

BLOWING HOT AND COLD



Have you ever sat on an Electra Glide in the middle of summer in heavy traffic? Not a breath of wind passing over you, and you're starting to wonder how much hotter the saddle would be if the oil tank was still directly beneath it? If you have it won't be an experience you'll be in a hurry to repeat – I know I'm not – but this neat trick might just make it bearable.

The CoolSeat system is a fluid chamber linked to one or two seat bladders, that you can slip between the seat cover and foam of your existing seat, which can be cooled – or heated – on demand by the rider, courtesy of an extra control on the handlebars, which will cool your 'nads on a hot day and slowly cook them on a cold one. Cooling can reduce the seat temperature by 30-degrees Fahrenheit compared to ambient temperatures, courtesy of a frame-mounted radiator, while heating can raise the temperature up to a massive 120-degrees Fahrenheit (obviously).

Currently available for the FLHT platform, it'll be a boon to long haul travellers, but bloody expensive for weekend warriors at \$1,195 including a single seat bladder and \$1,295 for a dualseat plus shipping.

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PEANUT STYLE TANKS FOR RUBBER-MOUNT SPORTSTERS



Suppose you actually prefer the lines of a Sportster with the smaller, peanut style tanks but you've got the new model. The old tank ain't gonna fit, but this will. Fuel capacity is around 3.9 gallon (14.5 litre) so you won't be sort of fuel, and the they are available complete with your choice of Aero-style or Pop-Up style gas cap. Tanks are 49cm long, 28cm wide, and 20cm high.

012805 Tank with Aero-style gas cap (style E) 282.35 Euro
012806 Tank with Pop-up style gas cap (style G) 237.14 Euro

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CHRISTMAS GETS EARLIER EVERY YEAR



A cruel jibe to introduce another lighting system to accentuate your bike should you feel the need – and, to be fair, if you've spent a four figure sum tricking it out, you're quite within your rights to makes it visible night and day, but ideally not from space.

Adam Crump from Shiny Autos has sent us details of the system that he's supplying, which comprises four flexible 8-inch tubes in the standard pack for £36, or double it up to get eight if required, each of which can change through seven different colours – blue, red, green, aqua, yellow, white or purple – and with imagination could be used to create patterns. If you're wondering why eight tubes is given as a max, it's because there are eight inputs on the wireless remote control that controls the colours and a cyclic programming facility ... well, that and the lack of space to hold more than eight, even on an Electra Glide Ultra.

It's a shame the tubes have to be connected to a control box on the bike itself, otherwise you could have one each on eight bikes and have them flashing sequentially ... sorry, it's been a long day. Perhaps I should lie down?

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NORTHWICH THUNDERSPRINT: SUNDAY 7 MAY 2006

Not specifically Harley-related, and probably belongs in the Calendar more than here, but worthy of greater explanation than a diary event will offer. Once a year, Northwich town centre is closed off and plays host to a celebration of the motorcycle, with an ultra-tight twisty sprint circuit at its centre. The machinery is as diverse as you'll find anywhere with exotica like a 140mph Kreidler moped, a 1972 CR72 Honda, incredibly rare German AWO racers, a 1957 Gilera Four, and all manner of madness.

There's a lunchtime Cavalcade taking in an escorted circuit of Northwich, and the sight and sounds of thoroughbred GP bikes screaming past the shopping centre is not to be missed, followed by an aerobatic display by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Spitfire – and, of course, over a mile of trade stands.

And it's all free of charge! Including parking and grandstand seating.

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