

Manufacturer	Model	Manufacturer	Model
YAMAHA	YA-1	YAMAHA	DS6-C

It was Yamaha Motor's first product. It was nicknamed "Akatonbo" (Red Dragonfly) due to its slim chestnut-colored body, which was a departure from the common heavy and black designs of the time. It demonstrated its high performance by dominating the 3rd Mt. Fuji Ascent Race in 1955 and the 1st Asama Volcano Race in the same year. Despite its price of 138,000 yen, which was significantly higher than the average starting salary of college graduates at around 10,000 yen, approximately 11,000 units were sold over a period of three years.

Based on the 250cc sports model "DS6" that adopted the 5-port system, automatic lubrication (separate oil supply) mechanism, and twin carburetors, Yamaha developed a scrambler version with a rugged appearance featuring an upswept muffler and engine guard. In that year, Yamaha Motor aimed to expand its lineup in the categories of "sports," "trail," and "scrambler," and the "DS6-C" represented the scrambler category with distinction.



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YAMAHA	RZ250	YAMAHA	YZF-R1

This pure sports bike condensed the allure of a two-stroke engine. It captivated many fans with its high-output engine, producing 140 horsepower per liter, Yamaha's unique Monocross suspension, and lightweight cast wheels. Its aggressive styling reminiscent of the TZ250 road racer exuded a strong appeal. It revolutionized the market, which was transitioning to four-stroke engines, and became a precursor to the "race replica" boom that followed.

This model revolutionized the world of sports motorcycles with a concept focused on pursuing the "ultimate excitement" on winding roads. It featured a lightweight and compact 4-cylinder engine that delivered powerful yet manageable torque and power. It also introduced groundbreaking features such as the Delta Box II frame, which achieved an ideal chassis configuration. These innovations brought a new era to the super sports category.

