



# JAWA Motorcyclist



## **JAWA 350cc Model 640** **2000km update:**

**H**aving completed 2000km on the 640 it is fair to say that I am delighted with the bike. Every time I roll it out on to my driveway to head off for a journey be it long or short I look forward to it. It's been 100% reliable so far. The engine is loosening out nicely and the gearbox is fine.

After playing around with gearbox oil grades I have settled on Halfords EP 75/ 80W.

I am using Rock Oil Fully Synthetic 2 stroke oil and have done so since day one.

The bike has received many compliments from all quarters and its classic looks and large chrome exhausts are being mentioned regularly from older bike enthusiasts whenever I pull in on a journey. I am also getting comments like " Jawa, I thought they stopped making bikes 30 years ago".

On my first review (First Impressions.pdf) I mentioned the rear brake as being barely adequate but that was after one weeks use and with two up. I can now say that the rear brake has bedded in nicely and I am happy with it.

All chrome and paintwork is good with no sign of corrosion anywhere.

I have added a few extras such as a voltmeter, plug in point and mounting bracket for my Sat Nav and a better quality main fuse holder.



The voltmeter I bought at a local car accessory shop.

The Main Fuse Holder and Electric Socket for the Sat Nav Plug I bought off



e-bay. See details in issue1.

The mounting bracket was made by Darren Walsh fabricator supreme. Well done Jim you trained him well!!

Most of my mileage is relatively local although I did a 270 mile round trip in one day to Tralee and



beyond to visit a good mate John Nicholls of the Royal Enfield club. John brought me on a lovely trip out around Kerry Head passing through



such beautiful villages like Fenit and Ballyheige stopping off to view a monument erected to Sir Roger Casement at Banna Strand. We even swapped over bikes for a while and I had my first ever spin on one of my favourite bikes, the Royal Enfield 350cc Bullet. I can see why John is so keen on his as the lovely sound of its 4 stroke engine crackled and echoed around these small roads in North West Kerry.

Fuel consumption on the return journey from Tralee worked out at 56mpg.

While browsing through magazines in my local bookstore, Jawa's new 350 caught my eye on the front page of a magazine called Motorcycle Sport and Leisure. This brought me back to the mid to late 70's when articles regularly appeared on Jawa and CZ in magazines such as Motor Cycle Mechanics, Motor Cycling Monthly and Bike. I immediately bought it and headed off home to read it. David Angel of F2 Motorcycles the Jawa importer in the UK supplied the bike. The article was well balanced and gave a decent enough account of the bike with some great pictures. David has been doing a great job of promoting the bikes in the UK and as a result sales are good. David is regularly seen with the bike at bike rally's and shows in the UK and it seems to be paying off.

The article prompted me to give him a call and I asked him about the bike and some of his performance modifications that are advertised on his excellent website.

[www.jawamotorcycles.co.uk](http://www.jawamotorcycles.co.uk)

see modifications with prices on

[www.jawamotorcycles.co.uk/price.html](http://www.jawamotorcycles.co.uk/price.html).

He spoke enthusiastically about the bike and the excellent relationship he has with the Jawa Factory in the Czech Republic. He carries a substantial amount of spares. As he said to me, he looked at the bike and thought if it was to fall on either side or crash into something he ordered parts for this type of frame damage along with engine spares such as gaskets, rings, pistons and cylinders. Other parts like cables, air filters and brake parts are all stocked at very keen prices.

I questioned him about his performance mods and it was quite clear he is an enthusiast as well as an importer, which is very important. Performance baffles and Expansion Chamber exhausts are available and other trials are ongoing. I think I will have the Performance Baffles as a birthday present from my dear wife if she reads this – take the hint please Margaret. No more shirts, I have enough!!

There is a Sports fairing available with headlight and this looks very good on the black bike especially with the Expansion Chamber exhausts fitted.

So all in all UK Jawa buyers are in very good hands. David of course is also the main importer of Ural bikes and has been selling these for years.

So as the days are getting shorter I am trying to get in a few spins at weekends before the dreaded cold and rain starts reducing our time on the roads. Don't know if I am going to ride this in bad weather so I may have to pull out the old reliable 634 for winter use. No doubt it will be well up to the task.

Ride safely,

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