

HAVE A SWEET CUSTOM BUELL?

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ONE THING BABIES DISCOVER EARLY ON, EVEN BEFORE THE POWER TO CONTROL THE DROOL, is the fascination of shiny things. These objects command attention and induce a trance-like stare. Some people grow to consciously reject shiny in favor of other styles, but the initial attraction is hard-wired. Your subconscious always says, "Oooooo!"

Brad Eagles of Minneapolis, Minnesota reminds people of their roots every time he goes out on his 1998 S1 White Lightning®. Not content for a few accents, Brad went elemental: He had his Buell® disassembled and sent several parts for a dip in the chrome, most notably the frame, wheels, and forks, and crankcase, pushrod, and rocker box covers. To get the gas tank right, Brad sent it to a noted California maker of hand-fashioned metal parts to obtain a polished aluminum replica that fairly oozes from the triple tree to the custom seat like a great blob of mercury. Other shiny bits include chromed calipers, speedo housing, oil tank, oil cooler, and a pair of six-shooter barrels at the ends of the grips.

The paint was handled by Choppa, a local professional, who also modified the stock fairing to accent dual headlights, giving Brad's creation a face with a flaming head of hair. Another shop powder-coated the cylinders and crankcase black with chrome accents. Other engine mods include a boring out from 1203 cc to 1440 cc, a high-performance carb to feed it, and custom exhaust.

Nearly nine years in the making, the bike remains a work in progress, and Brad reckons maybe it's ready for a custom show. Of course, he puts one on every time he leaves his driveway. The trance-like stares are enough to tell him he's on the right track.

