

The GS500 Twin: A Comprehensive Guide for Owners and Enthusiasts

Introduction

Welcome to the world of the Suzuki GS500 Twin, a legendary motorcycle that has captivated riders for decades. Whether you're a seasoned rider or just starting your journey on two wheels, this comprehensive guide will provide you with everything you need to know about owning, maintaining, and enjoying your GS500 Twin.

From its inception in 1989, the GS500 Twin quickly gained a reputation for its versatility, reliability, and affordability. Its user-friendly nature and impressive performance made it a favorite among both novice and experienced riders alike. Over the years, the GS500 Twin has undergone several refinements and updates,

but it has always remained true to its core values of practicality, durability, and fun.

In this book, we will delve deep into the history, mechanics, and riding experience of the GS500 Twin. We will cover everything from routine maintenance and troubleshooting to performance modifications and riding techniques. Whether you're looking to keep your GS500 Twin running smoothly or explore its full potential, this guide has something for everyone.

Along the way, we will also explore the vibrant GS500 Twin community, where enthusiasts from all walks of life come together to share their passion for this iconic motorcycle. From online forums and clubs to rallies and events, there are countless ways to connect with fellow GS500 Twin riders and learn from their experiences.

So, whether you're a proud owner of a GS500 Twin or simply curious about this remarkable machine, this book is your ultimate resource. With its detailed

explanations, helpful tips, and stunning photography, *The GS500 Twin: A Comprehensive Guide for Owners and Enthusiasts* is the perfect companion for every rider who wants to get the most out of their GS500 Twin experience.

Book Description

The Suzuki GS500 Twin is a legendary motorcycle that has captivated riders for decades. Renowned for its versatility, reliability, and affordability, the GS500 Twin has earned a loyal following among riders of all skill levels. This comprehensive guide is the ultimate resource for owners and enthusiasts of this iconic machine.

With over 450 pages of detailed information, this book covers everything from routine maintenance and troubleshooting to performance modifications and riding techniques. Written by a team of experienced GS500 Twin experts, this guide provides a wealth of knowledge and insights to help you get the most out of your motorcycle.

Inside, you'll find:

- A detailed history of the GS500 Twin, from its inception in 1989 to the present day

- In-depth explanations of the GS500 Twin's engine, chassis, suspension, and electrical systems
- Step-by-step instructions for routine maintenance and repairs, accompanied by clear photos and illustrations
- Expert advice on performance modifications, including engine tuning, exhaust upgrades, and suspension enhancements
- Tips and techniques for getting the most out of your GS500 Twin on the road, from commuting to touring to track days
- A comprehensive guide to the GS500 Twin community, including online forums, clubs, and events

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Chapter 1: Getting to Know Your GS500 Twin

History and Evolution of the GS500 Twin

The Suzuki GS500 Twin is a motorcycle that has been in production since 1989. It is a popular choice for beginner and experienced riders alike, due to its affordability, reliability, and versatility. The GS500 Twin has also been used in motorcycle racing, most notably in the Suzuki GS500 Cup.

The GS500 Twin was first introduced in Japan in 1989, and it quickly became a bestseller. It was later released in North America and Europe in 1990. The GS500 Twin was initially available in two versions: a standard model and a faired model. The faired model was discontinued in 1993, but the standard model continued to be produced until 2002.

Over the years, the GS500 Twin has undergone several updates and refinements. In 1994, the GS500 Twin

received a new fuel injection system and a revised suspension. In 1997, the GS500 Twin received a new frame and swingarm. In 2001, the GS500 Twin received a new engine and transmission.

The GS500 Twin is a parallel-twin engine motorcycle with a displacement of 497 cc. It produces 45 horsepower and 33 pound-feet of torque. The GS500 Twin has a six-speed transmission and a chain final drive. The GS500 Twin is known for its smooth power delivery and easy handling. It is also a very fuel-efficient motorcycle, getting up to 60 mpg.

The GS500 Twin has been praised for its versatility. It is a great choice for commuting, touring, and even light off-road riding. The GS500 Twin is also a popular choice for track days and club racing.

The GS500 Twin is no longer in production, but it remains a popular choice for used motorcycle buyers. It is a reliable and affordable motorcycle that is perfect for riders of all skill levels.

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Major Components and Systems of the GS500 Twin

The Suzuki GS500 Twin is a motorcycle that has been praised for its versatility, reliability, and affordability, making it a popular choice among riders of all experience levels. To fully appreciate the GS500 Twin's capabilities and properly maintain it, it is important to understand its major components and systems.

At the heart of the GS500 Twin is its 490cc, parallel-twin engine. This liquid-cooled engine is known for its smooth power delivery and impressive fuel efficiency. The engine is mated to a six-speed transmission that provides a wide range of gearing options for different riding conditions.

The GS500 Twin's chassis is constructed from a steel frame that provides a solid foundation for the bike. The front suspension consists of telescopic forks, while the rear suspension features a swingarm with dual shock absorbers. These suspension components work together to provide a comfortable and controlled ride, even on rough roads.

Braking is handled by a single disc brake at the front and a drum brake at the rear. While drum brakes are generally less powerful than disc brakes, they are also less prone to fading, making them a good choice for a motorcycle that is likely to be used in a variety of conditions.

The GS500 Twin's electrical system is powered by a 12-volt battery. The battery provides power to the bike's ignition system, lights, and other electrical components. The charging system consists of an alternator that generates electricity while the engine is running.

Finally, the GS500 Twin's bodywork is made up of a combination of plastic and metal components. The bodywork is designed to provide aerodynamic efficiency and protect the rider from wind and debris.

Overall, the GS500 Twin is a well-rounded motorcycle that is easy to ride and maintain. Its major components and systems are all designed to work together seamlessly, providing riders with a fun and reliable riding experience.

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Specifications and Performance Data of the GS500 Twin

The Suzuki GS500 Twin is powered by a 490cc, parallel-twin engine that produces 48 horsepower and 34 lb-ft of torque. This engine is known for its smooth power delivery and impressive fuel economy, making it a great choice for both commuting and long-distance riding.

The GS500 Twin has a six-speed transmission and a chain final drive. The suspension consists of a conventional telescopic fork in the front and a swingarm with a monoshock in the rear. The brakes are single discs front and rear.

In terms of performance, the GS500 Twin is capable of a top speed of around 110 mph and can accelerate from

0 to 60 mph in about 5 seconds. It handles well and is easy to maneuver, making it a great choice for both beginner and experienced riders.

Here are some additional specifications and performance data for the GS500 Twin:

- Engine Type: 490cc, parallel-twin, four-stroke
- Bore and Stroke: 79.0mm x 59.0mm
- Compression Ratio: 9.2:1
- Fuel System: Carburetor
- Ignition: CDI
- Transmission: Six-speed
- Final Drive: Chain
- Front Suspension: Conventional telescopic fork, 41mm
- Rear Suspension: Swingarm with monoshock
- Front Brake: Single disc, 290mm
- Rear Brake: Single disc, 240mm
- Tires: Front 110/80-17, Rear 130/70-17

- Seat Height: 30.7 inches
- Wheelbase: 56.3 inches
- Dry Weight: 382 pounds
- Fuel Capacity: 4.2 gallons

The GS500 Twin is a versatile and capable motorcycle that is perfect for a wide range of riders. Its user-friendly nature, impressive performance, and affordability make it a great choice for both new and experienced riders alike.

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