

New hog comes to market

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HARLEY is under increasing pressure from other manufacturers trying to muscle into the cruiser sector, one of the few remaining segments that is performing well.

Eleven-year-old American bike company Victory entered the Australian market in January with a five-model range.

Victory sales and marketing manager Peter Harvey says they are "going great guns" and beating their "conservative" sales targets by 20-30 per cent since going on sale.

The Victory range basically includes two V-twin engine sizes (1634cc and 1730cc) and five models, ranging in price from \$22,595 to \$39,995.

I recently rode the Hammer S, which is a stripped-down muscle cruiser and one of their top sellers. It's an air-cooled competitor to Harley's water-cooled V-Rod and comparisons are unavoidable.

They both look menacing with their minimalist styling, low-slung silhouette and fat rear tyres (250mm compared with V-Rod's 240mm).

The Victory is well finished with luscious deep paint, yet some of the materials are plastic where the Harley would have metal. I thought the exposed hand control wiring looms looked a little cheap.

Overall, the impression is more Japanese than American.

It doesn't have an



WELL FINISHED: Victory's Hammer S is a stripped-down muscle cruiser with menacing styling.

Picture: Lisa Clarke

immobiliser like the Harley but it does have self-cancelling indicators, which are the traditional single-toggle variety rather than Harley's separate indicators beside each grip. Both systems work well and are among the best available.

The Victory engine looks clean and well designed with

almost no plumbing in sight. The black pots have beautiful silver cooling flanges on the side. It's almost a work of art.

Although both are big-bore twins, the Victory engine is less powerful but more torquey. It's a 1731cc air-cooled unit compared with the Harley's 1200cc water-cooled engine. As such,

the Victory pulls harder off the line while the V-Rod will rev out further and go harder at the top end.

Victory's twin is perhaps hampered by the restricted pipes which are very quiet, although for the rider there is a rewarding induction noise that sounds like a bear with a very

heavy chest cold. There is a pleasant vibe from the engine, but it's not enough to make the excellent mirrors vibrate. They remain crystal clear at all revs.

Both bikes handle better than most cruisers but the Victory has superior cornering clearance and sharper turn-in thanks to the upside down

Hammer S

- PRICE:** \$30,995
- ENGINES:** 1730cc OHC, 50-degree, fuel-injected V-twin
- BORE X STROKE:** 101 x 108mm
- COMPRESSION:** 9.4:1 (1730cc)
- POWER:** 68kW
- TORQUE:** 148Nm
- TRANSMISSION:** 6-speed overdrive constant mesh, carbon-fibre belt drive
- BRAKES:** 300mm floating rotor, 4-piston calliper (front), 2-piston calliper (rear)
- DRY WEIGHT:** 308kg
- FUEL:** 17 litre tank

Info:
www.victorymotorcycles.com.au

forks. However, it's not exactly nimble with that fat rear tyre.

If you think Harleys have a clunky transmission, this one feels like the slasher on a tractor has just been engaged.

It not only clunks hard on each gear change but also bites and lurches, requiring careful clutch work. Neutral is also very difficult to find but I encountered no false neutrals.

The overdriven sixth gear is only usable on 110km/h stretches so you will have to shift down for overtaking. Victory's clutch is slightly heavy, making driving in traffic hard.

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