

NEW 600-4 BENELLI

Benelli have just revealed the BN600R, a brand new 600cc 4-cylinder sports bike built at their home Pesaro plant, but as a joint venture with their parent company in China. The 600cc (65x45.2) in-line four is liquid cooled and with 4 valves per cylinder and double overhead camshaft. Compression is 11.5 to 1 and the EFI has four 38 mm throttle bodies and Delphi MT05 ignition. Wet sump lubrication is favoured and the 4 into 2 exhaust system with silencers – incorporating twin cats and four oxygen sensors - are mounted high and tucked away under the rear of the seat unit. Performance figures stated are 82 HP 11,500 rpm with torque of 52 Nm @ 10,500 and meet Euro 3 standards. Transmission is via a wet clutch and 6-speed gearbox.

The Italian made frame comprises a tubular cro-mo steel trellis and substantial aluminium castings with the swing arm designed to complement it with a fully adjustable mono-shock, forks are 50mm USD Marzocchis. Braking is by twin floating 320 mm front discs and gripped by Brembo radial callipers, the rear 260 mm disc with a twin piston calliper while wheels are 17"



alloys carrying 120/70-ZR17 and 180/55-ZR17 tyres. Sports styling includes a headlight and nose fairing reminiscent of previous big-bore Benellis with an 18 litre tank (incl. 3 l reserve) attractively styled with white side panels. The seating for rider and passenger are at two levels which do appear to be more comfortable than many with the rider's height at 800 mm

and passenger's 940. Unladen weight is 208 kg (458.54 lbs). Overall an interesting newcomer to the 600 class and with a price expected to be very competitive its debut at the November Milan Show is certain to arouse considerable interest. Importers: 011 795-4122

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