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## **Triumph Bonneville Steve McQueen Edition**



Triumph will be unveiling three new motorcycles at the EICMA in Milan next month, including a special series in honour of Steve McQueen, based on the Bonneville T100.

The image of Steve McQueen vaulting a barbed-wire fence on a stolen Triumph in the 1963 film 'The Great Escape' is probably the most iconic in motorcycling history, despite the astounding 60-foot leap being ultimately futile. Triumph has decided to pay homage to the legendary actor by announcing the Bonneville Steve McQueen Edition, which is fully licensed by his estate and will be limited to just 1100 examples worldwide.

The bike is based on the T100 version of the Bonneville, but has plenty of references to the TR6 used in the film (although ironically disguised as a BMW) to complete the celebrated caper. These include matt khaki green paintwork, a solo seat and a black luggage rack, as well as black paint for the wheels, hubs, handlebars, springs, mirrors and mudguard supports. Elsewhere, a stencil-style Triumph decal resides on the fuel tank, while McQueen's signature adorns the side covers. Each example will have an individually numbered plaque and certificate of authenticity.



The Bonneville Steve McQueen Edition will be joined on Triumph's stand at the <u>EICMA</u> by two other 2012 models – the Speed Triple R and the Tiger Explorer. For more information, visit the <u>Triumph website</u>.

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