

## MOTORCYCLE STOREHOUSE TAKE ON KUSTOM TECH



You will have seen some of these things on a number of retro styled bobbers coming out of the states – and you’ll have seen a fair few on the NYC Choppers Knucklehead in AmV16 – but it’s unlikely you would have associated them with Italy, which is where Kustom Tech call home. A high quality range of intriguing and unique designs, they’ll work nicely on an Old School kustom, but a number of parts will be equally at home on something altogether less radical.

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## LITTLE AND LARGE AIR FORCE BLASTERS

If you’re debating the purchase of an Air Force Blaster, but are put off by the size of the unit – actually more by where you’re going to store the meters of vacuum cleaner hose – this might be more to your tastes: a compact, handheld version that combines a 1.3hp motor capable of pumping 18,000 feet per minute of warm, dry-filtered air over your recently washed motorcycle.

The Sidekick weighs just 3lbs and is seen as a complement to the standalone unit, or an alternative when space is tight, and comes with a couple of nozzles. It works out at £79, which includes VAT

If however space isn’t at a premium, and avoiding blowing your bike over in your hurry to dry it can be avoided by bolting it down, The Master Blaster is a twin-engined monster – two regular Blasters in tandem – which makes it a maximum of 8hp capable of pumping 58,500 feet of air a minute if you have both motors running at the same time. On wheels to make up for its 16lb weight, it’s only a generator, steering and brakes short of being a jet car! We don’t have a price on this currently, but I’m sure Scorpion Racing, or Hog Bitz Speed Shop will be able to sort that out.

[www.scorpionracing.co.uk](http://www.scorpionracing.co.uk) [www.hogbitz.co.uk](http://www.hogbitz.co.uk)



## CROWNING GLORY

Through Custom Chrome, Hell’s Kitchen Choppers have announced their ‘King of all Airfilters’ in the “King Crime”. Like nothing else on the market, this monument to excess is CNC machined from solid billet and comes in either show-polished form or black with polished balls. Air is drawn through the cross-shaped cut-outs in the side of the crown, and I can only imagine that it has been designed for a ForceWinder but no-one is saying.

[www.custom-chrome-europe.com](http://www.custom-chrome-europe.com)



## SAFETY WARNING

Hands up all those who got a high-pressure washer for Christmas? Go outside and check how high the water pressure it can generate is, because you’ll want to know very shortly. Tyre industry body, TyreSafe, formerly the Tyre Industry Council, has gathered a lot of information relating to tyre blow-outs after use of industrial high-pressure hoses – and that will include forecourt jet-wash booths – and have issued advice to make sure users are aware of the dangers. What dangers?

Tyre walls were never intended to be exposed to very high water pressure, and TyreSafe say that tyres should be cleaned by light-to-medium pressure washers – up to 110psi – and the German safety group, Dekra, have discovered that serious damage can occur after being subjected to very high pressure for as little as five seconds.

Incidentally, you should also be cautious about the cleaning agent used, and its strength too. Some detergents can wash out protective chemicals that are embedded in the sidewalls: that will usually lead to brown watermarks.

It is as much about cars as bike tyres, and concern is particularly strong in the South East where roadside and car park cleaning services are springing up, servicing motorists who have been discouraged from cleaning their cars because of hosepipe bans.

It’s one of those snippets of information that might ordinarily slip through the net but for the recent news that former Birmingham HOG Chapter Director, Gary Hill, who turned his 2003 Electra into the ultimate tribute to 100 years of Harley-Davidson, was killed on New Year’s Day: early reports suggest it was a tyre blowout. There is absolutely no reason to suggest that these two things may be linked, but think on and minimise the risk wherever possible. Our thoughts are with Gary’s partner Janice, and their families and friends.

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