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Suzuki Unveils All-New KATANA for the Overseas Market at the INTERMOT



Suzuki Motor Corporation has unveiled the all-new KATANA for the overseas market at the INTERMOT International Motorcycle, Scooter and Bicycle Fair held in Cologne, Germany from 2 to 7 October 2018*.

*Press day: 2 October. Public days: 3 to 7 October.

The all-new KATANA is a completely new model which derives from the original GSX1100S KATANA that won the hearts of riders around the world with its avant-garde KATANA (Japanese sword) design, when it was showcased at the Cologne Motor Show in 1980. Upon developing the all-new KATANA, Suzuki poured in all efforts in expressing the Suzuki craftsmanship and the KATANA, on the back of Suzuki's manufacturing spirit and KATANA's history. As a result, like a Japanese sword of tempered steel, the all-new KATANA, which has both a distinctive, avant-garde styling design and contemporary technologies, was born.

With the GSX1100S KATANA as its motif, the highly distinctive design of the all-new KATANA is arranged into a modern look and adopts sleek, sporty profile with sharp, sweeping lines. With distinctive vertically stacked LED headlight and LED position lamp that gives the image of an edge point of a Japanese sword, it has a characteristic face that expresses the KATANA. Plus, satellite rear fender extending from the swing arm is adopted for the first time on Suzuki motorcycle. This enables placing turn signals and license plate holder in lower position and realises clean and compact design.

In order to realise exciting acceleration and riding suited for street use, 999cm³ inline-four engine based on that of GSX-R1000 is installed on a lightweight frame. Also, three-mode traction control, ABS, inverted front forks, Brembo radial mount front brake calipers, etc. are standard equipment.

The all-new KATANA will be produced at the Hamamatsu Plant and is planned to be launched globally from the spring of 2019 in areas including Europe.

● **Main specification of the all-new KATANA**

- Overall Length 2,215mm x Width 830mm x Height 1,110mm
- Wheelbase 1,460mm
- Curb weight 215kg
- Engine 999cm³ four-stroke, liquid-cooled, inline-four engine
- Max. output 110kW/10,000rpm
- Max. torque 108Nm/9,500rpm

At the press conference held on 2 October, Toshihiro Suzuki, President, Suzuki Motor Corporation said, “Our role at Suzuki is to create products people need, bringing a source of fun and excitement into their lives. The all-new KATANA is a great demonstration of Suzuki’s future. There is much more to come from Suzuki, as we maintain our customer-focussed perspective and bring innovative and exciting motorcycles to people around the world. By the year 2021, we plan to launch 10 new models, focussing particularly on large bikes, and strengthen our overall lineup and create new series from existing models.”