

PRODUCT REVIEW BY CHRIS MAIDA

# ASV Y-HANDLE

## A new way to spin sockets

WEIRD-LOOKING THING, ISN'T IT? IT'S THE modern version of the old speed handle that mechanics used back in the day to get bolts and nuts off fast — before the advent of air wrenches. But don't let its looks fool you; it works great!

The part I like best is that I can put three different sockets on the sucker and just rip a bunch of stuff off without having to keep stopping to swap out sizes. It's also great if

I'm not sure what size socket I need. I just load it up with

my three best guesses and have at it.

Another big plus of the Y shape is that the largest version gives you the leverage you need to break loose most of the hardware commonly found on a Harley.

The Y-Handle, which is made of rubber-coated forged steel, comes in 1/4"- and 3/8"-drive versions, in three sizes. The biggest has arms about 4" long, while the smaller versions have 3" and 2" arms. (The 2" tool is great for the bike's tool bag.)

However, that Y shape also has a drawback, so don't go thinking you no longer need a conventional ratchet. You can't work it easily into some tight spots, though you can use all of the standard extensions and such that fit a normal ratchet handle for some of those situations.

That aside, the bottom line is that the Y-handle is a great little addition to the toolbox, and, at about \$20-\$25 a pop, it's a nicely priced one, too. AIM

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