



## TRICK GIXXER 1000 FOR SALE

Fancy a 2007 GSX-R 1000 with 9800km on it? This bike has a Rhett Loughheed (AMA Superbike engine builder) engine with more Yoshi parts than you can shake a stick at, including the full AMA spec pipe off Matt Mladin's K7 bike. Also using laptop tunable Bazzaz Performance electronics, including traction control, quickshift etc, Hot Bodies fairings and too much more to list, this is one classy looking Gixxer. All the road gear is also available if you want a trackday weapon and an incredible street bike, will negotiate price depending on package wanted. Over \$50k has been put in and it is reluctantly up for sale. Basic package is yours for \$17,000 including some spares and tyres. Contact Matt Hepper 021 277 6288

# CHAT BACK

## SCALA RIDER INTERCOM Strike Genius Motorcycle GPS

Motorcycling is commonly regarded as a solitary pursuit, with many riders saying they like the fact that once they don their helmet, it's just the riding and their thoughts to keep them occupied. But some of us don't have the luxury of locking ourselves away for hours on end or might actually like a bit of music to keep them company.

Then there's the convenience of a Sat Nav to tell you where to go (in the nicest possible way) or the phone to keep in touch with the office while you're off having fun.

In the past, it's been difficult to find one solution to every requirement, and especially one that doesn't simply amplify wind noise from the



microphone to your inner ear. But a company called Scala Rider now claim to have a system that covers everything, and they were even so confident in it that they sent us a couple of units to try.



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With the advancements in Bluetooth technology along with wind-cancelling microphones, the old bugbear of getting wind roar in your ear is now, thankfully, a thing of the past. The Scala system is as good as any of the new breed of intercom systems, but where the Scala top trumps the rest is that their system provides its sound in all the glory of stereo, which means when your speed creeps you should not only still be able to hear your mate, iPod, Sat Nav etc but also hear it through both ears.

The unit we received for testing was the Scala rider Q2 Multiset package which contains two factory paired Scala rider Q2 units for two riders. The beauty of buying the system this way is that the two units are already 'paired' or connected, meaning you simply turn them on and you can talk to your mate once they're fitted to your helmet. With Bluetooth there isn't the delay of the old radio intercoms, and you soon learn that you can chat away until your mate gets bored and cuts you off.

But that doesn't matter, as with the Scala you've not only got a built in radio but also an input to plug your MP3 player in. Or, if your MP3 player has Bluetooth capability you don't even need the cable as the Scala will connect to two Bluetooth devices simultaneously.

We've been playing around with the Scala system for a bit and have found it to be a very capable system that allows you to communicate from bike to bike or rider to rider without hassle. But then the Strike GPS system arrived and opened up a whole new world of on-bike communication, with the Strike coming not only with everything to fit the GPS to your bike, but also with all the fittings to be able to then take it into your car as well.

The Strike is designed for motorcycles and, as such, has been built with a glove-friendly touch screen. The surround of the screen has a lip at the top to shelter it from sun-strike and, obviously, it's also weatherproof. As you'd imagine the GPS has all the functions you'd



find on any other GPS system but also incorporates clever features like adjusting the screen lighting automatically for night riding or when entering tunnels.

With the Scala rider system and the Strike GPS combined, a rider can now receive GPS voice instructions, communicate with his/her passenger on the back seat or with a third unit for Motorcycle communication of up to 500m,

conduct calls on their mobile phones, listen to the integrated FM radio or enjoy music from their MP3 players. Those of us that love gadgets will find this the ultimate system. Those that hate to be disturbed while riding would probably prefer to stick needles in their eyes. Either way, you can't deny the Scala system is a huge leap forward in motorcycle communication technology.



Overseas model shown with optional accessories.