

Press Info :

VTR Customs BMW R NineT Racer– «Cougar»

Concept Idea and Naming

We love our NineT Family and therefore you find an one NineT Section in ours style category on the VTR Customs homepage. Every year we build at least one NineT member for the Swiss Moto show. Last year we have built the first Pure, so last in the row was a Racer – so far, so clear.

We love the overall look of the stock BMW but after selling it 2 years, we somehow got tyred with color scheme and the usual modificatiosn we do 8short tail, exhaust, mirrors...

Inspired by the other NineT VTR Custom 2019 – the “Bétisse” – we were sure to build something in classic style but a modern interpretation of it.

Since we know Jens van Brauck and his Racer (we liked a lot) – we came very quickly to his new NineT tail. So we got in contact with Jens and agreed, that we also will act as selling point for KEDO / JvB in Switzerland. So modern, but clean tail section was a checkbox – done. As well a air intake, new and small headlight from JvB and the ultra-short JvB front fender. But the stock fairing was too long and bulky, snice we aimed for a rather ultra-short and clean look.

Paintjob was far from being already fixed – so we will cross the bridge when we got there.....

The funny part about the paint was that it was finally the Name decision trigger (we usually have the name of the bike before even starting the final design and build.

Design

As mentioned the overall style and some ingreadiences where clear. NineT Racer, ultra-short, classy appearance with modern touch and some VTR gimmicks anyway and an overall clean look.

Saying this, next decision was also a quick one – instead of the usual spoke wheels, we went for 5-spoke BMW wheel to get a bit more of the “modern” touch we are aiming for. To make the rear wheel sticking out – exhaust muffler must be short and a high version.

There was new part In the BMW accessory shelf we loved from the first site – the vintage Cyl. Head covers. But we did not like the color. Instead of just black mat powder coating, we liked to twis the engine to the classy side, with giving them a shrink coating like the old Ferrari Cyl. Covers. All BMW silver pieces and black is a kind of VTR standard – so, T-bars, footrest, main frame covers, fender holders, shock spring, blablabla.... all black.

All set to build.....

Build

Overall Design set, key parts ordered. Let's go.

After having the JvB tail installed and a black Hattech exhaust installed as well, we liked the tail light very much, but turn indicators needed to be invisible to not harm the radical clean tail lines and to get it as racy style as possible. For the same reason we decided for the "race foam" seat instead of a custom-made seat.

Second job was the front fairing. We wanted a very short and tiny bike, but for one time, we did not want to "explode" the budget again, while making a VTR Customs handmade alloy front fairing. The target was to build a very nice but also easy to sell Racer. So we cutted everything we could on the BMW stock fairing: Side panels, windscreen and the front frame holder was shortened by several Centimeters. Finally we were very satisfied the tiny look after all the "cutting" and the combination with the small JvB front light solution.

Our this year's favorite color was Nardo gray, which was the plan also for the Racer. So I went to our "house" painter, Freuler AG, which is also specialized in Classic cars (a topic we have as well in our genes). By chance, Freuler did have just a freshly painted Mercury Cougar in his showroom, with a very nice Lingering green metallic..... and off we went with Nardo grey...!

This Mercury Cougar green was the more than the perfect match for our Racer and the style we were looking for. And the name was found at very same time too! We just wanted a detail, to show the gas tank is an alloy tank. Therefore, we added a small "window" left and right of gas tank and let polished alloy shine true. Since we love things authentic, we decide to not cover it with clear coating, but let raw polished – a) because we believe it looks nicer and b) we still like the owner to have at least a little work every year, to keep his Cougar shiny and nice...;-)

Speaking details – yes, we were also clear, to have an original Cougar logo on the bike, so it was ordered from states for our little tiny racer. And yes- of course – we are racers and like racing add ons. So K&N Filters but with Swiss legal solution, vintage race grips with wiring as on our old off road race bikes etc. are there as well.

The bike is 100% street legal and on sale for 23'800.- CHF

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Photographer: Patrick Usseglio

Specs:

- Basis: BMW R NineT Racer 2017, 2'200Km (Ex Demo bike)
- KEDO / JvB Parts: tail, seat, Head Light Kit, Air Intake, Front Fender
- Front Fairing: BMW Stock, VTR Customs tailored and shortened
- Wheels : BMW standard, powder coated Bronze matt
- Tyres: Michelin Power RS 180/55-17 and 120/70-17
- Turn Indicators: Kellermann Atto
- Exhaust : Hattech Version High, Black
- Cyl. Head Covers: BMW Accessory Vintage covers – shrink coated
- Gas Tank cap Monza, Black coated
- Air Filters K&N, Swiss legal VTR Customs Solution
- Engine, Drive, Frame: Standard BMW R NineT Racer
- Rear Shock absorber and front Fork, BMW standard
- Paint job: Mercury Cougar green (hand mixed) by Paint Shop Freuler, Benken

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