

Triumph Thunderbird

- *Cycle World* magazine's Cruiser of the Year in 2009 and 2010
- 1,600cc parallel-twin powerplant delivers 108 lb-ft. of torque
- Class-leading handling and braking characteristics
- Low 27.5" seat height for classic looks and easy riding
- Almost 100 official accessories for limitless customization options
- Large 5.8 gallon fuel tank for long-distance cruising
- Two-year unlimited mileage warranty

Twice named "Cruiser of the Year" by leading U.S. magazine *Cycle World*, Triumph's Thunderbird cruiser has been an unbridled success since its introduction in the summer of 2009.

Designed from the ground up as Triumph's first entry in the mainstream premium cruiser sector, the Thunderbird combines classic cruiser styling and ergonomics with the British company's engineering and design excellence.

At the heart of the Thunderbird is the 1600cc T-16 parallel-twin engine, a unique feature in a class of V-twins. The character-laden engine features a 270-degree crankshaft and delivers a mountainous 108 lb-ft. of torque at just 2750rpm.

Triumph has used the knowledge gained developing class-leading sports bikes like the Daytona 675 and Speed Triple to endow the Thunderbird with levels of control and precision previously unheard of in a cruiser. The tubular, twin-spine steel frame features chunky 47mm forks up front with five-way adjustable twin shocks at the rear, which can be adjusted to cater for everything from spirited solo riding to two-up touring. Twin 310mm floating discs up front are grabbed by powerful four-piston brakes for progressive stopping power, with optional ABS for increased rider security.

The Thunderbird comes dripping with acres of chrome adorning the high-quality cycle parts. The high specification includes five-spoke cast alloy wheels adorned with high-performance Metzeler tires. The tank-mounted speedo features a comprehensive on-board computer which includes a clock, two trip meters and fuel gauge, in addition to a stylish tachometer and self-cancelling turn signals.

A large 5.8-gallon fuel tank has been fitted to the Thunderbird which, when combined with class-leading fuel economy (around 17% better than the competition according to Triumph's internal tests), ensures that long rides in the low and comfortable saddle will not be interrupted by inconvenient fuel stops.

Part of the Thunderbird's attraction is its ability to be customized to the rider's personal taste. A range of almost 100 accessories are available for the Thunderbird, allowing it to be turned from an all-road cruiser to a stripped-down power cruiser or even a bagged-up light tourer. Among these accessories is a 1700cc big bore kit, screens, panniers and a wide range of chrome and leather items for even more presence and pizzazz.

For 2012 the Thunderbird comes with a wide range of standard and limited-run special colors. Standard options include the ever popular metallic Phantom Black and two-tone Pacific Blue with Fusion White center stripe, while a Cranberry Red and Phantom Black combination is also available. Two new "marble" effect options have also been developed by Triumph's paint shop for the Thunderbird, with Marble Red Haze and Marble Blue Haze available for the first time in 2012.