Z1000

Kawasaki Z1000 Triumphs over Speed Triple in Motorcycle.com's 2010 Streetfighter Shootout

Motorcycle.com pitted the 2010 Kawasaki Z1000 in head-to-head competition against the Triumph Speed Triple. The Z1000's fun and nimble handling and more powerful engine earned a hard-fought win over the Speed Triple. The editors at *Motorcycle.com* had to this to say about the 2010 Kawasaki Z1000:

"Team K's ultimate performance limits are higher than the venerable Speed Triple's. This is a machine that can holeshot a ZX-10R and run away from a well-ridden supersport on a twisty road.

"The S3 is fun, but the Z1000 is more funner... The re-born Zed is a sportbike slayer."

"We became believers, too.... It is a huge advancement over the previous generation Z1000, offering more grunt, sure-footed handling and less vibration."

"...the Z1000's mill is a gem in all street situations. The grunty engine is very civilized when ridden sedately, and Kawi has done an excellent job at damping annoying engine vibes from this latest Z."

"Good clutch take-up and strong torque allow for Usain Bolt-like sprints from a stop, a rider able to float the front wheel from a near standstill."

"...the Z1000 retains its composure when pushed to its limits. It turns in quickly yet securely, responding without quirks, and it would transition to track work better than the looser Triumph."

"Despite what appears to be minimal wind protection, an 80-mph cruise on the Z1000 doesn't batter the rider."

"Adding into the equation the Zee's modest \$10,499 MSRP (the same as a 600 supersport), and it becomes perhaps the best value in all of sportbikedom."



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