

If you're into speed, MTT Y2K Superbike has all you'll ever need

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Crave thrills? Have more money than sense? Consider a motorcycle powered by an aircraft turbine that accelerates to 60 miles an hour so fast you pretty much can't measure it, clips through the standing-start quarter mile in six seconds at close to 200 mph and should hit 266 mph flat out.

All for a mere \$225,000 – if you've enough clout or move quickly enough to speak for the 10 or 12 MTT Y2K Superbikes to be produced a year.

"I don't care if you're driving an F1 McLaren (race car), when this bike shows up, you've just got your thunder stolen," says Ted McIntyre, head of Marine Turbine Technologies near Franklin, LA.

He has been putting really powerful aircraft turbines into boats, Hummers, race cars and other unintended applications for 15 years in the search for gut churning grins. "We're building memories. Money's just the way to keep score," he says.

The first three turbine Superbikes are bespoke: American Dream Machines, purveyor of exotic adult toys, will market them. After that, McIntyre's MTT will handle sales.

The aluminum bike, tabbed Y2K Superbike, weighs 460 pounds and is powered by a Rolls-Royce turbine rated 317 horsepower and 425 foot-pounds of torque burning diesel fuel.

"Lifetime warranty," McIntyre says. That's your lifetime, not the bike's. "A bike that goes 250 miles an hour or so, you'll wreck it and kill yourself," he jokes. "Or if you wreck it and can bring it back to us, I figure we should fix it."

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