

**W**hat puts a particular OEM motorcycle in the *Easyriders* Top Ten? The question may be simple but it brings many different answers. If we had to start somewhere, we'd say that the decision-makers behind the bike being considered decided that the bike needs to make a statement in the marketplace—one way or another. How is that done, you ask? Factors such as technical innovation, design, functionality, attitude, performance and curb appeal come to mind when making our selection.

This is why you'll see that our Top Ten Bikes this year come in many flavors. Some of them are performance oriented, while others rely more on style and attitude. Some are upscale and pricey and others are more budget friendly and functional.

No matter what your tastes and motivations are, it's likely that one of these Top Ten motorcycles (listed in alphabetical order) could find a choice spot in your garage. We'll leave you with contact information so you can learn more about the manufacturers and their motorcycles. —Ben Lamboeuf

# EASYRIDERS' 2005 TOP TEN BIKES



## **Black Widow**

*Simplicity In Motion*

In 1957 Chevrolet came out with a stripped down Bel Aire with a fuel injected 283 straight out of a Corvette. The numbers were strictly limited and it came without carpet, or any modern amenities, just a big V-8, roll cage, and little else. Available only in black, they were popularly known as the Black Widow. It was probably the first factory hot rod, and was built to compete in Nascar racing. This was the inspiration behind the Black Widow by Vengeance Motorcycles. They took the same power plant and drive train that they package into their top-of-the-line bikes, and stuffed it into a no-frills, bare-bones, traditionally styled bike.

### **Vengeance Black Widow** (below)

The Vengeance Black Widow is the hot rod of choppers. It features 60-spoke wire wheels and a peanut tank resulting in a classic old-school chopper look. The Black Widow comes standard with drag bars, a stock front fender and a drag-style rear fender. The frame features 40 degrees of rake with a stock backbone, 6 inches in the downtubes with a 10-inch-over front end. The 2005 Widow comes standard with a black 113-inch engine, a 6-speed transmission and a 250-series rear tire.

Call Vengeance at 951-681-2900 for more information or see their Web site at [www.vengeancemotorcycles.com](http://www.vengeancemotorcycles.com).

