



## **My bike is a XVZ 1300LT 1999 Royal Star Tour-deluxe**

This model is an American import and is the highest spec Royal Star in their line up. It has quite a number of genuine Yamaha accessories fitted to it.

The main differences betwixt this and a British spec Tour-deluxe is

- ❑ As standard it comes with a solo seat and has a small luggage rack fitted to the rear fender – Yamaha lists the pillion seat and rear footpegs (not the footboards fitted) as an optional extra
- ❑ The hard panniers (similar to the Venture Stars) are standard for only this model, Brit bikes had hard leather bags as an optional extra
- ❑ Different shape handlebars
- ❑ Huge adjustable screen, British bikes didn't even have a small fly screen fitted
- ❑ White wall tyres, which are a bugger to keep clean.
- ❑ 2-1 exhaust either side similar to the Venture Stars, presumably to make room for the panniers, it therefore has different carburettor jets to other Royal Stars

Non- standard items are

- ❑ A Venture Star trunk
- ❑ Fishtail mufflers
- ❑ Adjustable drivers backrest
- ❑ Chrome pannier rails
- ❑ Auxiliary passing lights
- ❑ Radiator grill
- ❑ Daylight sensor for adjustable headlamp daytime intensity
- ❑ Modulating headlight
- ❑ Front fender rail
- ❑ Intercom with switch able headset/quad speakers for the tunes
- ❑ Bigfoot airbox/carburettor tune up
- ❑ Towbar

The Royal Star engine is very loosely based on the V-Max's motor, but it is very different to the more similar looking Venture Star's power plant. The Royal Star's engine needs to be revved to get the best out of it.

### **Specification**

Liquid cooled V4 - 1294cc or 79 cubic inches if you're from the US of A  
74hp @3,500 rpm and 110Nm or if you prefer 81ft.lbs – in standard trim

Compression 10:1

Shaft drive/3 speed plus 2 overdrives

Weight – heavy (in excess of 350kg)

40-50 mpg (much less if stuck in traffic)

If you ride the Royal Star as if it was a V-twin it can be a disappointing ride, bottom end torque which you think would be plentiful, isn't. you really do have to ride 'em like you stole 'em. They thrive on revs, 90mph in third gear isn't a problem, they love it. Hopefully the Bigfoot mod will give it some of the bottom power that's missing as standard. Other mods that are common in America will follow.

Please contact me if you require any information on what you have read.