

News monitored for: Royal Enfield

RE launching 6 new motorcycles soon

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Amid rising competition, Royal Enfield will have its biggest product onslaught in FY25.

Our sister publication, *Autocar Professional*, has learnt that Royal Enfield is likely to launch over six new models in the current financial year. The biggest focus of the year is going to be on building its core "Classic" line of bikes with all new models, facelifts, variants and bigger displacement bikes.

The company will be launching five all-new models - Goan Classic 350, Scram 440, Guerrilla 450, Interceptor Bear 650 and Classic 650 first - with the Classic 350 and its variants - the Bullet, Hunter and Meteor - getting an update later.

The Guerrilla 450 is the second model to be based on the 452cc engine from the new Himalayan

and it has the form factor of a neo-retro roadster. With the Guerrilla 450, Royal Enfield will have its sights set firmly on the popular Bajaj-built Triumph Speed 400, among others. The Guerrilla 450 will be the first to launch in the July to September quarter, and the rest will follow in the second half of FY25.

The Interceptor Bear 650 will be the first off-road capable machine on the 650cc platform and it seems quite purposeful. The suspension appears to have a fair bit of travel and RE has also ditched the twin-exhaust setup in favour of a two-into-one system, which should help



shave significant weight.

The Classic 650 seems to be a no-brainer for Royal Enfield, and it will combine the charm and styling of the Classic 350 with the larger engine and enhanced capabilities of the 650cc parallel-twin

motor. The bike's subframe and passenger seat seem to be quite reminiscent of the one seen on the Shotgun 650.

The Goan Classic 350 is a stripped-down, retro-style bobber based on the Classic 350 platform,

and it is one of the few bikes that will ship with whitewall tyres even in 2024. One can expect the fundamentals to remain the same as the Classic but practicality is likely to be limited here.

The Scram 440 will not be based on the new Himalayan's 450cc liquid-cooled platform. Instead, it will be powered by an air/oil-cooled 440cc engine derived from the current

Scram 411's engine. As a result, power and performance levels are likely to be considerably lower than the new Himalayan, and this will also be a significantly more affordable model.