



# BLANK CANVAS

## Unique Ways to Personalize Your Bagger

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You just spent a bundle on your dream bagger and dropping another five grand on a custom one off paint by Von TooMuch just ain't in the cards. The factory does offer some custom paint options. Harley's can run up to 4K for a Road Glide and Victory Cross Country

Midnight Metallic Flame custom factory paint option will run 2K. Sometimes less is more and classic tasteful pinstriping can be the perfect solution. Or perhaps high tech laser etched ghost flames may be the hot ticket. Personally, I am going for some decals, graphics that can be

removed and replaced at will. (It's not my bike so I don't have much choice). In fact, you can now get your bike wrapped, that process of literally heat shrinking a digitally printed vinyl graphic over the metal parts. Let's take a close look at a few options and their cost.



## Pinstriping

Classic Pinstriping: This is an art form pioneered by the likes of Von Dutch, Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, and Larry Watson. Following lines, using just the right colors and pinstriping by hand is their expertise. We are lucky to still have some of the greats still working plus a whole of young bucks making a name for them selves. Case in point Bob Spina, This Legendary pinstriper and airbrush artist, hails from Las Vegas, NV. He started drawing and painting at a young age and wrote a letter to Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, who answered and sent him a brush and encouragement. Roth met Spina two years later and offered him a job on the spot, and Spina said, "but I'm only 16." Spina loves everything about art and striping. Just off the strip in Las Vegas his business is across the street from the Wynn since 1956. It has been said that Bob Spina put Vegas on the map for custom painting and pinstriping.

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Skratch paints a line of cool helmets for BELL. Skratch's style is closer to that of Andy Southern's with his use of bold color and stark, contrasting outlines. Add to that Skratch's logo, an homage to Von Dutch's flying eyeball, he uses wings as the connection between himself and that familiar legend, but chose a hand for the middle symbol. He says it represents his name, "built-from-scratch" since all of his work is custom and hand painted.

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**Pro:** Relatively inexpensive, a simple pinstripping job might start at 500 bucks.

**Con:** It's part of the paint. Although it is actually removable it needs to be done professionally by the same guy who painted it for the same amount of cash.



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## Decals: Stick em up

Removable Graphics: I ran across Auto Trim DESIGN'S hotbikegraphics.com division because I currently have a Cross Country Tour and wanted to spice it up. What a cool idea, the complete graphics kit is only \$249.95 and the install is actually very easy. The process took me two to three hours and a six-pack (six-pack optional). The "Wet" install is the only way to approach this as a novice. I tried the Dry technique and no way, you're committed. Wet works great, you can make minor adjustments on the fly. When you choose your graphics be sure and purchase their squeegee and application fluids.



Using a squeegee is mandatory, and a hair dryer helps flatten out any rough edges once you're done. It takes several hours for everything to dry. From a distance they look like paint and easily removed. The kit came with 18 pieces of different graphics of which I opted not to use six of them. Digitally printed with their DuraCOLOR graphic technology each kit is manufactured with premium grade vinyl film materials. As a further step, graphic is covered with a 2.5 mil clear laminate, which provides protection from miles of abuse, and the kit is precut, requires no trimming. Auto Trim DESIGN offers dozens of graphic styles for over 16 different motorcycle manufacturers with new designs coming out weekly.

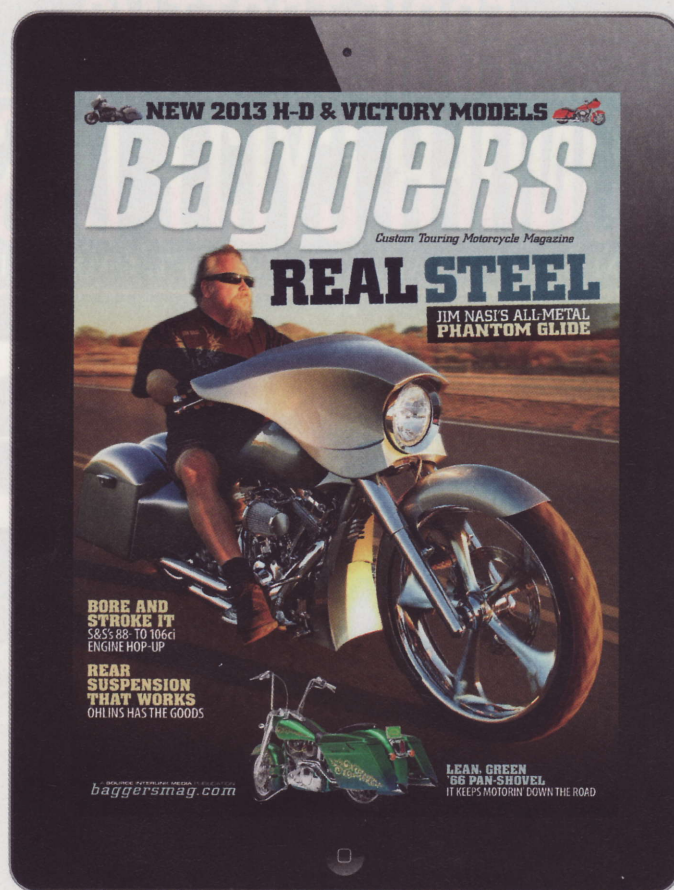
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**Pro:** Inexpensive, easily installed and removable.

**Con:** Ultimately it is a decal and that's obvious on close inspection.



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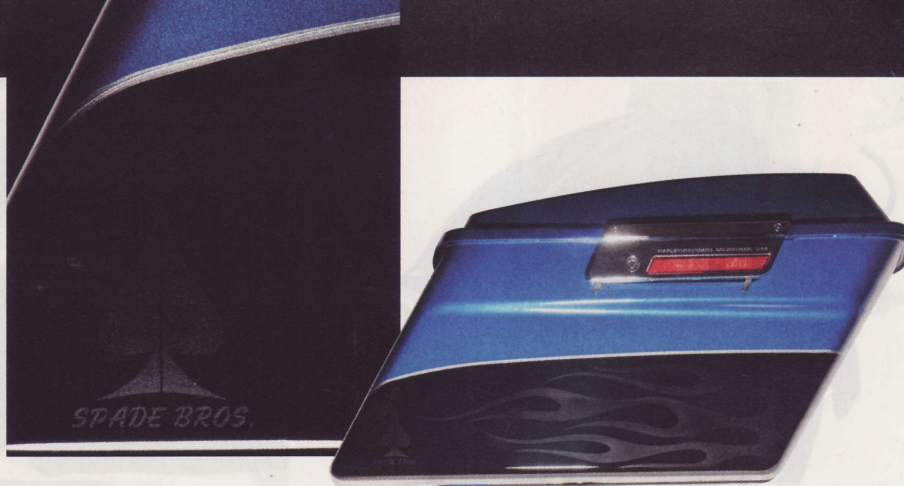
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## Spade Brothers High Tech Etching

First there were flames, then ghost flames, and now, after six years of research and development, Spade Bros has created Satin Flames. Utilizing advanced Aerospace coatings technology, a special emulsification process changes your existing paint job into amazing permanent flames, graphic designs, logos, and even names. Satin Flames has the unique ability to go from very visible to ghost, almost appearing and disappearing, based on the amount of direct light. And there is no edge to the eye or touch.

Spade Bros customizes each set of flames or design to fit the shape of the fender, tank, or bags. Plus they do it in just 3 days, not weeks like other custom paint jobs. "Satin Flames" is very easy to maintain. You simply clean, polish, and wax just like you do with factory paint. Best of all, it's affordable. Names/Remembrances/logos start at only \$19; three parts flamed (tank and two fenders) start at \$499; and five parts flamed (Front fender, fairing, tank and two bag lowers) start at \$749. Note: Prices are quoted for Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Prices for other makes may vary. So for custom flames and designs at affordable prices, have Spade Bros "Satin Flame" your bike.



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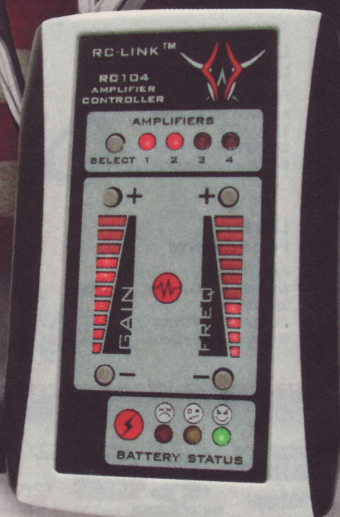
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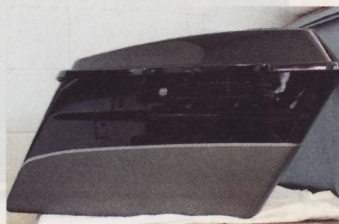


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## Ceramic Coating

Spade Bros also offer a new line of ceramic coatings that are durable, weather- and corrosion-proof, resists gas, heat, chipping, and abrasive cleaning solvents. Hardener and paint chemically bond into an ultra-thin coating that adheres to almost any surface for a clean, unique finish. Used by the military and aerospace to coat weapons and aircraft turbines, the coating can be applied to any painted or powder coated surface, primer, chrome, aluminum, steel, stainless, fiberglass and most plastics. It will protect parts up to 1700° with no degradation or color change. Coating is applied with an airbrush or HVLP paint gun for a smooth finish, then air dried, or oven baked for 2 hours at 300°. After 48 hours it's fully cured and ready to be installed for a quick turnaround. Works great for gloss or satin/flat finish on paint jobs, flames, graphics, and designs. Perfect for exhaust, wheels, motor, chrome parts, and plastic parts to provide a unique look and color.

Craig Franz, Owner of Westminster Harley is the first to try this awesome look. Although not inexpensive and the tins must be removed I thought readers may be interested in this innovative new material (\$1,000 and up).

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## DIY: Probably a bad idea

I am an artist/painter and have actually toyed with the idea of doing my own spray paint job but the truth is I don't want my bike to end up looking like rolling street art. Sometimes a clean slate and can of paint should be left to the pros.



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