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What was originally a small abandoned motorcycle, found in a farm near Lyon, has now turned into an elegant machine, ready to ride away.

Meet **FALKOR**, our first official build, based on a 1977 Yamaha XS 360...

It took us almost two years, but we're finally there.



How It all Started

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The **Yamaha XS 360** was Charles's personal bike. Bought with around **26.000 km on the clock**, this was a great base for a first build.

He used it as his daily ride to begin with and a year later, after learning how to make a quality custom at Diamond Atelier, he went about to build his version of it.

It took about 2 years to complete this project, from the moment the first parts were unscrewed until the final product.

This was due to having a full-time job with moderate income and having to wait every end of month to be able to afford quality parts.

A Long Wait

FALKOR

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This quickly turned into a reoccurring joke between the DA guys and Charles, where this bike would become a never-ending project ...

It was therefore natural that we name this motorcycle Falkor, in relation to the dragon in "The Never-endin g Story" from Michael Ende.

Modifications

- ► Fully reassembled and painted 360cc engine
- Double front brake rotors
- Aviation brake lines
- ► 16mm front brake master cylinder
- Custom rear aluminum master cylinder tank
- Powder coated rims
- More viscous fork oil and powder coated front fork sleeves
- Progressive Suspension rear shock absorbers
- TRW-Lucas handlebar
- Biltwell grips and throttle





Modifications

- LED lighting (brake light, blinkers)
- Motogadget M-unit V2
- Antigravity lithium battery
- Motone handlebar controls
- ▶ 3.50 inch front and rear Heidenau tires
- Mikuni carburetors with sprinkler kit
- Uni Filters air filters
- Handmade and powder coated license plate holder
- Custom seat
- Frame, swing arm, scabbards and triple trees, rims, crutch, electronic gearbox, and various parts, sanded and powder coated

Elegant Simplicity

The essence of this build lies in the elegant simplicity of it all. The rear subframe was cleaned, shortened and a smooth custom-made rear hoop was installed to create this unique shape.

One of the distinctive features of the bike are the brushed stainless steel side panels hiding the electronics. A major sharp bend was made to each side to allow a very pleasing play of the light. Even the direction of the brush was taken into consideration to bring all the lines back up to tail section.

As we all know, original braking capabilities from the 70s are sparingly out of place in today's traffic, so we added dual front disks to improve it. The front master cylinder was obviously upgraded in consequence, in combination with black steel braided lines to ensure a much-improved braking ability.

The exhaust lines having been freed up and a pair of Uni air filters fitted to the carburetors, the jets have been sized up accordingly to maintain the proper air/fuel ratio at all times in the combustion chambers. Knobby tires complement the stance very well and ensure the bike will get through any terrain you'd dare to tackle.

Quality for Reliability

Falkor marks the beginning of our story. It is the first motorcycle in our dragon series and will hopefully inspire others.

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