

SWM



Above: Metzeler Tourances are supplied stock on both models.
Right: The panniers are schmicko units.



the factory-fitted 18/21 wheel combo and accessory pack everyone's been talking about.

The 2017 Superdual arrived on Aussie roads to an extremely warm reception. The 600cc donk brought smiles to the faces of all who embraced the Husqvarna TE630 from 2012. Unless you've been living inside your man cave with no new bike info for the past 18 months, you should already know SWM – the Italian enduro manufacturer from the 1970s to early '80s – is back in business in the former Husqvarna factory in Biandronno. That's the same factory owned and re-vamped by BMW just a few years ago.

If you have, in fact, just emerged from that man cave from an extended stay, you'll no doubt be keen for a ride to clear your head, because the news that Trump is President Of The World will have you dazed and confused. Luckily for you the two new SWM Superdual models arrive in Australia in December 2017. They're probably on the floor in your local SWM dealer already.

So prepare to make adventure riding great again.

Stepping up

The 2017 model is a mighty fine machine with a 17/19-inch wheel combo that's capable on- and off-road, and has no ABS. Also, the 2017 model was off limits for learner riders or riders holding a restricted licence.

The 2018 models will be supplied with

switchable ABS in compliance with Euro4 standards and are Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme (LAMS) approved.

The other great inclusion for the 2018 Superdual is the arrival of the 18/21-inch wheel combination. It's ideal for riders who prefer to spend the majority of their riding time in the dirt.

X to a T

The 2018 SWM Superdual X comes with 18/21-inch wheels while the



Above: Red crash bars and frame make the SWM an eye-catcher.

Below left: The dip switch for high- and low-beam is a separate fitting. Must be a Euro thing.

Below: Nice and simple. Excellent.



Superdual: next level

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Adventure Rider Magazine went for the SWM Superdual in big way last issue. For 2018 it looks as though the bar has been raised. Whenever anyone mentions a bar SWM's irrepressible Stephen Tuff is sure to be nearby. Here's the inside scoop on the new bikes.

SW M's Superdual has created a storm in the adventure-riding coffee cup. The competitively priced Italian has added some spice to the single-cylinder adventure segment and now has added a big sweetener. In addition to the bike Adventure Rider Magazine enjoyed so much last issue, the 2018 SWM Superdual brings to life



Above: The same uncluttered dash as 2017. There's plenty of info on the LCD screen.
Left: Rubber inserts in the footpegs are easy to remove for off-road terrain.



Superdual T has the 17/19-inch wheel set-up.

The X model is eye-catching in a red/black/white colour scheme while the T model is available in grey/black.

Both models sport black rims, red frame and red crash bars. Both bikes have a tough, adventure-bike attitude.

The X model seat is scalloped in comparison to the T model to keep the same seat height of 898mm. The sidestand and centrestand on the X model are longer for the obvious increase in distance between earth and bike from the larger wheel set.

Hand guards, windscreen and Metzeler Tourance tyres are standard equipment on both the X and T models.

Sharp

Warranty is generous at 24 months or 20,000km (whichever comes first) and perhaps best of all, the price is still mighty fine at \$10,490 recommended retail including GST, plus on-road costs. That's a minimal increase of just \$500 over the 2017 model.

To celebrate the introduction of the 2018 SWM Superdual, SWM Australia is offering a free GT Kit (panniers and LED lights) valued at \$1500, for all orders placed before February 28, 2018.

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Below: A scalloped seat on the X model means seat heights are the same on both models, despite the different wheel sizes.

Right: Plenty of capacity in the panniers.



SWM 2018 Superdual

BIKE SPECS

Web: www.swmmotorcycles.com.au.

Recommended retail: \$10,490.00 plus ORC including 24 months or 20,000km parts and labour warranty.

Engine: Liquid-cooled, DOHC, four-valve, single-cylinder four-stroke

Capacity: 600cc

Bore x Stroke: 100mm x 76.4mm

Transmission: Six-speed

Clutch: Wet multi-plate with hydraulic control

Ignition: GET

Fuel system: Mikuni D45 EFI

Start: Electric

Front suspension: 45mm USD Fast Ace fork with 210mm of travel

Rear suspension: Fully adjustable Sachs shock with external shock spring pre-load adjuster and 270mm of travel

Front wheel: 19-inch (T model) 21-inch (X model) with 300mm brake disc

Rear wheel: 17-inch (T model) 18-inch (X model) with 220mm brake disc

Seat Height: 890mm

Wheelbase: 1510mm

Ground clearance: 180mm

Fuel capacity: 18 litres

Weight: 169kg

