



Thomas and Dany (seated) with 'Ghul'. The bike was inspired by a demon

Habermann's 'Ghul'

HABERMANN PERFORMANCE has been creating custom bikes for many years. As a change of style, relative to the usual bikes passing through the workshops, it was decided to create something different. Eventually, the decision was made to build a high-neck chopper.

This particular style goes back to the earlier chopper culture and many such bikes were simply fashion statements, rarely intended to be ridden on the street. The Habermann bike was intended to have the look and to be rideable.

The ideas and the building all came from Thomas and Dany. The name, 'Ghul', is that of a demon and was suggested by Dany, who has an interest in legends and macabre stories, as well as the aptitude to bring these things to life (almost) with an airbrush.

The bike was completed in just four months; a very short build time considering that virtually everything is hand made, intended only for Ghul. With such an

individual creation, every part of the bike displays attention to detail. The builders are particularly pleased with the finished swingarm and gas tank. The rear turnsignals are almost invisible when they are not operating – they are concealed in the swingarm.

With 22in-over forks, the height is impressive. At first sight, the bike may look ungainly, but Thomas delights in riding it and proving to those who express doubts how stable it is at speed and how easy to ride.

With Ghul finished, we await the next bike from Habermann Performance. All we are told is that 'it will be road legal, and will look great'.

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Tech Spec

Name: 'Ghul'
Owner: Habermann Performance; design by Dany & Thomas
Builder: Habermann Performance
Engine: Stock Twin Cam B
Ignition: Allmann
Carburetor: S&S Super E
Exhaust pipes & mufflers: Habermann Performance
Horsepower and transmission: Stock
Clutch: Stock, OMP hydraulic actuator
Frame and swingarm: Habermann Performance
Shocks: Cytec Performance
Front fork: SIP 22in over, Fat Glide, chrome by HP

Front wheel: 2.15 x 19in
Front tire: Metzeler 100/90 x 18in
Rear wheel: Speed-point 10.5 x 18in
Rear tire: Metzeler 280/35 x 18in
Rear brake: Hytec pulley brake
Front brake: Braking rotor; PM-Ness calliper
Bars: Habermann Performance
Foot and hand controls, and pegs: OMP
Gas and oil tanks: Habermann Performance
Seat: Leatherwork by Custom Leather
Fenders: Habermann Performance
Electrics: Habermann Performance
Paint: Pflü Design
Chrome: Special thanks to Michael Kissling for the chrome work

