

Feature Story

Why a V8 Motorcycle?

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We go to a lot of bike and car shows with our Boss Hoss and V8 Chopper bikes and trikes (we even have a V8 bar stool!) and invariably get asked: "Is that a V8 engine? That's crazy! Why?" Well, I'll tell you why.

There are plenty of good reasons to have a V8 motor in your motorcycle, trike or even your bar stool!



If you are into speed and horsepower, there is nothing like the awesome power developed by a V8 engine. The standard Boss Hoss engine, the GM ZZ4 V8 makes 355 HP and 405 ft lbs of torque. No V-twin motor comes close to having that kind of power.

Sure, there are some Japanese "crotch rockets" that are probably a little faster than a Boss Hoss with a 350 cubic inch small block, but can you really compare a "made in America", Chevy V8, torque monster like the Boss to an ultra-high revving V-twin import? I think not--- two different things!

Like your bike to sound good? V8's sound fantastic. Whether it's the 350 small block, the 502 (awesome) big block or the new Corvette LS-2 motor you will not need an after-market exhaust system to make your Boss Hoss or V8 Chopper sound distinctive.

Want a smooth and comfortable ride? Harley has the rubber mounted motor (helps a little) and some of the Japanese and German bikes are OK, but for the ultimate in smoothness and comfort you need a V8. No shaking or teeth chattering on a V8 bike or trike--- smooth as silk!

Many motorcyclists buy a bike or trike and then spend hundreds or even thousands of dollars to make their ride different and distinctive. No need to do this if you buy a Boss Hoss or V8 Chopper. Each one is unique out of the box and with only several hundred V8 bikes/ trikes being manufactured a year compared to the thousands of V-twins you'll be sure to stand out at any show or rally.

So, the question begs itself, "Do you really need a V8?" For that matter, "Do you really need a motorcycle or trike?" Heh, life is short and...well, you know the rest. So, like they say on TV in that famous commercial, "Wouldn't you really rather have a V8?"

Tell them that Kimmy & Kelly sent ya.