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# 1978 Ducati 750 - Sport

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St Leonards, 05 November

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Lot sold	<b>USD 29 479 - 34 014</b> EUR 26 000 - 30 000 (listed)	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1978	Location	
Engine number	756404	Motorcycle type	Street
Brand colour	Yellow	Engine size (cc)	748cc
		Colour	Yellow

## Description

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### DESCRIPTION

Designed by Fabio Taglioni, Ducati released a sports version of the original 750 GT in 1972 with a similar mechanical specification – the 90-degree V-twin engine employed the same bevel-driven single overhead camshaft with two valves per cylinder configuration but featured a lighter crankshaft, high compression pistons and larger 32mm carburettors, resulting in markedly superior performance. The frame was also based on the GT, albeit with a wider rear subframe (on the early versions) and similar suspension, consisting of a black Marzocchi 38mm front fork (Cerianis were offered in 1974) and twin adjustable Marzocchi shocks at the rear. Apart from the earliest examples, 750 Sports used Scarab front disc brakes (some 1974 versions used Brembo products) and a slimline fibreglass fuel tank was standard, with a half fairing optional but rarely fitted. The instrument cluster and levers were also unique to the Sport. With the release of the 750 Super Sport in 1974, Ducati changed the focus of the 750 Sport slightly, with a number of detail changes; a steel fuel tank became standard equipment in 1974, along with the option of a dual seat, polished engine covers and turn indicators. Rated at 62 horsepower at 8200rpm, the 750 Sport offered scintillating performance and this, allied to the fabulous handling, sound and good looks has made it one of Ducati's all-time classics. Only a handful were built in 1972 (no records were kept to give precise figures according to noted authority Ian Falloon) and Ducati only produced the 750 Sport for two more years, completing 746 in 1973 and a further 856 the following year. However as a postscript to

the story, Australian bike dealer Norm Fraser was visiting the factory in Italy and ordered a batch of additional 750 Sport and GT bikes and the bike we offer here is one of the extra batch of 22 or 23 Sports assembled by hand.

#### HISTORY

- Classic 'Round Case' Ducati Twin from long-term ownership
- One of just 23 built for Australia in 1978
- Understood to be a two-owner bike

One of the limited number of hand-made 1978 Ducati 750 Sports specially ordered for Frasers Motorcycles in Australia, this exceptionally rare motorcycle was purchased by its most recent late owner back in 1981 and is understood to be a two owner bike from new. Finished in the iconic Ducati yellow, the Ducati features Dellorto PHF32A carburettors, a steel fuel tank, Conti pipes, Borrani wheels and a Scarab front brake. Last registered some years ago and stored for some time, the bike has been started and runs well but will require some minor recommissioning before use. With exceptional provenance, this is a rare opportunity for the Ducati collector to acquire one of the most iconic models built in the 1970s. To be sold unregistered, the bike comes with copies of old registration papers and period photographs documenting the late owner's long association with the Ducati.

Note: Shannons advise that all potential buyers research and inspect motorcycles before purchase to authenticate originality and condition as a pre-purchase inspection report is not carried out on these vehicles.

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