

The 2019 Honda Super Cub: What the critics say

Motorcyclist

"Someone at Honda has been playing with a time machine." More than 50 years after the company introduced the little motorcycle that inspired a Beach Boys song and changed Honda's fortunes in America, the icon is back. Best for in-town jaunts or short commutes but capable of 60 mph, the new Super Cub is proof that "there's still plenty of joy to be had with little bikes." No wonder more than 100 million have been sold worldwide, making it by far the most popular motor vehicle in history.

Cycle World

"Honda has done a great job of moderniz-

ing this legendary little bike." The two-tone paint, the wind guards, and the round headlamp all evoke the original, while welcome updates include keyless ignition, a fuel-injected 125 cc engine, and a foot-operated clutch. Shifting smoothly requires "a little finesse," but the Cub is so user-friendly it "invites everyone to come have some fun on a motorcycle."

Motorcycle.com

The bike isn't powerful enough to be allowed on most highways, but that's not its mission in life. On our test run, we were beaming before we'd even left the parking lot. "This is the effect the Super Cub has



Timeless two-wheeled fun, from \$3,599

on people. It's cute, it's inviting, and it's just fun. If you can't have a laugh on it, you're dead inside."

The best of...pet problem solvers



Starmark Pro-Training Clicker

Having trouble training your puppy? "For a nearly foolproof method of positive reinforcement, try a clicker training aid." First use treats as rewards for responding to the clicker, then use clicking instead of verbal praise.

\$4, chewy.com

Source: Good Housekeeping



SureFeed Small Dog & Cat Feeder

This automated feeder ensures that one pet won't eat another's food. The lid opens only when it detects an identifying microchip on the pet's collar or embedded under the skin. It closes as soon as the pet steps away.

\$157, surepetcare.com

Source: BusinessInsider.com



Rocco & Roxie Stain & Odor Eliminator

This "professional-strength" carpet cleaner is expensive, "but there's nothing quite like it." The solution completely removes urine and other stains, using enzymatic bacteria that feed on organic matter.

\$20, roccoandroxie.com

Source: VetsRecommend.com



Furminator De-shedding Tool

A Furminator is a wise investment as we enter shedding season. The fine-toothed combs remove the matted undercoats of short-haired or long-haired cats and dogs. Expect to be wowed by how much hair comes out.

From \$35, furminator.com

Source: NYMag.com



Booster Bath Dog Grooming Center

This portable tub, available in three sizes, "takes all the stress and anxiety out of bathing." Its harness will hold a reluctant pet in place, and because the tub is elevated, you can do the whole job standing up.

From \$140,

boosterbath.com

Source: NYMag.com

Tip of the week...

What to do about lost luggage

■ **Prepare to lose it.** Before leaving for the airport, snap a photo of each suitcase to share with airline agents if it goes missing. Attach two luggage tags—one outside, one inside—with your name, number, and email. If traveling with a friend, pack half your clothes in one bag and half in the other. Odds are that both bags won't be misplaced.

■ **Report it properly.** Provide your local contact info when you file a report at the service desk. Describe items in your bag that are easily recognizable, and ask for a copy of the report plus a number to call for follow-up.

■ **Ask for reimbursement.** If you're away from home waiting for a bag, most airlines will cover the cost of necessities, including toiletries and a change of clothes.

■ **Loop in your hotel.** Let the hotel's front-desk staff know you're waiting for a bag. They may recover the bag more quickly, especially if you don't speak the country's language.

Source: Good Housekeeping

And for those who have everything...

Are you tired of seeing your reflection in the same old light? **Arteriors' Moon Glow Mirror** casts you as the fairest of them all, thanks to the glass's antique brass finish, which shows your face as if it were bathed in the warmest glow. Created by Los Angeles-based Windsor Smith, Gwyneth Paltrow's favorite interior designer, the mirror is described as evoking two celestial bodies aligning. Because the brass finish is applied by hand, no two mirrors are exactly alike, but according to the catalog, all can make a home feel like "a bohemian wonderland."

\$3,265, arteriorshome.com

Source: Elle Décor



Best apps...

To read whenever you need a laugh

■ **PointsInCase.com** is one of several up-and-coming humor websites giving the satirists at *The Onion*, *McSweeney's*, and *Reductress* a run for their money. "Particularly weird and ambitious," PointsInCase stands out because it posts dramatic readings of its zany articles.

■ **TheBelladonnaComedy.com** publishes work by female writers, and it's "continually increasing the standards of internet humor" with pieces such as "Congratulations on Your Promotion to the Position of My Boyfriend."

■ **WeeklyHumorist.com** and its active Twitter account create "a real sense of community" among comedy geeks. The site hosts a weekly humor podcast, "as well as the most consistent output of cartoons you'll find outside *The New Yorker*."

■ **TheHardTimes.net** mostly parodies punk and nerd subcultures, but the popular site's writers "find a ton of freedom within the margins they've set for themselves."

Source: PasteMagazine.com