

FAST BIKES

ROAD TESTS

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Some bikes are born great, some have greatness rammed up 'em because they need a helping hand. Check out Bob's sublime YZF-R6

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In the right place at the right time a bike like this can be pure perfection. If you've seen the right time or place, or a bike like this, do let us know - we're all ears

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Have you got £8,500-14,000 clogging up your sock drawer? No, neither have we. Don't stick the pencils up your nose just yet though - just look what you can take home for £2.5k these days...

- ▷ Honda FireBlade 954
- ▷ Suzuki SV650S
- ▷ Aprilia RSV Mille R
- ▷ Honda VFR750F
- ▷ Kawasaki ZX-6R

The Longest Day 48

As test routes go, this was verging on Enola Gay levels of overkill, but what better way to test 'adventure bikes' than going on a big one? Land's End to John O'Groats and back non-stop on these three:

- ▷ Ducati Multistrada 1200 S
- ▷ BMW R 1200 GS Adventure
- ▷ Yamaha XT1200Z Super Ténéré



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For the same money as one brand new S 1000 RR you could buy all five of these awesome wallet teasers



48 THE LONGEST DAY

5,111 miles in 30hrs 4mins - this is the ultimate adventure bike test

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- ▷ Suzuki GSX-R750 LO
- ▷ KTM 1190 RC8 R
- ▷ Ducati 848
- ▷ Triumph Speed Triple
- ▷ Kawasaki ZX-10R
- ▷ Honda CBR1000RR Fireblade
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