

DUCATI PRESENTS THE MONSTER 620 CAPIREX

Motorshow 2004 – On the occasion of the Salon Brussels, Ducati presents the **Monster 620 CAPIREX**. A special and personalized version that Ducati has dedicated to Loris Capirossi, the Italian rider who had an outstanding season with superb results in the Borgo Panigale manufacturer's 'rookie' year in MotoGP.

The balance of Ducati's return to this Championship is an excellent one: nine podiums, three pole positions, a splendid victory in Catalunya, fourth overall (Capirossi) and second place overall in the Manufacturers' Championship.

The Monster 620 CAPIREX is characterised by its exciting colour combination of red fairing, seat cover and tank and lateral white stripe, which vertically cuts the tank on the top, as for the Monster S4R. In addition, the bike sports the "Capirex" official logo on the windscreen's Plexiglas, and Loris's official '65' race number.

Its other outstanding features include:

double-sided aluminium swingarm

carbon front mudguard

carbon panels

carbon silencer head guards

raised riding position higher than the M620 for greater ground clearance when taking curves

height-adjustable rear axle

The innovations go right down into the details featured on the Monster 620 M.Y.'04, such as the restyled aerodynamic fairing, the removable seat cover (optional one or two-seater), and the new rear-view mirrors that assure even greater visibility.

The racing-grade suspension is completed with an inverted fork and adjustable rear shock absorber and hydraulic brake rebound.

The new 6-speed gearbox is designed to ensure smoother acceleration and pickup in all riding conditions.

The most important innovation however is the brand-new wet clutch, a feature adopted on the 2004 Monster 620 model to facilitate handling even more. With the APTC (Adler Power Torque Plate Clutch – an exclusive Adler patent), the amount of torque actually transmitted directly depends on the torque applied to the device; in this way the clutch lever is more responsive, while assuring excellent performance standards and stress resistance. The amount of torque assured by the APTC is much greater than that of a conventional clutch, though disk diameter is actually smaller. Another highlight is its ability to automatically limit rear wheel pattering (special anti-patter function) on asphalt during aggressive turns.

Ever since its release a decade ago, the Monster has established its own market sector (over 130,000 bikes made) by keeping faith with the very features that have assured its success, though constantly refined and improved in function, design and safety standards, not to mention reliability and handling performance.

The **Monster 620 CAPIREX** will be available from Ducati dealers as of March 2004.