

SLIM PICKINGS

UK's Shaw H-D Picks Apart an '04 FSXTI



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The definition of custom is to modify something to match one's personal taste. Comparing them is a lot like comparing women because what is considered attractive is up for considerable debate. For some, there is nothing like thick curves and round shapes to get the blood boiling. For others lean and mean

is the only way to go. It's that ebb and flow of parts and chops that influenced this 2004 FSXTI into one attractive ride, no matter who's behind the bars.

When a custom needs to be ridden, most of the crazy trends go right out the window. The artistic part comes into play in making rideable parts flow together seamlessly. Shaw Harley-



Davidson out of the UK prides itself on not only building some of the most attractive bikes in the world, but also making them suitable for use on any road.

Roland Sands is known world wide for his futuristic builds and innovative products. To duplicate the feel of functional art, the team at Shaw Harley was quick to make use of many RSD parts including the rocker boxes, air cleaner, rotors, and Diesel wheels. When asked what inspired the clean look, Shaw stated, "The bike was built with an inspiration of a fast racing silhouette. This was taken a step further with





the integration of a XR1200 speedo on the top of the gas tank to give it a race-inspired cockpit.”

But is this bike just another pretty face or glammed-up trailer queen? “No way,” explains Shaw about the owner behind the build, “The owner has KTMs and other adventure bikes, so he’s used to riding a lot. He wanted a bike for cruising and something that would inspire him to take it out for a ride, not just to look at it. It started as a bolt-on project but quickly grew into another level once it hit the bench. Stripping the bike to its essence enabled the Shaw Speed and Custom team time to hide and minimize wiring, reroute and relocate all the hard parts, and give it a high-end finish. The hardest part was fusing together the Sportster’s speedo with the Dyna tank and Softail frame.”

Adding and removing parts at random can go one of two ways in the end. But all can agree this bike seems to have the right amount trick parts added and with just enough extras taken away. The end result is a clean, modern looking bike that would look great no matter what side of the street, or pond, you might be riding. **HB**

SPECIFICATIONS

OWNER	Shaw Harley-Davidson United Kingdom
SHOP	Shaw Harley-Davidson United Kingdom
WEBSITE	shawspeedandcustom.co.uk
YEAR/MAKE/MODEL	2004/Harley Davidson/FXSTI
FABRICATION	Shaw Speed and Custom

ENGINE

YEAR/TYPE/SIZE	2004/Twin Cam/88 ci
BUILDER	Shaw H-D
CASES	H-D
CYLINDERS	Two
HEADS	H-D
ROCKER BOXES	Roland Sands Designs
CAMS	H-D
EFI	H-D
AIR CLEANER	Roland Sands Designs
EFI CONTROLLER	H-D
EXHAUST	Vance & Hines Competition Pipe

TRANSMISSION

YEAR/TYPE	H-D
GEARS	Stock
CLUTCH	H-D
PRIMARY DRIVE	Open Performance Machine

FRAME

YEAR/TYPE	2004 H-D
RAKE/STRETCH	Stock

SUSPENSION

FRONTEND	H-D Lowered
LENGTH	Stock
TRIPLE TREES	H-D
SWINGARM	Performance Machine – Phatail Kit 240mm
REAR SHOCKS	H-D

WHEELS, TIRES, AND BRAKES

FRONT	Roland Sands Designs Diesel 21”
BUILDER/SIZE	H-D
TIRE/SIZE	Continental Attack Customs 120/70/21
CALIPERS	Performance Machine
ROTORS	Roland Sands Designs Diesel
REAR	
BUILDER/SIZE	Roland Sands Designs Diesel 18”
TIRE/SIZE	Continental Attack Customs 240/40/18
CALIPER	Performance Machine
ROTOR	Roland Sands Designs Diesel
SPROCKET	Roland Sands Designs Diesel
PULLEY	H-D

FINISH/PAINT

MANUFACTURER	
COLORS	Porsche 911 Chocolate Brown
PAINT/GRAPHICS	Image Design Custom
PLATING/POLISHING	N/A
POWDERCOATING	N/A

ACCESSORIES

FRONT FENDER	N/A
REAR FENDER	Roland Sands Design Vintage
FENDER STRUTS	Roland Sands Design
GAS TANK	H-D Dyna
DASH	H-D
GAUGES	H-D
HANDLEBARS	Renthal Style
GRIPS	Performance Machine
MIRRORS	N/A
HAND CONTROLS	Performance Machine
FOOT CONTROLS	Performance Machine
FLOORBOARDS	N/A
HEADLIGHT	H-D
TAILLIGHT	Roland Sands Design Tracker Plate
TURN SIGNALS	N/A
SEAT	Roland Sands Design
STEREO	N/A
AMPLIFIER	N/A
SPEAKERS	N/A

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