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HONDA COULD HAVE NAMED IT JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. It could have been called the Anti-Replica, as it was dubbed on an early, hastily translated technical report that came from the factory in Japan. Or it could have been called the UC650, because other documents referred to it as an "unclassified motorcycle." And it just barely escaped the misfortune of being called the Bros, its official moniker in other countries around the world.

But the name that finally emerged from American Honda's what-do-we-call-it think-tank was "Hawk GT," borrowing heavily from a designation the company had used twice before. The Hawk name appeared on a reasonably successful line of 400cc Twins in the mid-Seventies, but more important, it was first bestowed on another unclassified, anti-replica motorcycle the company introduced more than two decades ago: the 250cc Hawk. That original Hawk and its 305cc derivative, the Super Hawk, are credited with catapulting Honda from a maker of

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