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- ▷ Ducati 1199 Panigale S
- ▷ Suzuki GSX-R600
- ▷ BMW S 1000 RR
- ▷ Honda CBR1000RR
- ▷ KTM 1190 RC8 R
- ▷ Aprilia RSV4 Factory APRC
- ▷ Triumph Daytona 675R
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 ▷ Kawasaki ZX-10R      ▷ Kawasaki Z1000SX



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### 2012 SPORTSBIKE OF THE YEAR

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