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# NCR DUCATI SPORT 1000

Hand-built racer commemorates 30th anniversary of Daytona winner

➔ Now this is what we call a retro Ducati. Based on the Bologna factory's new Sport 1000 range, the bike is a track-only special built in Italy by legendary Ducati tuners NCR. And if you've a long memory, you may feel you've seen blue-and-silver paint, brown suede seat and high-level pipes before. They originally figured on the famous 'Old Blue' Daytona winner built in 1977 by Phil Schilling and raced by *Cycle* magazine's Cook Neilson.

The new bike (known as 'New Blue') came about as a joint project between NCR and Ducati North America.

'It's a homage to Neilson's 1977 Daytona victory,' says NCR boss Michele Poggipolini. 'It's limited to the north American market at the moment, but that could change if other countries, like the UK, start to ask for it too.'

Essentially it's a tuned (and lightened) 2007 1000S. NCR say it weighs just 150kg - 20% less

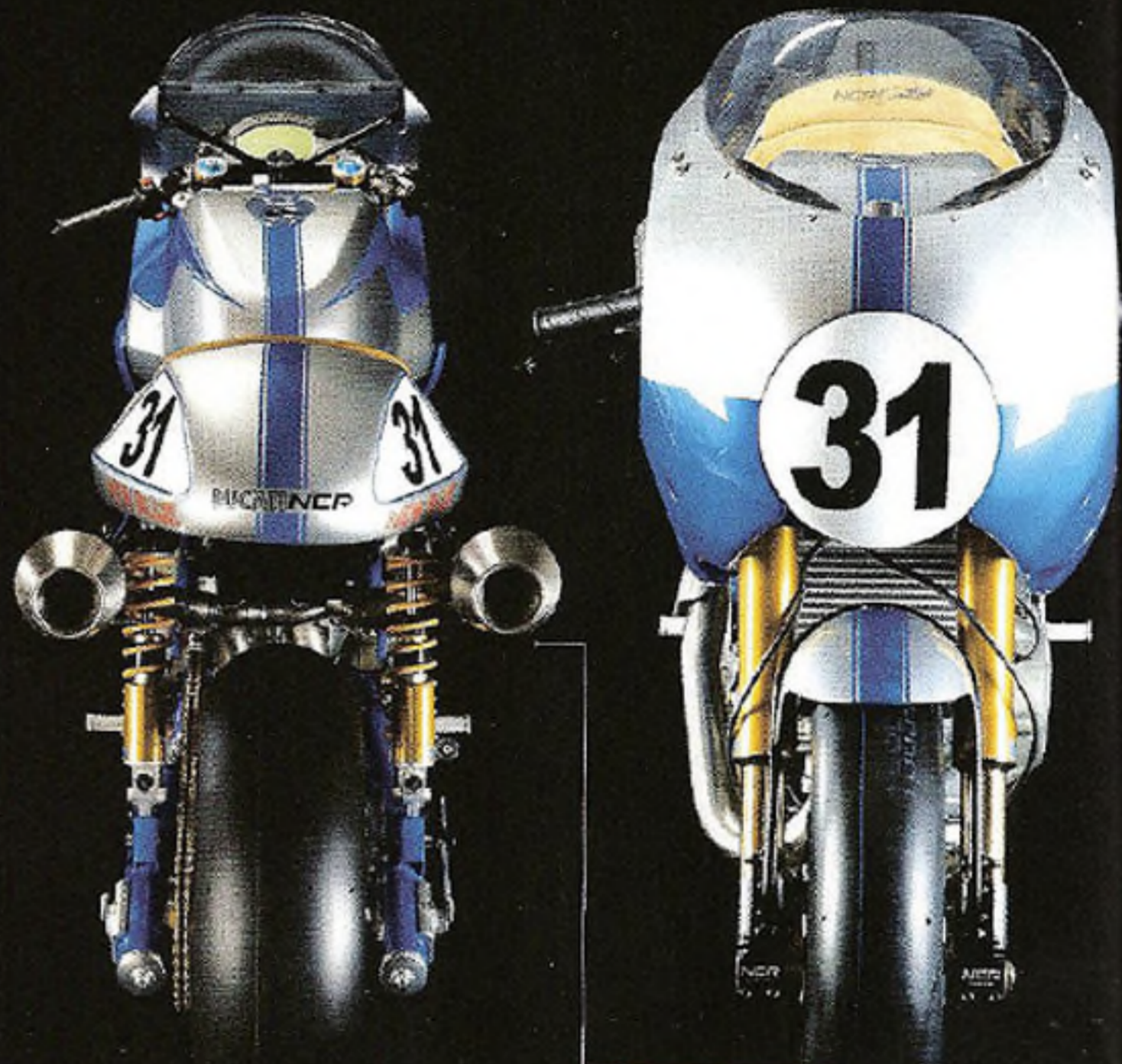
than the 188kg donor bike. The motor has been bored out to 1100cc, and the 2-1-2 titanium exhaust weighs just four kilograms. Power is reckoned to be 116bhp @ 8450rpm, with torque a very pleasing 77 lb.ft @ 6700. There's also carbon bodywork, an adjustable steering angle, a racing slipper clutch, 17in wheels with 120/70 and 190/55 tyres, a plaque signed by Neilson and a host of titanium, Öhlins and Brembo goodies. There are plenty more options too, right up to racing cams, datalogger hardware and carbon wheels.

#### What will it cost?

Every bike is likely to be built to a different spec, but US customers will be shelling out something like \$49,900 - about £27,000. Should that prove a little salty for you, you can also buy most of the bits direct from NCR: [www.ncrfactory.com](http://www.ncrfactory.com)

#### Looks

A retro racer that's better than the original. Love the exposed cambelts and perforated clutch cover



#### Exhaust system

The bike's high-level pipes are 2-1-2 titanium, weighing in at a featherlight four kilos

#### Engine

With the motor bored out to 1100cc, torque is a far from

shabby: 77 lb.ft @ 6700

