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Honda CB1100F set for launch

While Honda officially launched the majority of its 2009 range months ago it's held back one of the most exciting bikes that will hit dealers next year - the CB1100F.



But newly published patents suggest that despite the fact it wasn't revealed during the big bike shows of 2008, it's still on-track to be available in 2009, and could make its first public appearance as a production model as early as March during the annual Tokyo Motorcycle Show.

More than a year on from the first showing of the prototype CB1100F at the Tokyo Motor Show in October 2007, the new documents reveal that Honda has now patented the bike's final styling, preventing rivals from copying the design and ensuring the company will be due royalties from any firms offering models or toys of the bike.

Just like the DN-01, which made its debut as a concept at the 2005 Tokyo show and was revealed in production form two years later, the CB1100F production bike will be virtually indistinguishable from the original concept, which comes as a relief after so many concepts that reach production, like Suzuki's B-King and Yamaha's MT-01, are watered-down for production.

See the full story in the December 24 issue of MCN.