Straight from the Tokyo Auto Show, the latest in multi-cylinder one-upmanship. by Dave Hetzler, Cycle Guide 1969



In my Bench Racing column I spoke of the new 750cc, four cylinder Honda. At press time we received photos of this machine taken at its first public showing, the Tokyo Auto Show. As we understand it the 750 was the hit of the show, which I might add, doesn't surprise us one bit.

As I said in my column, the four produces in the neighborhood of 80 horsepower. It's a single overhead cam engine, mounted transversely in the frame, coupled to a five-speed gearbox. The photo we saw of it in the English newspaper showed a front brake similar to that of the 450, but in the photos taken at the Auto Show the bike was equipped with a disk unit on the front. I only hope the production machine is also equipped with the disc brake. I'm sure the 750 is fairly heavy and I don't think the 450 stopper would be up to the task.

It's hard to say much more about this motorcycle but I suggest you stay tuned in because as soon as we find out more we'll be passing it on, along with a road test.