

Honda CB900 & CB1100 Fours: The Complete Guide

Introduction

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In this comprehensive guide, we will take a deep dive into the world of the CB900 and CB1100 Fours, exploring their history, design, and performance. We will also provide detailed instructions on how to maintain and troubleshoot these bikes, so that you can keep them running at their best for years to come.

Whether you're a seasoned rider or a newcomer to the world of motorcycling, this book has something for everyone. You'll find everything you need to know about the CB900 and CB1100 Fours, from their technical specifications to their unique personalities.

So sit back, relax, and let us take you on a journey through the history and legacy of these iconic motorcycles.

The CB900 and CB1100 Fours were first introduced in the early 1980s, and they quickly became some of the most popular motorcycles on the market. These bikes offered a combination of power, handling, and comfort that was unmatched by many other motorcycles of the time.

The CB900 and CB1100 Fours were also very reliable and easy to maintain, which made them a great choice for riders of all skill levels. As a result, these bikes quickly became a favorite among both commuters and sport riders.

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With over 450 pages of in-depth coverage, this book is the definitive guide to the Honda CB900 and CB1100 Fours. It is a must-have resource for anyone who owns or rides one of these legendary motorcycles.

Inside, you'll find:

- A detailed history of the CB900 and CB1100 Fours, from their development to their impact on the motorcycle industry
- A thorough analysis of the design and performance of these iconic motorcycles
- Expert advice on maintenance and troubleshooting, so that you can keep your CB900 or CB1100 Four running at its best
- Modifications and upgrades that you can make to your bike to improve its performance and style

Whether you're a seasoned rider or a newcomer to the world of motorcycling, this book is the perfect way to learn more about the Honda CB900 and CB1100 Fours.

Chapter 1: Honda CB900 & CB1100

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The History of Honda's CB Series

Honda's CB series of motorcycles has a long and illustrious history, dating back to the early 1960s. The first CB model, the CB92 Benly, was introduced in 1962 and was an immediate success. The CB92 was a lightweight, affordable motorcycle that was perfect for commuting and recreational riding.

Over the next few years, Honda expanded the CB series with a variety of new models, including the CB450, CB750, and CB1000. These bikes quickly became some of the most popular motorcycles in the world, thanks to their combination of power, performance, and reliability.

In the early 1980s, Honda introduced the CB900 and CB1100 Fours, which were the top-of-the-line models in the CB series. These bikes featured powerful engines,

sophisticated suspensions, and advanced brakes. They were also very comfortable and easy to ride, making them a great choice for long-distance touring.

The CB900 and CB1100 Fours were very successful motorcycles, and they helped to cement Honda's reputation as a leading manufacturer of high-quality motorcycles. These bikes are still popular today among riders who appreciate their classic styling, timeless performance, and unparalleled reliability.

Here are some of the key milestones in the history of Honda's CB series:

- 1962: Introduction of the CB92 Benly, the first model in the CB series.
- 1969: Introduction of the CB750 Four, one of the most popular motorcycles of all time.
- 1979: Introduction of the CB900F, the first CB model with a DOHC engine.
- 1983: Introduction of the CB1100F, the largest and most powerful CB model ever produced.

- 2003: Discontinuation of the CB1100F, marking the end of the CB series.

Today, the CB series is considered to be one of the most iconic motorcycle families of all time. These bikes are prized by collectors and riders alike for their classic styling, timeless performance, and unparalleled reliability.

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The Development of the CB900 and CB1100

Fours

In the late 1970s, Honda was looking to develop a new line of motorcycles that would appeal to a wider range of riders. The company's existing CB750 Four was a popular choice among sport riders, but it was seen as being too powerful and intimidating for some riders. Honda also wanted to develop a bike that would be more comfortable and better suited for touring.

The result of Honda's efforts was the CB900 and CB1100 Fours, which were introduced in 1980. These bikes were powered by new engines that were based on the CB750 Four's design, but they had been modified to produce more torque and smoother power delivery. The CB900 and CB1100 Fours also featured a new

chassis that was designed to provide a more comfortable and stable ride.

The CB900 and CB1100 Fours were an instant success. They were praised for their smooth power, agile handling, and comfortable ergonomics. These bikes quickly became popular among riders of all skill levels, and they helped to establish Honda as a leader in the motorcycle industry.

The CB900 and CB1100 Fours were produced for only a few years, but they left a lasting legacy. These bikes are still considered to be some of the best all-around motorcycles ever made, and they continue to be sought after by collectors and enthusiasts today.

The CB900 Four

The CB900 Four was the smaller of the two bikes, and it was powered by a 901cc engine. This engine produced 95 horsepower and 65 lb-ft of torque, which was more than enough to propel the bike to a top speed of over

130 mph. The CB900 Four also featured a five-speed transmission and a shaft drive.

The CB1100 Four

The CB1100 Four was the larger of the two bikes, and it was powered by a 1089cc engine. This engine produced 108 horsepower and 73 lb-ft of torque, which gave the bike even more impressive performance than the CB900 Four. The CB1100 Four also featured a five-speed transmission and a shaft drive.

Both the CB900 Four and the CB1100 Four were available in a variety of colors, and they could be equipped with a variety of accessories, such as saddlebags, a windscreen, and a fairing. These bikes were also very reliable and easy to maintain, which made them a great choice for riders who were looking for a motorcycle that they could ride every day.

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The Differences Between the CB900 and CB1100 Fours

The Honda CB900 and CB1100 Fours were two very similar motorcycles, but there were a few key differences between them.

Engine: The CB900 had a 901cc engine, while the CB1100 had a 1089cc engine. This gave the CB1100 a slight edge in terms of power and torque.

Suspension: The CB900 had a conventional telescopic front fork and a Pro-Link rear suspension, while the CB1100 had a more sophisticated anti-dive front fork and a fully adjustable rear suspension. This gave the CB1100 better handling and stability, especially at high speeds.

Brakes: The CB900 had single disc brakes front and rear, while the CB1100 had dual disc brakes in the front and a single disc brake in the rear. This gave the CB1100 better braking performance.

Wheels and Tires: The CB900 had 18-inch wheels front and rear, while the CB1100 had 17-inch wheels in the front and 18-inch wheels in the rear. This gave the CB1100 slightly better handling and agility.

Weight: The CB900 weighed 474 pounds dry, while the CB1100 weighed 518 pounds dry. This made the CB900 a more nimble and easier-to-handle motorcycle.

Price: The CB900 was slightly less expensive than the CB1100.

Ultimately, the choice between the CB900 and CB1100 came down to personal preference. Riders who wanted a more powerful and better-handling motorcycle opted for the CB1100, while riders who wanted a more affordable and nimble motorcycle opted for the CB900.

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