

PRODUCT REVIEW BY CHRIS MAIDA

DREMEL HAND TOOL

When you need to do some precision cutting, grinding, or whatever

IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT I HAVE a number of bike projects going on at any given time.

Currently, I have five of my own in process and at least eight for AIM. One of the magazine builds is Joe K.'s FXR project, which is up on the lift at my house, the scene of many an American Iron tech article.

A tool that I have found extremely helpful on many of these projects is Dremel's 400 XPR. Got an unwanted tab on the frame? Just hook up the new Flex-Shaft extension with the

Quick Connect cutting wheel attachment and cut it off! How about those nasty globs of weld — especially on the older bike frames? Slip in the appropriate tool and smooth them out. Need to remove a lip on the bearing bore of a new part? The Dremel 400 has that covered, too. The 400 also made it easy to remove a bearing race from a fork neck, as well as change out the tailpipe on my 1989 Jeep Laredo. Having done both these jobs without a Dremel, I know how much hassle the 400 saved me. (This kit even has an attachment for planing wooden doors!)

And since the 400 XPR, like all Dremel tools, is electric-powered (you can set the speed anywhere from 5000 to 35000 rpm!), no air compressor or any other special equipment is needed. Just install one of the many attachments (I think 75 are available), plug the Dremel in, and have at it! Nice! AIM

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