

Watsonian - Squire

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British sidecars ride out the recession

Watsonian Monza sidecar and Yamaha XJR1300 outfit

Watsonian's Monza is a classic sidecar with a modern twist, making it well matched to the 1300cc Yamaha XJR for which they have developed a fitting kit. Watsonian Squire has survived two world wars and The Great Depression and still manufactures sidecars in the Heart of England, all hand built by British craftsmen.

While the design of the Monza can trace its roots back to the 1960's, with a glass fibre body and tubular steel perimeter frame, it benefits from many modern features such as mig welding , 10" mini alloy wheels and leading link suspension with hydraulic damping.

Powered by a muscular 96 horsepower 4-cylinder engine and using a traditional tubular steel frame with quality Öhlins suspension, the Yamaha XJR is ideally suited to sidecar work and its traditional design complements the classic lines of the Monza.

"In the 1950's we were making 200 sidecars a week in response to demand for basic transport for working families," comments Sales Director Ben Matthews. "These days we produce 200 a year, but we maintain a full order book by catering for leisure riders, both in the UK and abroad, who want a sidecar so the whole family can enjoy a day out on the bike."

Prices for Watsonian Monza sidecars similar to the one pictured start at £3495 (colour matched paintwork is an optional extra). A full factory fitting service, with tuition for novice drivers, is also available.

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