

Suzuki GV1400 Cavalcade 1985-1990

Honda wasn't without competition with their Gold Wing bikes.
Yamaha had it's Venture, Kawasaki it's Voyager and Suzuki it's Cavalcade.

The Suzuki's Cavalcade was the most powerful option of the big touring cycles in the late 80's.
The LXE version weighed 395 kg with a full tank and perhaps needed all the 112 hp the 1400 cc V-4 engine could deliver.

I haven't tried to ride the bike, I have only seen it once in real life
(I saw two of them at Ci:s MC in Jönköping Sweden when I picked up my GSX1400).

There were only about 9 000 bikes made between 1985 and 1990 and only 67 of them found their way to Sweden
(Norway 77, Canada 700, Belgium 120, Finland 10, Holland 10, USA about 7 500).

In other words, Suzuki cavalcade is a rare bike compared to Honda GoldWing.

The good thing is that it's a tough bike and like the GoldWing it's made to last.
I've been told the engine is very well built and should hold on for at least 200 000 kilometers (400 000 if you treat it right).

But what about when the bike needs repairs and spare parts?
They might be a problem, although Suzuki stopped making these bikes for over a decade ago.

The Cavalcade Clubs may help with that.

The Cavalcade owners seem to love their bikes as much as the GoldWing owners do.
The Cavalcade owners surely think Suzuki's product is far better than the Honda Gold Wing.



Suzuki Cavalcade LXE -87 (standard version).

GV1400 Cavalcade specifications

The Suzuki Cavalcade GV1400, GT, LX, LXE, all share the same basic specifications:

Overall Length: 2 530 mm (99.6 in)
Overall Width: 935 mm (36.8 in)
Overall Height: 1 550 mm (61.0 in)
Seat Height: 780 mm (30.7 in)
Ground Clearance: 130 mm (5.1 in)
Wheelbase: 1 670 mm (65.7 in)
Dry Weight: 382 kg (840 lbs)
Engine volume: 1360 cc
Engine Cooling: Liquid-cooled
Engine Type: 82° V-4, DOHC, 16 valves.
Compression: 9.5 : 1
Power Output: 112 hp/ 7.000 rpm
Torque Output: 123 Nm/ 5.500 rpm
Bore x Stroke: 81 x 66 mm
Transmission: 5 speed.
Final Drive: shaft drive.
Front Brakes: twin discs
Rear Brakes: single disc
Front Tyres: 130/90-16 67H
Rear Tyres: 150/90-15 74H
Adjustable passenger foot plates
Half fairing
Engine protection bars
Four positional adjustment on trunk case
Tank Capacity: 23 litres
Turning Radius: 3.3 metres
Front suspension: telescopic, coil spring, oil damped, non adjustable.

GV1400GT (base model)

Rear Suspension: Swinging arm, pneumatic/coil spring, oil damped

GV1400LX (or GV1400GD LX, the middle model)

Rear Suspension: As above with Suzuki Auto Leveling system
Passenger seat and Lumber support, air adjustable by passenger
Air compressor
Cruise control
Factory fitted Clarion radio/cassette player with connections for CB, Intercom and speakers

GV1400LXE (top model)

As above plus:
Fairing lowers with vent controls
Radio/cassette player has a fader control (front-rear)
Passenger has head restraint
Driver has air adjustable seat and lower back support
Extended engine bars with built in cornering lights