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BUYING A VMAX: And What-To-Look-Out-For.

THE VMAX IS A WORLDWIDE CULT BIKE, ICON AND COLLECTORS ITEM.

FIRST OF ALL...use your common sense when Buying a motorbike. Do some research and bear in mind that a Vmax is a Brute of a Powerful bike.

If you find the one you like..... unless you think you are qualified enough to check it's condition..... get somebody with the tech-know-how to check the bike for you.

BE CAREFUL when buying a Bike from a second hand bike dealer.

There are rumours going around of some dealers using parts of more than one bike..... and cutting corners..... to assemble a complete one.

This doesn't mean that private sellers aren't using the same practice.

JUST BE WARNED.....!!!!!!!

IF THE Frame and engine numbers correspond, like for example the numbers of this 1995 Vmax:

VIN/FRAME NO: JYA2WEE09SA045492

ENGINE NO: 2WE045492

the Max still has got its original engine.

Some Sellers state as the date of Manufacture the year of registration here in SA.

At the Technical Data & Documentation section of our Technical Tips pages of our website you can download the Engine and Frame number doc to establish the date of Manufacture.

Vmaxes Manufactured between 1985 and 1992 have 40 mm wide Fork stanchions with 2 piston Calipers Brakes on each side. As from 1993 they come with 43 mm Stanchions and 4 Piston Calipers.

HERE IN SOUTH AFRICA you will find the following Vmaxes:

- Vmaxes officially imported by the SA Yamaha Distributors; they have kms on the speedometer and come with the V-Boost
- Vmaxes (2nd hand) imported from the USA and Canada, they also come with the V-Boost and have Miles on the speedometer
- Vmaxes (2nd hand) imported from Japan or Europe, they don't have V-Boost and have kms on the speedometer.

The Maxes with V-Boost have 140 BHP, the Maxes without V-Boost have 100 BHP. Otherwise they are all identically the same.

More technical info can be found in the Technical Tips Pages of our Site.

In 2005 a limited edition 20 Anniversary Vmax was manufactured with a numbered plaque and a special paint job.

The last 1st Generation Vmax was manufactured in 2008.

There are a few second hand dealers in SA (Johannesburg- Pretoria) who regularly import used Vmaxes and always have one or two on the showroom floor for sale. CHECK their ads in BikeSa.

CHECK the Vmax Market Place on our site to find Vmaxes with more detailed descriptions and Pix for sale.

http://www.awol.co.za/vmax_marketplace.htm

2nd hand spare parts can be obtained from BikePartsOnline in Midrand, they advertise on our site as well.

As to the so called Grey import Maxes; most Maxes in SA are grey import, and spares are plentiful obtainable from accredited Yamaha Dealers.