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Britain's new adventure bike

This is CCM's radical all-new middleweight adventure bike the GP 450 Adventurer, set to go into production as early as May this year.

Although it's inspired by 450cc single-cylinder Dakar-style racers, it is a fully road-legal machine intended as an entry-level adventure bike (it's fully A2-licence-compliant) before riders move up to the likes of BMW's R1200GS. Bolton-based CCM believes there's a gap in the market for just this type of middleweight machine.

CCM Director Austin Clews said: "For three years now the Dakar Rally has been restricted to 450cc; this has paved the way for a quality, very capable entry-level product."

CCM refused to divulge the source of the engine, but MCN understands the liquid-cooled, 449.5cc, dohc fuel-injected single is supplied by BMW. CCM is claiming 40.2bhp at 7000rpm and peak torque of 31.6ftlb at 6500rpm, enough for a claimed 90mph top speed.

The chassis is even more impressive, the frame comprising bonded-together aluminium sections, as now used widely in motocross. Attached to that are beefy 47mm rebound and preload-adjustable forks, a three-way adjustable rear monoshock and Brembo disc brakes front and rear to slow down the 21/18-inch wheel combination.

An electronic suspension package which enables preload adjustment on the move is optional. All-up dry weight is a featherweight 130kg; seat height is 895mm, while a 17-litre tank is claimed to give a 250+ mile range.

Clews told MCN: "Everything we learnt from racing has gone into the new bike. CCM is relying on its commercial success to launch a whole new range of motorcycles."

The GP 450 Adventure is priced at £7995. Visit ccm-motorcycles.com



Hard panniers and additional spotlights are planned as accessories



CCM is being coy about where it's getting the 40bhp, 450cc single engine from, but MCN understands it's a BMW unit

