES DELIVERED FOR RIDER'S TEST:** The 15 Yamaha YA6 motorcycles as shown in the photo were recently delivered to the Public Safety Commission of Tochigi Prefecture for use in the examination of applicants for motorcycle rider's license. They are specifically equipped with injury-proof bumpers and lamps that show each gear change clearly to the examiner.



**YL1 RACER BORN IN ENGLAND:** This uniquely styled racer is a 100cc. vehicle made by Yamaha fans in England. Especially noteworthy is the fuel tank marked by a special design. The size of the cap has been enlarged to facilitate refueling during endurance race. It can be taken off and put back with greater speed.



**"ITALIAN MADE" YAMAHA RACER:** Yamaha RD56 racer, which came off a maker champion for two consecutive years in 1965 and 1966 as the world's most powerful works machine, has now been made in Italy, though as a plastic model. At the moment, the plastic Yamaha racers are selling like hot cakes in that country.



TRAIL FANS ABROAD: Yamaha Trail DT1 has caught on wonderfully abroad. Recently, photos have arrived from Yamaha enthusiasts from Australia.



Mr. Bruce Johnstone of Miledge Bros'



Mr. Bill Miles of Melbourne looks very happy.

**FOR SALES PROMOTION** Various points of purchase (P. O. P.) for an attractive shop display! Colored PR films for an effective advertisement of products! These are now made available for you. Call or see local Yamaha distributors for immediate delivery.

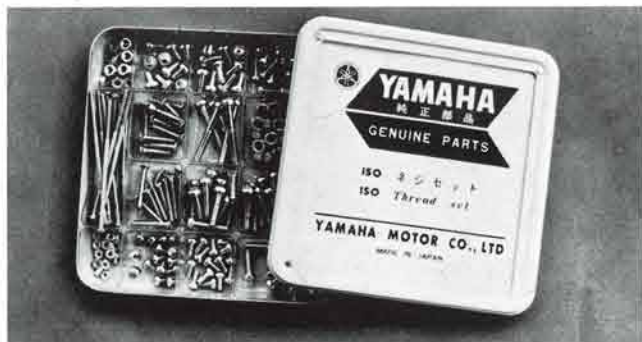


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