

Resident Evil: Extinction K 1200 R show bike 'laid to rest' in BMW Welt

It's been seen all over the world, but the Resident Evil: Extinction-inspired show bike has finally come full circle and is now on display at BMW Welt in Munich.



Originally created to commemorate the BMW K 1200 R's starring role in the action blockbuster Resident Evil: Extinction, this show replica started out as a standard K 1200 R and was 'breathed upon' to create this striking machine. The stunning paintwork design was originally conceived by a BMW Motorrad project team based in Munich and then talented German artist Georg Huber – who is renowned for his delicate airbrushing techniques and unusual custom designs – was commissioned to bring this vision to reality.

The powerful BMW K 1200 R was chosen for the movie because of its muscular and aggressive appearance, and the show bike was based on the 163 horsepower naked roadster that is ridden by Hollywood actress Milla Jovovich in the science fiction epic.

The RE3 show bike was first unveiled to thousands of motorcyclists at last year's BMW Motorrad Days festival at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. An American version was then created to appear at various exhibitions in the United States, such as the ComicCon International comic book convention in San Diego – the largest of its kind in the world and attended by more than 125,000 visitors. It was also proudly displayed in Las Vegas last September, where the RE3 movie had its world premiere at the Planet Hollywood Hotel and Casino.

A Resident Evil: Extinction K 1200 R was also created by the BMW Motorrad Australia colleagues, where it was seen at motorcycle shows, BMW Motorrad dealerships and other events 'Down Under', to coincide with the release of Resident Evil: Extinction on DVD.

Now, the 'Zombie Violence' machine has finally been laid to rest in a special display at the BMW Welt building in Munich. As one of the city's top five tourist attractions, with well over a million visitors in its first year of operation, BMW Welt is known as the 'ultimate customer experience'. Situated right next to the company headquarters in Munich, BMW Welt is the prestigious showroom, communication centre and distribution facility for cars. Naturally, the BMW Group also uses this amazing building to showcase its range of motorcycles too, so the RE3-inspired machine will continue to attract interest for the foreseeable future.



As for the series production K 1200 R, it has continued to attract the interest of movie producers and video games developers. After having been chosen to appear as one of the featured motorcycles in the best selling Project Gotham Racing 4 Xbox 360 video game, it is also set to make an appearance in the forthcoming Bangkok Dangerous movie, with Hollywood film star Nicolas Cage in the saddle.

This adrenaline-charged action thriller stars Cage, who plays the role of an assassin whose life takes an unexpected turn when he travels to Thailand to complete a series of contract killings. More information on the movie, such as trailers and downloads can be accessed at www.bangkokdangerousmovie.net/ and details of the film's release dates in various countries can be seen below.

TERRITORY	THEATRICAL RELEASE DATE
Benelux:	
Holland	9.4.08
Belgium (Dutch speaking)	9.4.08

Brazil	9.12.08
CIS/Russia	9.5.08
France	8.27.08
Greece	After Oct 08
Hong Kong	9.4.08
Iceland	9.19.08
Israel	9.5.08
Japan	1st Q 2009
Malaysia	10.23.08
Mexico/Central America	10.3.08
Philippines	9.10.08
Portugal	10.23.08
-Denmark	9.19.08 (tentative)
-Sweden	10.3.08
-Finland	10.3.08
Singapore	9.11.08
South Africa	9.12.08
South Korea	3rd or 4th week of September
Spain	8.22.08
Switzerland:	
(French speaking)	9.10.08
(German speaking)	With Germany once confirmed
Taiwan	10.3.08
Thailand	9.17.08
Turkey	Dec. 08 or Jan. 09
UK	9.5.08
West Indies	9.10.08