

NEWS BRIEFS

Windscreen specialist National Cycle (Maywood, Illinois) has received ECE R43 L-Class Certification for Quantum Hardcoated Polycarbonate with UV protective coating for use on powersports vehicles with windscreen wipers. Thermoformed or injection moulded, Quantum Hardcoated Polycarbonate is said to be 56% lighter than glass and is widely acknowledged as the most impact resistant material currently in use for motorcycle windscreens. The test involved wiper testing the material to over one million cycles!

The MV Agusta Brutale 1000 Serie Oro was chosen by some 35% of 16,000 plus EICMA voters as "The most beautiful motorcycle of the show". The competition, organised by the largest Italian monthly motorcycle magazine, Motociclismo, saw the Ducati Hypermotard SP come second, followed by the Aprilia RSV4 1100 Factory.

Brembo will be the exclusive 'Official Brake Supplier' for all the Energica bikes in the inaugural MotoE Championship. The fully electric single brand competition will be staged at five European circuits for the 2019 World Championship, together with MotoGP, Moto2 and Moto3.

The FIM has added its support to the European Training Quality Label - a voluntary certification scheme launched in 2015 by ACEM and the DVR - a leading German road safety NGO, to help motorcyclists clearly and easily identify high-quality post-license training programmes in Europe.

Italian boot brand TCX has a new CEO - Andrea Nalesso joins from the Equipment and Footwear division of Oberalp Group, where he was GM, prior to which he spent five years at Dainese as Director of Sales and Marketing. Based near Treviso, TCX was founded in 1999 and acquired by London based equity investor Keyhaven Capital Partners in May 2017.

Suzuki is nearing completion of its new combination engineering, development, engine production and vehicle assembly facility at Hamamatsu, Japan, where parent company Suzuki Motor Corp. (SMC) is headquartered. Announced in 2014, the 70,000 sq m facility (on a 16 Ha. Site) will consolidate operations, including engine production from Takatsuka and final assembly from its Toyokawa factory.

Ferodo and Champion win on the track and the dirt in 2018



Team Costa Ligure Beta Boano Racing Sport, Enduro GP: Brad Freeman won the E1 class, Matteo Cavallo the EJ class in technical partnership with Ferodo and Champion



Photo: Robert Murdoch

Kallio Racing Team, World Supersport Champion: Sandro Cortese won the World Supersport Championship in technical partnership with Ferodo and Champion



Pata Yamaha Official WSBK Team: Michael Van der Mark finished 3rd overall, sponsored by Ferodo

It has been another good year on the track and in Enduro racing for Ferodo and Champion. In World Supersport, Ferodo and Champion are Kallio Racing Team technical partners, and 2018 saw Kallio's Sandro Cortese win the World Supersport Championship. On the dirt, Enduro racing gets bigger and more popular every year, and Enduro GP Team Costa Ligure Beta Boano Racing Sport delivered on Ferodo and Champion's investments as technical partners, with Brad Freeman winning the E1 class and Matteo Cavallo the EJ class. Back on the track in the World Superbike series, Ferodo sponsors the Pata Yamaha Official WSBK Team, with Michael Van der Mark finishing 3rd overall.

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The first glassless rear-view mirror for motorcycles?

Berlin, Germany based company motogadget has released what it says is the world's first glassless mirror series for motorcycles.

Called 'm.view', the patented mirror surface is milled directly into the metal of the body. The aluminium itself is the mirror surface, meaning a frame or edge is no longer necessary and 100 percent of the mirror surface is used for a "minimum size with maximum mirror area".

"Without glass and frame, an elegant and weightless design is achieved. The mirror body itself is very thin and light. Shattered or fallen out glasses are simply impossible with this mirror".

The convex mirror surface is produced in a complex fly-cutting process using diamond tools on ultra-precision machines directly on the aluminium body. It is then made resistant to oxidation, corrosion and scratches by a high-tech plasma coating in a vacuum.

The mirrors and mirror arms are made of billet aluminium, CNC-machined and anodised in black. All parts such as screws or ball heads are made of stainless steel. Motogadget offers four different mirror designs with conventional mirror stem as well as three



handlebar end mirrors, all with ECE marking. The range also includes two tiny handlebar end mirrors without ECE marking.

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