

Seen By the Right People

ST3 is Bolognese for "touring"

By Salvatore Sampino » Among Ducatistas, the ST3's secure handling on windy mountain roads make it widely accepted as a favorite for sport touring. The Desmo3 engine, superb Brembo braking system and comfortable-yet-sporty ergonomics, offer both rider and passenger a ride to remember. Considering the modifications to this particular Ducati, we can note the effect and appeal of some of them on celebrity photographer JC Matsuura's personal mount.

Modified with a Staintune oval exhaust system, Matsuura concedes to a bit more thunder and rumble. Significant for him was the addition of the Desmo Times Peg Lowering Kit, which drops the stock footpegs by an inch, providing additional legroom to riders with long inseams.

Raised Heli bars were installed and provide a more comfortable upright position; other additions include Paulimoto black anodized aluminum clutch and brake reservoir covers,

Ducati mushroom frame sliders, and an ErmacUK HP wind-screen that hides the mounting bracket for an elite speed detection system that requires discretion. But the Ducati Performance Comfort seat makes the most difference on long rides, with side hooks that flip out to hold your luggage.

The perfect luggage is now offered by Tumi in the Ducati T3 Collection, consisting of wheeled luggage, backpacks with helmet pouches, duffels, and messenger bags. According to David Gross, Ducati's Creative Director, "Both companies represent the ultimate in high performance design." As a result, Tumi has become one of the title sponsors of the Ducati racing team.

The collection was successfully conceived to represent Ducati's design heritage. We can look forward to future products from Tumi being developed according to our specific motorcycling needs and travel styles. **M**

ERGONOMICS The combination of lowered footpegs from Desmo Times, a Ducati Performance Comfort seat and Heli bars raises the ST3's comfort level.



Robb Report

NECESSITIES » Styles from Spidi,
Zeyner, Varvatos, Tumi, Dunhill & More

MOTORCYCLING

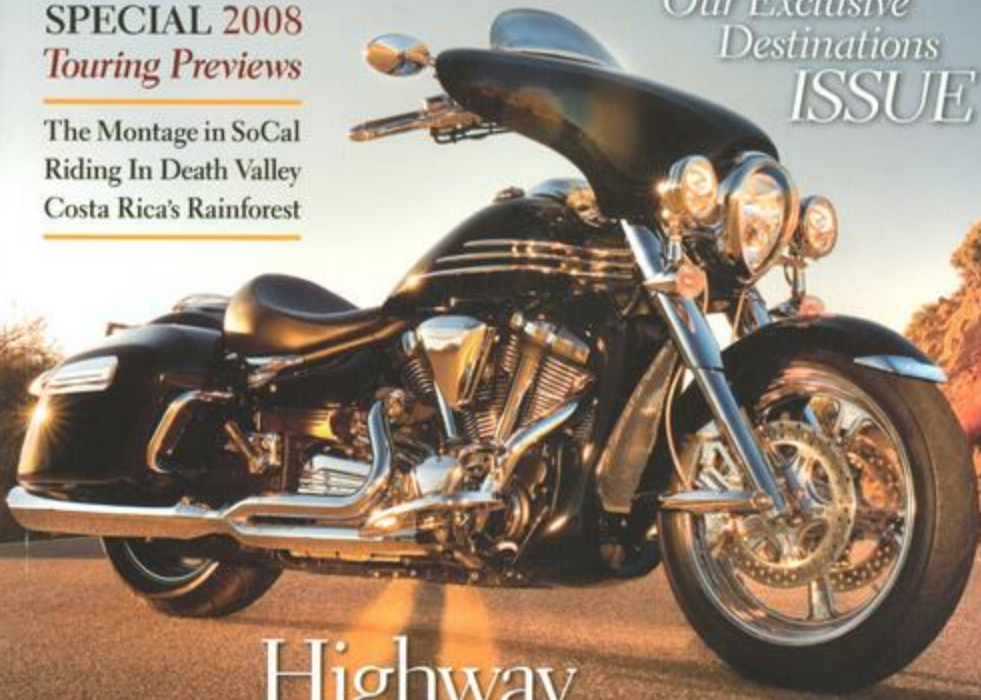
APRIL | MAY 2007

★ *Travel Adventures*

SPECIAL 2008
Touring Previews

The Montage in SoCal
Riding In Death Valley
Costa Rica's Rainforest

*Our Exclusive
Destinations*
ISSUE



Highway SuperStar

★ **STRATOLINER S PALHEGYI GOES ART DECO**



www.motorcyclingmag.com

A HARLEY-DAVIDSON PUBLICATION