

LEXMOTO VENOM 125 (2015-on) Review

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At a glance

125cc - 11 bhp

Medium seat height (770mm)

Suitable for **A1** licence

New: £1,350
Used: £1,400 to £1,700

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Overall Rating ★★★★☆

The Venom is at the flashier end of the 125 geared market, with an air-cooled overhead cam engine (based on an old Honda unit) that accelerates reasonably well making it well-suited to the urban jungle. It's a lively Chinese 125 with some decent touches – like an MP3 player and speakers! The line between flashy and tacky is blurred here and will come down to personal taste. But it's good value and it looks like it'll last.

Ride Quality & Brakes ★★★★☆

The Venom feels like a supermoto, perching you high and forwards, though the actual seat height is a reasonably low 770mm. Over 55mph high frequency vibes thrum through the seat and bars, despite the engine having a balance shaft. The seat itself is as cossetting as a plank of pine, but we can't imagine many riders buying this machine for long hauls. The CST Magsport tyres are impressive and grip well. The suspension is good enough for the performance and the rear monoshock is preload adjustable. The brakes are very good, especially the twin-pot front disc.

Engine ★★★★☆

The motor is a revvy little thing that winds up to 11,000rpm in the two lowest gears, according to the probably optimistic rev counter. It's still enough for spirited performance, use the revs and the Venom sprints up to an indicated 50-55mph pretty quickly and will cruise at 60-65. It tops out at an indicated 68mph and won't do any more, however flat you lie on the tank.

Build Quality & Reliability ★★★★☆

Being a new model, it's too early to say but it looks well made. Tapered bars and LED tail light cluster are nice touches.

Insurance, running costs & value ★★★★★

This bike represents great value for money and being a 125, the running costs will be minimal.

Equipment ★★★★☆

A big analogue speedo sits next to a (colour changing) digital display with a tiny rev counter, fuel gauge, clock, trip meter and gear indicator. It's called showroom appeal, and for young riders the Venom has it in spades. The LED tail light cluster is another nice touch. The Venom also features tank mounted MP3 compatible sound system that accepts both micro SD card and USB stick with speakers located in the side panels on the petrol tank. Music is audible up to speeds of 45mph, just remember to turn it down when stopped at red lights.

Facts & Figures

Model info	
Year introduced	2015
Year discontinued	-
New price	£1,350
Used price	£1,400 to £1,700
Warranty term	-

Running costs	
Insurance group	-
Annual road tax	£17
Annual service cost	-

Performance	
Max power	11 bhp
Max torque	9.5 ft-lb
Top speed	68 mph
1/4-mile acceleration	-
Average fuel consumption	-
Tank range	-

Specification	
Engine size	125cc
Engine type	Air-cooled single cylinder
Frame type	-
Fuel capacity	14 litres
Seat height	770mm
Bike weight	134kg
Front suspension	-
Rear suspension	-
Front brake	single disc, double piston caliper
Rear brake	-
Front tyre size	-
Rear tyre size	-

History & Versions

Model history

2015: Model introduced

Other versions

None



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