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CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE

How to build or modify a bike

WHAT SEPARATES A TRUE CUSTOM BUILD FROM a stocker or catalog-kit bike?

The sheet metal. In my book, a bike that has all bolt-on tin is not really a custom. It may be a ground-up build, but that's not the same as a custom-built bike. Custom to me means one or more components have been modified from what they were originally, be it something as simple as making up your own set of exhaust pipes or boxing out the frame.

That's when a book like Tim Remus' *Advanced Custom Motorcycle Assembly & Fabrication Manual* (\$24.95) comes in handy. Though it doesn't have a catchy title, it does deliver big-time in the information department. In

144 pages filled with step-by-step color images and captions (over 400 of them), Tim's book shows you how to build a custom bike from scratch, including reworking the sheet metal. Very

cool!

Whatever your favorite bike style is — chopper, bobber, soft-ail-style, or streetfighter — Tim gives you plenty of great tips on how to select components and match them up to produce a motorcycle that visually and mechanically works. And the best part is that a guy with a stock bike can also use this book, since he can just use the sections that deal with the components he wants to change on his bike at the time. AIM



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