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Kaffeemaschine 11: The flying Lotus motorcycle

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Black-and-gold JPS Lotuses were a dominant force on the F1 tracks of the 1970s. Axel Budde, founder of Hamburg-based motorcycle customiser Kaffeemaschine, has applied this iconic colour scheme to his latest Moto Guzzi café racer creation...

Less than two months ago, the lid was lifted on the [official Lotus motorbike](#). Avoiding its high-tech approach and futuristic design, Budde has instead remained faithful to the classic café racer appearance for his homage to [Colin Chapman's legendary racing team](#). Budde developed the concept at the behest of his Berlin-based client Arnd Rohrlapper: "My initial idea was to create a two-wheeled counterpart to the 1978 F1 title-winning JPS Lotus," explains Budde. "The customer liked the idea and gave me a free hand – he's now so enthusiastic about it that he's asked us to paint his helmet to match."

Moto Guzzi Le Mans 3 as a basis



Beginning life as a Moto Guzzi Le Mans 3, the bike was given a complete overhaul of the drivetrain, with the engine being rebuilt. The exhaust system is custom built and based on an original 1970s racing item, while the tank is a Magni replica. Many other parts were modified or built by Kaffeemaschine from scratch; the end result is a truly commendable tribute to one of the greatest F1 teams (and liveries) ever to exist.

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