

It's hardly your average Ducati 916

THE creator of this Ducati special wanted to grab attention – and his plan certainly worked.

It's based around a 916SP and has a raw look which is beyond anything Ducati's naked Monster can achieve.

The bike was made by German dealer Peter Hegemann as a showpiece for his shop – and now it is on sale for £19,000.

Much of the original SP remains, but to create the look the bike has had to be stripped down so the frame could be powder-coated in silver, replacing the original gold colour.

While the forks were out of the yokes they were also sent away to have the outers and lower brackets painted black. The legs have also lost their gold nitride coating.

The front mudguard, rear hugger, clutch cover and sprocket cover are all carbon and have been left unpainted to show the weave, whereas the carbon airbox covers below the tank have been painted silver. The forward-facing carbon air scoops remain untouched.

In keeping with the bike's overall silver and black theme, the gold Brembo brake calipers have been



■ Ducati's 916 is regarded as the epitome of superbike style. Er, but not this one...

anodised black, with silver braided lines, and the bike's original lightweight gold Marchesini wheels have been powder-coated black.

The original instruments have been replaced with round clocks more in keeping with the retro-looking items usually found on a naked bike.

The 916's low clip-ons

have been changed for flat bars, with the indicators fitted in the bar-ends.

Of the original Ducati bodywork, only the seat remains. The plastic around it has been removed to show off the silver subframe.

The tailpiece is new and has been styled so the underseat exhausts, with carbon end cans, exit higher

up and are incorporated into the design.

If you like the look – but not the £19,000 price tag – you could always hunt for a 916 that has been damaged cosmetically and strip the bodywork off yourself. A race track could be a good starting point!

For details, log on to: www.ducati-hegemann.de