

Version 4.0

Welcome to the latest edition of the ultimate Yamaha XJ resource! In this CD you will find parts diagrams, photo's, articles, technical data, and more. If you have Autostart or Autorun enabled on your Windows or Mac platform, the CDs will automatically run when inserted into the drive. To start manually, select "main.htm" on Volume 1 or "go.htm" on Volume 2 or "menu3.htm" on Volume 3. Note that there is a modified "main.htm" on Volume 3 but it is for use when installed on a hard drive, as described below. If you run that copy of main from the CD you will see all headings from all volumes, but you will receive an error message if you try to select them.

As with v3, The CD is still HTML menu driven, and organization is similar. All parts diagrams are PDF format to allow quick scrolling through the diagrams while maintaining zoom functions. All sections are bookmarked for fast access. Similarly, all manuals are in PDF format for the same reasons. The bookmarks are tiered, so if you want information on, say, the clutch, then click on the little plus sign beside Engine to expand that chapter.

As always, some manuals and drawings have been re-scanned for better clarity where we found originals in better condition than those used for earlier versions. Documents have been combined to reduce redundancy. For example, the XJ750RH, XJ750RJ, XJ750RK and XJ750P are really all the same platform, so all parts diagrams have been combined into one file, using the clearest available scans chosen from the group, with additional pages added where necessary to show the differences. Those differences are clarified in the bookmarks. So while "Crankcase" is the same for all 4 models, there are separate diagrams for "Transmission RH" and "Transmission RJ,RK". Similarly, "Seat - R" indicates it is used on all 3 civilian models while "Seat - P" is for the Police model only. However, the sheer number and size of manuals forced us to introduce a third volume to the set – the manuals just won't fit on one CD anymore unless the quality is severely compromised. Accordingly, we have moved all Diversion models (introduced in the 90s) to the third CD volume, making room on volume 2 for the additional "First Generation" manuals. Please note that all parts diagrams still reside on Volume 1 – only the manuals have been rearranged.

The biggest addition will also be found on Volume 3: XRef: our Yamaha XJ parts cross-reference. Up to this point, the XJCD has been a static reference. XRef is a dynamic database with a Java interface allowing the user to search a part number for a list of all bikes that use that same part. It recognizes updated and superceded part numbers so it will provide a listing of earlier or later models that use a compatible part design. This is Phase 1. You will require the Java Runtime Environment extensions to use this feature. You should use at least v1.4.2.

Windows and 'Nix users will find v1.5 on volume 3 in the folder marked "Java". Windows 95 users will be told that versions 1.4.2 and up will not run on their machines however we have successfully installed v1.4.2 (available from Sun) and run XRef on a Win95 Rev.B machine. Long filename support must be enabled.

Unfortunately, Apple will not allow development of Java past v1.1 for the Mac classic OS. We are working on a Mac classic OS version but it is not yet working properly. We will make an update available when and if we get it working. Mac OSX users require no action – OSX comes with Java extensions built right in and XRef will run on an OSX platform without any difficulties.

This version of XRef is limited to models available in the United States only. Phase 2 (not yet implemented as of this writing) will allow users to expand that database by entering part numbers of European, Oceanic, Japanese and Canadian models via www.xjbikes.com. Once the numbers are verified as accurate, the new data will be available for download onto your computer, expanding the database. It is particularly recommended to run XRef from a hard drive due to the sheer size of the database – over 1.6 million entries! It will run from a CD but it will take considerable time to load the database. XRef will run either within a browser window or as a stand-alone Java application – running it as a standalone application allows resizing the overall window if desired. Further information is available in the xref.pdf file in the xref directory.

As always, we strive for cross-platform compatibility. Win9x/NT/ME/XP, Mac, Linux/Unix compatibility has been tested. That said, this version will probably run slowly on older computers with limited memory because some of the PDF files are pretty big.

If you have sufficient space on your hard drive, you can speed access by creating a directory for your hard drive (eg: "XJCD"), copy the contents of Volume 1 to that directory, then the contents of Volume 2 and finally Volume 3, as appropriate. The order is important. It is recommended that you avoid making it a subdirectory of any parent with a space in the name. For example the Windows folder "My Documents". Spaces in a directory name can cause problems for some browser/operating system combinations, especially for the Java-based XRef program. Answer "Yes" when asked if it is ok to overwrite files, particularly "main.htm".

Finally, on behalf of the XJCD team, we want to thank all the members of the XJ Owner's list whose contributions have made this possible. Many of you have donated or loaned materials, alerted us to rare finds on eBay and spent hours testing. This would not be possible without all of you. In particular, we would like to thank the following individuals:

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