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McCormick Tests in Portugal

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Brett McCormick leaves the pit lane at Portimao, Portugal to sample the works Alstare Suzuki GSX-R1000K9 Superbike. To learn how the world level machine compared to Brett's regular Blackfoot Picotte Suzuki GSX-R1000 Parts Canada Superbike Championship ride, be sure to catch the McCormick penned test in "Inside Motorcycles" magazine.

18 year old Brett McCormick, runner up in the 2009 Parts Canada Superbike Championship and the Yoshimura Pro Sport Bike National series for the works Blackfoot Picotte Suzuki squad, participated in post race media test sessions following the final round of the 2009 Hannspree World Superbike Championship at Portimao, Portugal on October 26.

When a British journalist was unable to attend the exclusive sessions due to injury, a last minute invitation was offered to Canada's "Inside Motorcycles" magazine, and the spectating McCormick signed up to ride. The BMW Motorrad Motorsport works Alpha Racing squad arranged for a complete set of lanky Ruben Xaus' riding gear to be supplied to McCormick, since his regular HJC and Alpinestars equipment was not on hand in Spain during McCormick's planned holiday.

During a busy day at the year old, 4.59 km long Portimao venue, McCormick sampled factory Superbikes provided by the works BMW squad, the Alstare Suzuki team, Ten Kate Honda and

Aprilia. As well, the 2007 HJC Canadian Pro Rookie of the Year sampled the works Yamaha R6 of Cal Crutchlow, victorious in the 2009 Supersport World series the day before.

Brett's experiences aboard all of the works World Championship equipment will be documented in an upcoming issue of "Inside Motorycles" magazine.



2009 factory Suzuki Canada racer Brett McCormick started his dream day of testing Superbikes in Portugal aboard the new works BMW S 1000 RR, appropriate since he was wearing the borrowed leathers of BeeM teamster Ruben Xaus.