

THE K75S RE-ENGINEERED



K75S HOT ROD – THE BOMB

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The early K-bike platform is one of the finest examples of German engineering. SpecialKs are built on both three and four-cylinder models. All are reliable, smooth, high-performance machines. Infinite possibilities exist to design and craft a one-of-a-kind bike. The potential for creating unique builds on BMW's outstanding drive train is virtually unlimited.

Perhaps because my father was an electrical engineer and my mother was an artist, I arrived with both left and right brain excitation. Mechanics and engineering have always fascinated me and I have been rid-

ing and wrenching on motorcycles since I was a kid growing up in Ohio. My brothers and I built many motorized contraptions, took things apart and rearranged them to become more than the sum of their parts.

The early (1983-2009) BMW 'Flying Brick' K-bikes were superbly engineered but I also thought they were visually unappealing, to be kind. I purposely avoided them and instead embraced the boxer and the purist's disdain for all things non-opposing. Then the fortuitous ownership of a neglected K75 enlightened me, causing me to see past the garish, lumpy exterior and appreciate the design of the Brick's heart.



I live in Southern California with my wife Carol who has taught elementary school music for over 30 years. Our three kids are grown and gone. I am a trained mechanical engineer with a diverse background, ranging from the design and manufacture of Aero-space electro-mechanical assemblies to a Plant Engineer for a large heavy metals industrial manufacturer. My strengths are in mechanical and manufacturing engineering and component design. I endeavor to create simple and elegant engineering solutions and I thrive on problem solving and diagnostic discoveries. I built this machine for Carol.

1987 K75S BASE MODEL, Frame lowered to 27 inches from 32 inches, Custom Memory Foam Saddle, Wheelbase: 62 inches, Weight: 495 lbs dry with luggage, Para Lever - Final Drive Ratio 3.0:1, 305mm front rotors with 2 piston calipers on custom mounts. 🇺🇸