

Speed Of Color Buells



THE BUELL MOTOR Company may be closed, but the name continues, thanks to outfits like Speed Of Color (SOC) in Germany, which is determined to keep it alive with hand-built limited production machines.

Demonstrating his expertise at further developing various Buell models, company boss Jens Grossmann has completed his latest transformation on a 1998 S1, resulting in the spectacular Buell S1 Racing shown above. The factory frame is retained but upgraded with the addition of a British-made Metmachex aluminum swingarm, an AST monoshock from Holland and a Buell X1 fork in black, considered ideal for the job.

The stock Buell wheels are replaced by three-spoke alloys from Metzeler, carrying 120/70ZR17 and 200/50ZR17 tires from the same source, enhanced by a trio of wave rotors by Braking

with Nissin calipers. The tank/seat unit is made by SOC in carbon fiber and incorporates a brand-new SOC rear section enclosing the twin exhaust outlets. Inspection covers, side-plate and rocker covers are also in carbon fiber, resulting in a show-quality rolling chassis. The S1 engine has been treated to fresh cylinders and heads and is fed via a 42mm Mikuni carb drawing through a Forcefinder air filter.

When these pics were taken, the bike had just been completed, so we will have to wait for the performance specs, but rest assured, they're unlikely to disappoint!

Jens builds his SOC Buells to order, and this one would cost around 28500 Euros (approx. \$34,800 at the current exchange rate), so give him a call if this Buell could be your dream bike.

—Doug Jackson

BMW's 30th Anniversary GS Models



TO CELEBRATE THE 30th Anniversary of its best-selling GS models, BMW has created a limited number of machines with a special red, white and blue color scheme that American riders may find irresistible.

In 1980, the R80GS (right) came into being, merging a number of different trends to create a completely new and different concept, suitable for touring both on and off the road. Originally, the G stood for *Gelände* (terrain) and the S for Sport and later *Strasse* (road) according to the company, while the colors were those of BMW's factory racing teams. On the commemorative models, the seats are embossed with "GS" on the side while black cross-spoke wire wheels, hand guards and a tinted windshield add to the distinctive look. Selling for an additional \$795 over the standard models, the extras make the higher price reasonable, and the machine is certain to attain collector status. Don't wait too long to order yours!

—Dave Searle

