

Hardened bikers have been known to burst into song at the mere mention of the XT 500.

A big, rugged single in the classic British tradition, the 500 is as at home on the range as it is on the road.

A large flywheel magneto lends its powerful 4-stroke engine a hefty jolt of low-speed torque. Guaranteed zip at the lights, grip in the mud.

The lightweight parts, high-level exhaust, braced bars, crankcase shield and long-travel suspension have all contributed to the legendary, 'anything goes' reputation of the 500.

Small wonder, then, that we've translated this legend into a 250cc machine.

The XT 250 boasts the same on/off road capability as its big brother.

An overhead-cam, 4-stroke engine generates formidable torque at low revs.

And long-travel Monoshock suspension, tough plastic mudguards, lightweight chassis and rubber-mounted indicators give it the grit to slip straight from High Street to dirt track at the drop of a gear.

There you have it. The hard facts behind the XT legend.

We bet you didn't know the half of it.

