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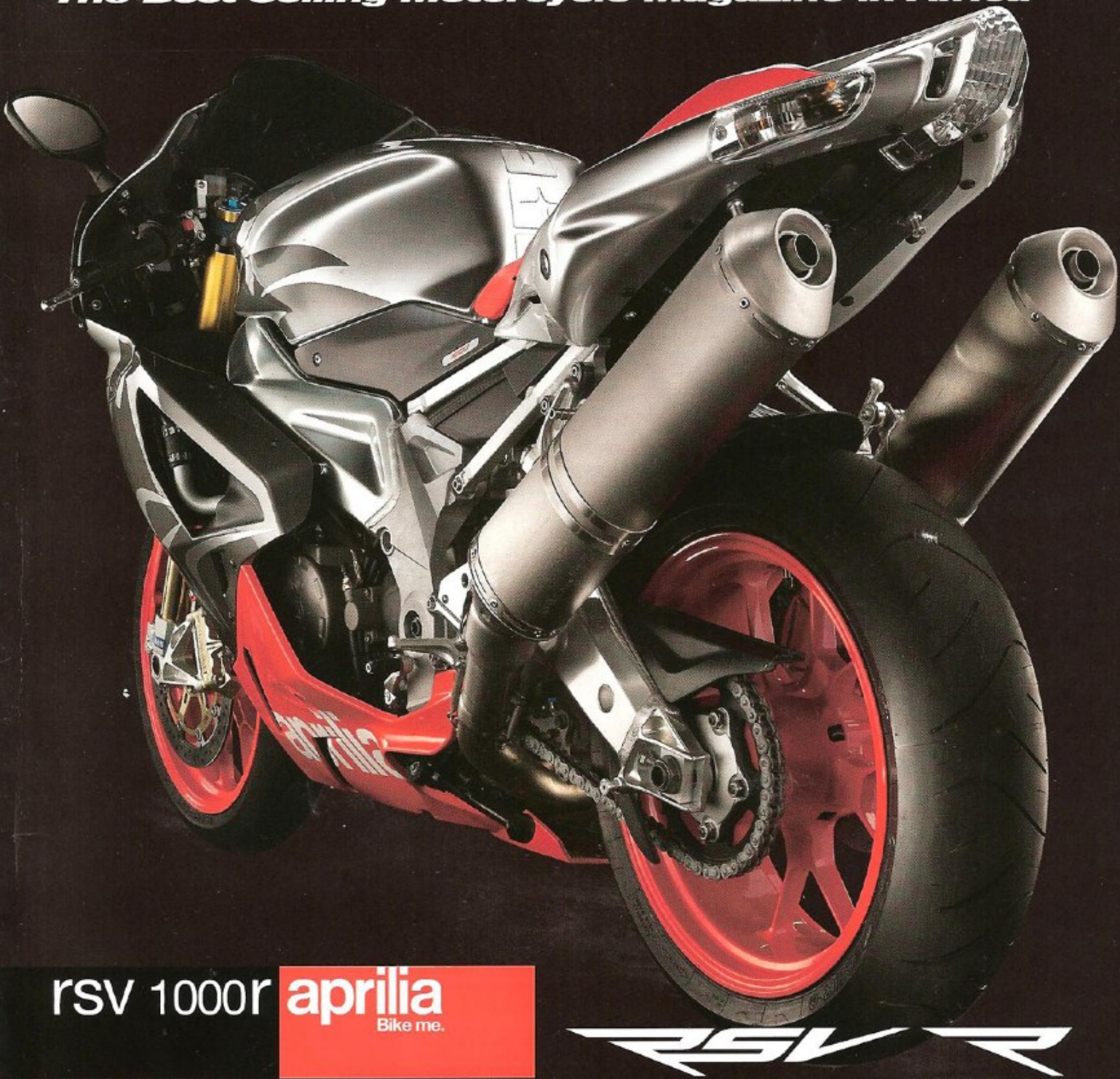
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NCR Is Coming To SA

One of the most distinguished motorcycle brands in Italy is coming to South Africa, starting with the Millona superbike - 125HP and 121Kg. Price: Somewhere between R300 000 and R600 000

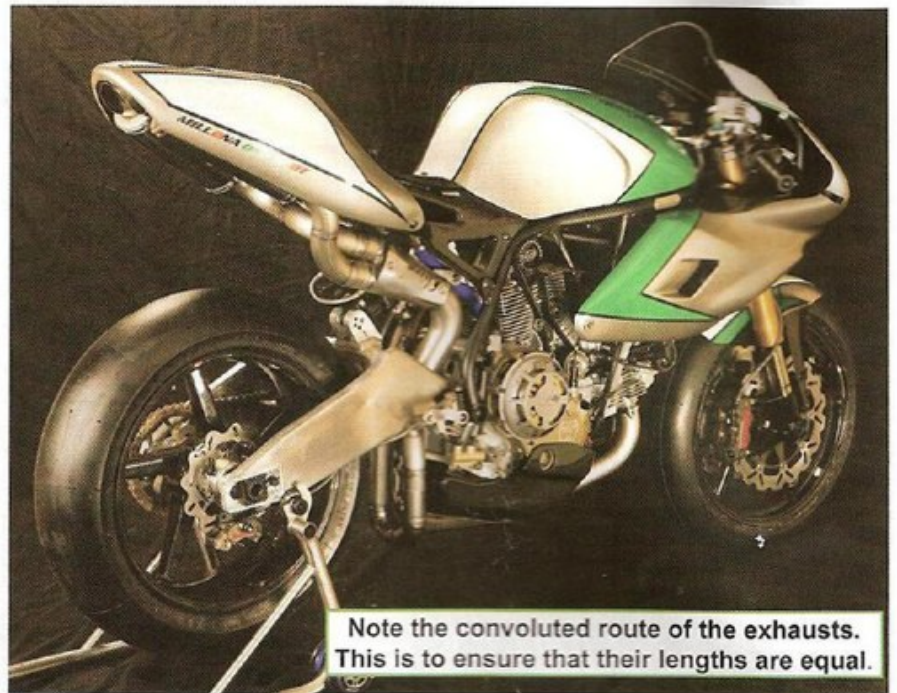
NCR is a custom bike manufacturer in the scenic city of Bologna in Italy. They take Ducati 2 valve v-twin motors, and, in the case of the Millona, soup them up beyond belief, and stick them in a stylish hand-made light chassis.

Their history starts in the 60's when they were, basically, the racing department for Ducati. Their most famous victory to date is with Mike Hailwood in 1978 when he won the world title on board an NCR Ducati. Since then they've kept their head above water in World Superbikes with the likes of Frankie Chili and Ben Bostrum taking seats on their team. In the American scene they won the prestigious 2007 Sound Of Thunder title which is much like BOTTs in South Africa and they have won the Italian BOTTs championship.

NCR describe every bike they sell as a jewel because, like with precious stones, none are the same. The customer can order his very own unique bike.

The first model to be imported to South Africa will be the NCR Millona, which is their superbike. The 1200cc two valve motor pushes out 125 hp which doesn't sound like much until you hear that the whole bike weighs just 121 kg! That is a power to weight ratio of more than 1 hp per kg!

All NCRs are hand made in their studio in Bologna. The tubular trellis chromium molybdenum frame is hand welded as is the swing arm, the brakes have



Note the convoluted route of the exhausts. This is to ensure that their lengths are equal.

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Braking wavered discs with Brembo SBK radial callipers, the front and rear suspension is Ohlins set up by NCR, the fuel tank, subframe, body work and airbox are all made of carbon fibre, the wheels are carbon fibre made by BST, the exhaust is hand welded titanium and the dash is a MyChron3 Visor with CPU outlet to the fuel injection. Quite a bit for your money's worth.

The first NCR should be here in June and is imported by Race! Store South Africa - the same chaps that do Dainese, Brembo, Braking and a million other nice accessories.

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NCR's Macchia Nera Prototype

Their "concept bike" is called the Macchia Nera, with which they have been teasing us since 2003. It is a naked machine built with everything NCR stands for, and in large chunks, high tech, aggressive design for sure Italian, a miscellany of exotic materials, but the most notable feature has to be the incredible power to weight ratio, output is 190 HP

140 kilos (308.6 kgs) - how many 1000cc machines can match this today? Certainly does emphasise NCR's engineering prowess. With this exotic prototype, the trellis frame is all titanium tube 25/28 and 33mm diameter weighing just 4.08 kgs (9lbs) with the rear sub-frame in the same material, likewise the sprockets. Ohlins provide the suspension, rear mono-shock and front racing forks, and naturally Brembo brakes, the front with twin 305mm auto-ventilated discs and radial callipers. Wheels are magnesium Marvics 3,.50 and 5.50 x 16.5" carrying Dunlop intermediate racing tyres and needless to say the rolling-chassis is perfection, but what about the "driving force" - this is a 998R Testastretta Ducati twin making that 190 HP with electronic ignition (no other detail available), a Nipploy anti-skid clutch and a full titanium exhaust system made by Poggipolini Titanium.

Just for a moment returning to our hypothetical question, imagine the same package with one of the later Ducati twins replacing the 998R used here - just imagine a current 1098 with the same loving NCR care, what would that power to weight ratio be now? but cross fingers it might, just perhaps happen....now that really would be something else.

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