

PRODUCT REVIEW BY CHRIS MAIDA

# LINKAGE BOYS

When you want to hook up in style

THE COOL THING ABOUT CUSTOMIZING YOUR ride is that even its mundane components can be swapped out for something fun. Take the lowly shifter rod. Though it plays an important role in the operation of your motorcycle, this component



is generally just a plain Jane piece of round rod. Thankfully, it's usually chromed, but this part, which connects the bike's shifter control to the shifter arm on the transmission, just fades into the background on most stock bikes. The same is true for many custom machines, since the one supplied with a trick set of

forward controls will many times be the same ol', same ol' plain rod. Boring!

Well, it doesn't have to be that way, now that the guys at Linkage Boys have arrived. These intrepid fellows have five slick shifter rods; just the thing to give your bike some needed pizzazz. Take the barbed wire version you see before you. This sucker doesn't fade into the background! And you can get it with two barbs (\$150) or three (\$165).

Pick your poison. AIM

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