

# Y65 Magna

I have suffered with Rheumatoid Arthritis since the age of about 10 years old. I am 35 now. I have ridden bikes since I was 17 years old. This has sometimes been very painful depending on how active my arthritis was at the time. I had hip replacements when I was 21 which gave me my mobility back after having been off work for a year due to a bad "flare up". I also have bad knees which makes riding a motorcycle both painful and uncomfortable I am sure everyone who reads this will know how addictive motorcycles can be and appreciate that it takes a lot to stop us. I always liked my custom style bikes, both for their looks and their comfort. I have owned a CB650 Nighthawk, VF750 Custom and currently I own a VF1100c (V65 Magna) which I have had for 3 years. This is the best bike I have ever owned and I intend keeping it. There is only one other bike I lust after but cannot afford and that is the Mighty V Max. They will do no more than the Magna though and I have been told that the Magna handles better and is more comfortable. The VF does everything I want it to, it is very powerful, comfortable and fast as well. I have spent a lot of time on it and

quite a bit of money as well. I have made some changes to suit my needs, I have made a set of highway pegs and moved the rear brake assembly forward by making up a new bracket and getting another master cylinder and making up a longer hose. This has made riding it so much more comfortable, the gearchange assy was next, I tried to work out how to do this but couldn't come up with a suitable solution. This is where the NABD comes to the rescue. I contacted them interested in the Kliktronic System and Billy sent me a claim form which I filled in and sent back. I waited for about a month, then I received the good news, I was entitled to a Kliktronic. I opted for self adaption because I have been a motorcycle mechanic up until 2000. When I received the Kliktronic it was not going to be a straight forward job because I could not find a place to site the actuator unit. I got back in touch with Billy and he told me to find an engineer and get a quote for the fitting. I got in touch with Keith at Kliktronic as they are only 50 miles from me, he told me it would be about a 5 hour job. We sorted a date that suited us both. I took the machine over in a trailer to Bury St.

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Edmunds. I met Keith and Bob and they gave me a hand to unload. They told me it was going to be 4-5 hrs. I left it with them, after about 5 hours of getting bored they rang me, it was ready for collection. I went back and was most impressed with the way it had been fitted, it becomes obvious that Keith and Bob take a real pride in their product and the service that the customers receive. I took the bike out as soon as I could and after about 20 miles I was getting used to the Kliktronic and I could change up and down with no problems. This adaption has made my riding so much easier, safer and much more enjoyable. I can ride quite long distances now with very little discomfort in my joints.

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