

BAGGSTER

A black Harley-Davidson Sportster Bagger motorcycle is shown from a rear three-quarter view. It features a large black leather saddlebag on the left side, a black leather backrest, and a black leather seat. The motorcycle has chrome accents on the exhaust pipes and the rear fender. The background is a wooden wall with vertical planks. The ground is covered in gravel.

Sportster Bagger

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**AMERICAN
BAGGER**



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The definition of what a Bagger is continues to expand. The diehards insist that a Bagger has to be built on an FL frame, while a growing minority feels that a Bagger can be built on a Rigid, Softail, Dyna or even a Sportster chassis; as long as the bike is designed for touring. Howard Spinrad of Palmdale, CA could care less what the haters think, he loves his Bagster and he built it himself for long distance rides.

Bagster started out as a '05 XL 883L. The motor was upgraded with

a K&N air filter, a re-jetted carburetor and Vance & Hines Shortshots exhaust. Four-inch wider than stock Harley handlebars were installed to accommodate the Corbin mini fairing. The stock 3.4 gallon tank was replaced with a 4.5 gallon Harley tank. The K-model style front fender is from J&P Cycles. The rear fender was stretched seven inches by Jimmy's Pro Paint in Lancaster, CA. The hard saddlebags are from Corbin and match the leather Tour-Pak which rides on a Harley luggage rack. A Cycle Sounds 100 watt amp



with bullet speakers is hooked up to an XM radio receiver. The engine guard/crash guard/highway bar or whatever people call them these days is from Lindby.

Howard is a 25-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and he admits that the bike has a slight firefighter theme to it. The license plate reads HD-LACFD, which stands for Harley-Davidson Los Angeles County Fire Department. The derby cover has been engraved with the LACoFD logo and the leather Tour-Pak is embossed with flames. 



Tech Specs

Background Info.

Owner: Howard Spinrad
Bike's Name: Bagster
Brand Name: Harley-Davidson®
Model: Sportster
Year: 2005
Fabrication/Assembly: Owner
Build Time: 4 Months
Paint/Graphics: H-D
Color/Graphics Description: Vivid Black
Special Features: Converted to a Bagger

Motor Specs

Year: '05
Manufacturer: Harley-Davidson
Model: Sportster - XL
Displacement: 883 cu. in.
Air Cleaner: K&N
Carburetor: Keihin
Exhaust: Vance & Hines Shortshots
Compression Ratio: 9:1
Rated Torque: 50.9 ft.-lbs.

Transmission

Year: '05
Manufacturer: Harley-Davidson
Shifting: 5-Speed
Trans Sprocket/Pulley: H-D

Frame

Year: '05
Manufacturer: Harley-Davidson
Model: XL 883L
Motor Mount Type: Rubber

Fork

Year: '05
Manufacturer: Harley-Davidson
Style/Type: Hydraulic
Special Features: Race Tech Internals

Wheels & Brakes

Front/Size: 15"
Wheel: H-D
Tire: Dunlop
Brake Caliper/Rotor: H-D
Rear/Size: 16"
Wheel: H-D
Tire: Dunlop
Brake Caliper/Rotor: H-D

Accessories

Handlebars: H-D
Fairing: Corbin
Headlight: H-D
Taillight: H-D
Saddlebags: Corbin
Seat: Sundowner 2-up
Gas Tank: H-D 4.5 gal.
Front Fender: J&P Cycles
Rear Fender: Stretched H-D
Gauges: H-D
Footboards: Boot Dr.
Foot Controls: Kuryakyn
Sound System: Cycle Sounds
Special Features: Lindby Highway Bar