

Ultimate Writing Machine

Ducati fans, take note.

In the tradition of Ducati classics, the Aquila Group's Du Writing Mac master style 50 ROBB REPORT MOTORCYCLING TEMBER / OCTOBER 2005

➤ WHEN SHOPPING FOR a motorcycle you examine every feature—the shape of the fuel tank, the texture of the seat, the width of the handlebars—and each has to feel just right. If you put as much thought into the purchase of personal accessories, you will want to look at the Ducati Writing Machine collection of fountain pens, ballpoints, roller balls, and pencils. These writing instruments, true to their namesake, are engineering feats.

Created in partnership with the Aquila Group, the Ducati collection had its U.S. debut in January. The designers at Aquila based the collection's retro styling on Ducati classics. They did not miss a detail: Caps recall the shape of the gas tank, clips recall the engine mount, and the nose cone that holds the nib has been fashioned after the exhaust pipes.

Made of Ergal aluminum—used in airplanes and racing bikes—Ducati pens sport lacquer in a brilliant palette, including red, yellow, orange, silver, and black. Chrome-plated brass trim adds to a true motorcycling appearance. Some models come with racing stripes—though they won't help you write more quickly!

True to what you would expect from a Ducati, the heft and glide of these instruments make for smooth writing.

Even if you're not a connoisseur, you'll feel good holding a Ducating Machine in your hand—espe-

Writing Machine in your hand—especially when signing the check as you buy your next bike. —BETH HOWARD

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