

CLASSIC DRIVER

[This one-year-old Triumph was treated to a Turkish transformation](#)

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Invariably, it's the tired examples of machines from the latter half of last century that are used as donors for café racer-style makeover projects. However, Bunker Custom Cycles of Istanbul used a 2014-model Triumph Bonneville as the basis for its latest build...

Bonnie goes to Istanbul



Although it's the stunning grey-and-gold paint scheme that initially seduces the eye, cosmetics were only a secondary priority for Bunker Custom Cycles when overhauling the year-old Triumph. The first was to unleash the Bonneville's performance potential, with function defining the form: the suspension was re-worked to be lower at the front and higher at the rear for a more aggressive stance, and the cumbersome original tail was replaced with a sleek hand-made aluminium unit. Overall, the subtle modifications applied to the tuned-up Triumph are so well thought out that the Bunker Bonneville could easily be mistaken for a factory-issued special edition – a true testament to the quality of work performed by the Turkish workshop.

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