



## Old Skool Cycle Werks

“Whoa – check that out!” I’d be willing to bet diamonds to donuts that’s pretty much what anyone will say when they see a bike decked out like the ones you see here. (Okay, I don’t actually have any diamonds, and I’m trying to avoid donuts, so please don’t try to cash in on that bet. It’s just a figure of speech.)

Back to the bike kit; if you look closely, you can see that the entire rear end of the bike has been fitted with a fiberglass shell that incorporates the seat pan and exhaust vents. There are also options for a front fender, matching saddle bags, fairing, and a trunk. As you can see, it completely transforms the look of the bike, (with no frame modification) and it’s all courtesy of Old Skool Cycle Werks, an innovative company based in Land O’ Lakes, on the west coast of Florida.

Old Skool, an off-shoot of Henry Thomas Designs, LLC was founded by Henry Chriss and incorporated in early 2008, but Henry has been designing and testing this mod kit since 2005. Last fall, his team took some of their work to Biketoberfest in Daytona and things have really taken off since then. J&P Cycles saw the kit and decided they wanted to carry it in their cata-



log. Locally, Treasure Coast Harley-Davidson decided to partner with Old Skool and they’ve purchased the kit for an ’07 Road King, complete with the King & Queen seat, for display at the shop. They’ve even been contacted by an interested buyer in Dubai. Talk about international attention!

## OLD SKOOL CYCLE WERKS PUTS THE “**WHOA**” FACTOR IN ITS BIKE KIT

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On the practical and functional side of things, even though it appears as though the entire back end of the bike has been customized, it’s all attached with just a few, easily reached bolts. As you can see on a handy-dandy video on their web site ([www.oldschoolcyclewerks.com](http://www.oldschoolcyclewerks.com)) the entire PhatBack™ mod kit (is that a cool name or what?) can be removed in less than two minutes for easy access to the rear tire and suspension. The kit bolts into existing frame attachment points and is very easy to install and remove. The parts come primed and ready for painting, to allow you to create exactly the look you want.

So, how did this all come about? As it turns out, Henry had done quite a bit of fiberglass work in the past, creating custom looks for everyone’s favorite sports car, the Corvette. According to Michelle Yaklin, the VP of Sales and Marketing at Old Skool, “Henry just loves to design and create.” He was working on something for his own ride, with a look based on the ’49 Mercury and the ’55 Cadillac, when he came up with the design you see here. Though currently, the kit is being offered only for HD touring bikes from ’00 – ’07, Henry isn’t stopping there. He’s working on a design for the Softtail and for the VTX 1800. (Rumored to be very futuristic, but so far, the design is still under wraps. Stay tuned for more details.)

Check out all of their offerings on their web site, give them a call, or drop them an e-mail. I’ll bet you diamonds to donuts you’ll be glad you did. 🏍️

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