

■ VENGEANCE VENDETTA

have better grip than the standard chrome pieces offer. Additionally, it tried out a new set of Bassani pipes on our prototype machine.

First-time chopper riders are going to like this bike a lot. The extra rake and fork length is enough to give you the feel of what a long bike would be like, while maintaining the rideabili-

ty of a conventional bike. You can transition in turns from one side to another smoothly and easily, while still enjoying the added length and stability the new frontend offers. We probably would have liked a 10- or 12-inch ape hanger handlebar on this bike over the drag setup, but that may be personal preference versus need.

The Vendetta's narrow bars don't offer much steering leverage, so around-town maneuvers require a little more arm effort or some body lean to initiate a turn. While executing mild lean turns, the Vendetta stays very neutral, but when you get aggressive and start pushing it deep into corners, you feel the effects of the big 250 rear tire squirming as it rolls over. Fortunately, the Vendetta was designed for the former not the latter, so if you don't ride like us, you will enjoy all your cornering.

Probably our biggest gripe about the Vendetta has to do more with personal tastes than an issue with the machine. We all felt the drag bars were the wrong

