

SOUND OFF

The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International has produced a simple, consistent and economical sound test standard that can be used to determine whether a street-bike (on-highway motorcycle) exhaust system emits excessive sound, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports. "The motorcycling community and law enforcement have long sought a practical field test for measuring street motorcycle exhaust sound," said Ed Moreland, AMA vice president for government relations. The SAE J2825 on-highway motorcycle sound test procedure is similar to the one used for the SAE J1287 off-highway motorcycle test. The streetbike measurement requires holding a calibrated sound meter at a 45-degree angle 20 inches from the exhaust pipe of a running engine. The procedure spells out how to do the test with the bike at idle, at a predetermined engine speed ("Set RPM Test"), or by slowly increasing the engine speed of the bike, known as the "Swept RPM Test." www.sae.org/technical/standards/J2825_200905



Klock and Kiwi

Kiwi Indian and Klock Werks Kustom Cycles have formed a joint venture to help move both companies forward. Mike Tomas of Kiwi Indian has already moved his parts distribution from California to Mitchell, South Dakota. "Brian and I are close friends who share the same work ethic and long-term vision about the future of our respective businesses," said Mike. Kiwi's service/repair work, restorations, manufacturing, and new bike building will remain in California for now. Brian stated that financially both companies are fortunately strong. The venture makes Kiwi's parts line more centrally located to more easily reach many industry events and provide access to parts distribution routes. "One warehouse, better shipping contracts, and improved customer service are all goals we hope for," Brian said. "We all are smiling about this new venture and look forward to the challenges ahead. The camaraderie that is motorcycling lives on!" www.kustomcycles.com, www.kiwi-indian.com.



Get Your PhatBack

Old Skool Cycle Werks (OSCW) has recently started supplying its PhatBack conversion kit to Treasure Coast Harley-Davidson – the first dealer to convert a motorcycle with the OSCW kit. According to OSCW, in today's economy, riders are looking for options to modify the bikes they have without spending a lot of money. The PhatBack gives riders a custom look for \$2,499. OSCW's flagship product, the PhatBack, is a one-piece, bolt-on kit designed to resemble classic American cars. You can purchase all of OSCW products for less than \$5,400. With no frame modification, you can transform your stock bike to a Street Cruiser, Bagger or Full Dresser, and back to stock again. www.oldskoolcyclewerks.com.