

**FIRST
RIDE**



Now that's a lot of information squeezed onto a small screen

LICENCE
REQUIREMENTS
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SPEC:

ENGINE

Air-cooled single-cylinder
125cc

POWER

11bhp @ 9000rpm

BRAKES

Disc front and rear

TYRES

Front: 100/80-17
Rear: 130/70-17

SUSPENSION

Front: telescopic forks,
non-adj
Rear: single shock,
pre-load adj

WEIGHT

134kg

SEAT HEIGHT

770mm

TANK CAPACITY

14 litres

CLOURS

Blue/white, green/black

CONTACT

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PRICE

£1350

Lexmoto Venom 125

This 125 is unique – you can download music onto it...

Every car has a sound system, and even some big touring motorcycles have a means of hearing music on the move but the Lexmoto Venom is the only 125 you can buy with a built-in MP3.

STYLING

The Venom is flashy with a big 'F'. Big front mudguard, tank extensions and XXL sidepanels are all there to make a basic 125 look much bigger than it really is. In the standard blue/white colour scheme, it succeeds with a hint of Suzuki GSR about it. Alloy wheels and red brake detailing complete the package.

ENGINE, CHASSIS

The Venom has slightly more power than some of its budget 125 rivals, claiming 11bhp from the air-cooled carb-fed single. It's based on an old Honda design, with a balance shaft. Everything else is standard issue for a geared 125, and being at the sporty

end of the spectrum, you get a rear disc brake and a single rear shock.

ON THE ROAD

You sit high, though the seat height allowed me (30in legs) to reach the ground easily. It's a perky little bike, as long as you use the gears and according to the digital rev counter, it'll zip up to 11,000rpm in the lower ratios. That means it's easy to slip to the front of traffic light queues and get safely away when the lights go green. Vibes thrum through the seat and bars at high revs but I can't imagine typical Venom buyers being bothered about that. What they will like is an information-packed dash; the digital rev counter alongside the big analogue speedo, fuel gauge, clock gear indicator. The dash's party trick comes when exceeding 55mph – the cool blue backlight turns red and starts flashing!

Customer bikes won't start flashing until 65mph – just as well, because the Venom will cruise at an

indicated 60-65 and is flat-out at 68. A flashing red speedo is the last thing you want on a dark night. The brakes are powerful and progressive, though the Venom you can buy won't have red calipers. CST Magsport tyres seemed grippy enough and nothing touched down on the twistier roads, though with the rain coming down in sheets, I can't pretend I explored the outer envelope...

The sound system is audible up to 40-45mph while wearing a full-face lid. Download your sounds via a USB port or MicroSD card – there's not many 125s you can say that about...

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WE SAY:

Flashy, sporty 125, with on-bike entertainment as the USP – subtle it's not!

