

## First Test - Snetterton!

Today (2nd March 2008) was the first time I have tested on board the Kawasaki ZX6R &ndash; which was exciting to say the least.

We had a full open day at Snetterton, where basically it was open pit lane all day, so we could pop in and out as we pleased all throughout the day. My aim for the day was to complete as many laps as possible, so that i feel comfortable with the bike and setup.

The weather was almost perfect. Dry, but extremely windy. The initial few laps were brilliant, the bike was very responsive and i felt at home on the bike as soon as i did 1 lap! I stayed out as long as i could, and only pulled in for extra fuel! By dinner time, i had done over 50 laps.

The settings on the bike were almost perfect, we only tweaked a few things here and there, the main of which was the gearing, which has to be changed to allow for the wind! As on the start finish straight, the wind was so bad, that i hardly needed to use my brakes for the first corner, i simply had to sit up and let the wind do the work. Whereas, down the back straight, the wind was behind, and therefore i needed to brake earlier for the next corner!

The aim for the afternoon was to complete a few race simulations to see how the tyres, suspension, and i handled it! These were a complete success, the the tyres were brilliant, the bike felt fantastic, and the suspension only needed a few minor tweaks! By the end of the day, i had completed over 100 laps of Snetterton. And although i wasnt against the stop clock, i felt extremely confident on the bike.

Overall, the day was a great learning curve, which helped me complete race simulations, and also have a little mess with gearing and suspension. We now have a little break until the next test, in which time i will continue training, to keep my fitness at the tip top level! I now cant wait for the season to start!

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