

# Suspension upgrade options for 2019 Bonneville Speed Twin 1200

Italian suspension specialist Matris has added a complete range of model specific product designs for the specific products for the latest addition to the Triumph Bonneville family - the new Speed Twin 1200.

Noted for the improvements to handling and comfort that their products deliver, Matris is offering a model engineered version of its M40KC top of the line rear twin shockset that is fully adjustable in Compression, Rebound, Length and Preload plus, for those on a smaller budget, their popular base level M40D - which is adjustable in Rebound, Length and Preload; all are available in Black & Black or Black & Chrome options.

For the front end Matris is offering the performance upgrade of its "Quad Valve" technology - the F15K 20 mm internal diameter cartridge for full Compression, Rebound and Spring Preload adjustment.

Ready to fit as a "plug & play" install it simply replace the OEM front fork internals for a fully reversible install with no modifications to the OEM fork required.

Also available are SDR and SDK option fully adjustable Matris 'Speed Sensitive System' (SSS) steering dampers - an established and popular design that is proven to reduce shaking of the front wheel and provide greater safety at high speed.



M40KC



F15K



SDR steering damper



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## Motorcycles +19.2% in EU markets for 2019 first quarter

The most recent available new vehicle registration numbers from ACEA - the European association international motorcycle industry trade association - show EU markets off to a good start in Q1, with motorcycle sales internal Combustion Engine (ICE and electric motorcycles) up 19.2% at 244,991 units for the first three months of the year. The tally has been by far the largest market in Europe so far this year with 54,826 units registered for +18.7% growth over the 46,261 units registered in the first quarter of 2018. Germany was secured largest with 4,450 units registered for +23.3% growth, followed by France with 43,942 new units registered (+20.0%), Spain 7,255 units (+120.5%) and the UK 5,913 units (+13.3%). Europe's "Big Five" markets accounted for 84.24% of new motorcycles registered in Q1 (205,208 units). The moped market in the EU (internal combustion engine/ICE and electric motorcycle) has been growing by 39.1% in the first quarter (52,775 units), with France the largest market at 7,997 units for +78.2% growth,

followed by the Netherlands, which has seen +40.0% growth (10,040 units), and Belgium (6,655 units -35.4% growth). The moped sector appears to be seeing growth following the negative effects of the Euro 4 transition, which means a year later than for motorcycles in winter 2017/2018. Within those figures, the impact of electric models remains modest. The largest E-motorcycle market in the EU in Q1 was France (581 units registered, +58.7%), followed by Germany (534 units, +191.3%), Spain (502 units, +62.5%), Italy (245 units, +67.8%), the Netherlands (152 units, -16.3%) and Austria (116 units, +132.2%). All other EU markets saw less than 100 new electric motorcycles registered in Q1 2019. There were a total of 2,295 electric units registered, a +78.0% increase over 1,285 units in Q1 2018. Not surprisingly the lower value electric

moped market is stronger in Europe in unit terms, with the market overall being +78.5% with 11,798 units registered. The largest single markets are France (2,726 units, -137.3%), Belgium (2,474 units, +11.1%), the Netherlands (2,449 units, +55.5%) and Spain (1,087 units, +18.3%), followed by Italy, Poland, Austria and Finland. Most of the 'non-Big Five' EU markets are mostly showing healthy growth rates in Q1. The markets with new ICE motorcycle registrations of 1,000 or more for Q1 are Belgium 6,519 units (+8.6%), Portugal, 5,818 units (+24.4%), Greece, 5,721 units (+6.3%), Austria, 5,259 units (+33.9%), the Netherlands, 4,225 units (+21.7%), Czech Republic, 2,701 units (+41.0%), Sweden, 1,950 units (+35.3%) for the three months to March. The most recently available ACEA Vehicle Fleet ("Bike Park") figures for EU markets show Italy as the largest 110V use market with 8,720,733 units in circulation (2018), followed by Germany, 6,133,650 units (2017); Spain, 5,293,239 units (2018); Poland, 2,754,387 units (2017); France,

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