

BIG BEAR CHOPPERS

Custom Chrome might have pulled out of the US kit bike market but Big Bear Choppers goes from Strength to strength, and alongside their ability to supply a VIN number with their kits, they now undertake to supply finished bikes, taking them into a whole new area as a recognised manufacturer.



And this is their 2006 catalogue, containing details of all twelve models that they supply covering a broad range of styles, each available – in the US at least – in kit, rolling chassis or complete bike form.

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DELTRAN TENDER TWIN CHARGER

Now here's a thing: a functional work of art for your garage. There's absolutely no reason why a battery charger should be square and purely functional, it only means that when you've done with it you'll tuck it away somewhere and never find it again ... or is that just me?



No prizes for recognising where Deltran got the inspiration for their new battery tender and all credit to them for their imagination. Not sure about the first five seconds from switch on recreating the sound of a Harley starting up, but it's good humoured. More practically, however, is that each 'cylinder', charges a battery and the microprocessor controls manage each one independently of the other, which is important when you're conditioning one battery while charging another, and it is the sort of charger you can leave permanently attached, which will make sure your battery(s) is /are always in tip top condition.

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HEADTURNER PRAYING MANTIS

Seems like the kit bike bubble isn't close to bursting yet in the UK, and Headturner Custom Bikes Limited – who already supply Custom Chrome and Zodiac kits – have introduced their "Praying Mantis" to sit alongside their Jackal kit.

Created to be a sub £15k OTR Custom Softail, and based around a major redesign of CCI's Nemesis, the Praying Mantis features a 100-inch RevTech 4x4 motor and 5-speed transmission, sky-high apes that were designed to be used on Springers, and modest tyre fitments on old school spoke wheels.

Headturner have recently moved to larger premises and can be now found at The Blue Barn, Harley Park Farm Industrial Estate, Selborne in Hampshire, but they ask that you ring before dropping-in to make sure they're about.

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ROAD KING CLASSIC PANNIER LOCKS



One thing that has always been big in the final analysis in separating the Road King from the Road King Classic, has been the lockable panniers fitted to the base model: it's an unpalatable truth, but you can't leave things lying around certain that they'll be there when you get back. Until now, that is, because German company, ShadowTS, has an answer, and they call it the Chrome Talon.

Neatly incorporated into a locking plate that is exactly the same shape and size as the winged medallion at the front of each leather bag, and which reuses said medallion as a rotating lock cover, and the finishing touch. The Chrome Talon places a locking plate capable of withstanding 350kgs of force at the front of each pannier, where it won't get in the way of packing the bags – Road King Custom (and Victory King Pin Deluxe) riders note – and keeps your valuables a lot more secure than the quick-release straps will ever manage, the the bags themselves, if it comes to it, which are otherwise only a couple of accessible bolts away from removal.

But for the lack of the medallion, which will be available from Harley parts counters, it wouldn't take much imagination to use it on almost any set of leather saddlebags, starting with the Heritage Softail.

It's reckoned to take less than two hours to fit the Chrome Talon both sides, with an idiot proof template to aid correct alignment, and you can either find them in your local Harley-Davidson dealer or directly from ShadowTS's website, for Euro 239.

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