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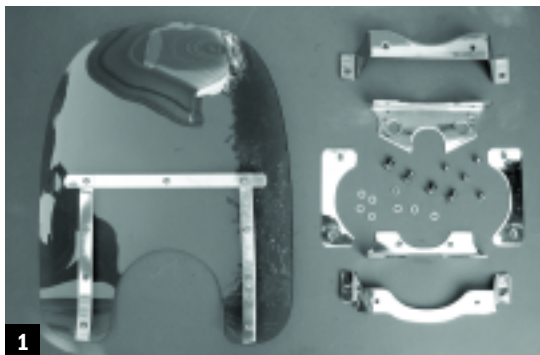
INSTALLING A KEWL METAL WINDSHIELD MOUNT KIT

Staff Report

WE HERE AT *ROADBIKE* ARE PLAGUED WITH an obsession we share with many other motorcycle riders. We just can't stop messing with our bikes. We're always looking for products that will make them faster, cooler, and more comfortable. Sound familiar?

Our old friend Giff Foster has the same compulsion. His Honda VTX1800 has been hopped up, lowered, and tricked out in chrome. We'll admit it: part of that is our fault. In our April issue, we installed a KewlMetal fat front end kit on Giff's bike (hey, he volunteered). Fat fork covers and an array of matching components gave Giff's VTX a good-looking, massive front end that better fits the bike's hefty stance.

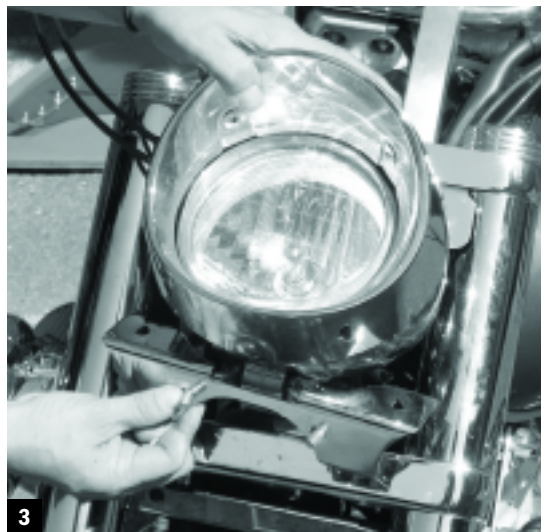
Then, when KewlMetal's Matt Mrdeza casually mentioned that the company also offers a windshield mount kit, we couldn't resist. Luckily, Giff was willing to be our guinea pig yet again. He chose a Memphis Slims windshield from Memphis Shades and even volunteered to do the work himself. It's a simple installation, as Giff demonstrates here.



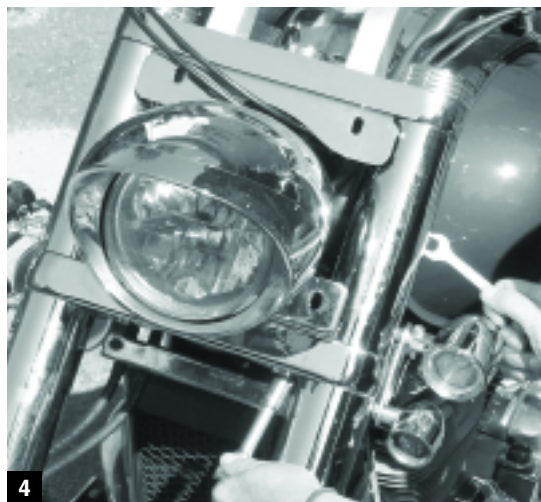
Here's the Memphis Slims windshield with KewlMetal brackets and fill plates.



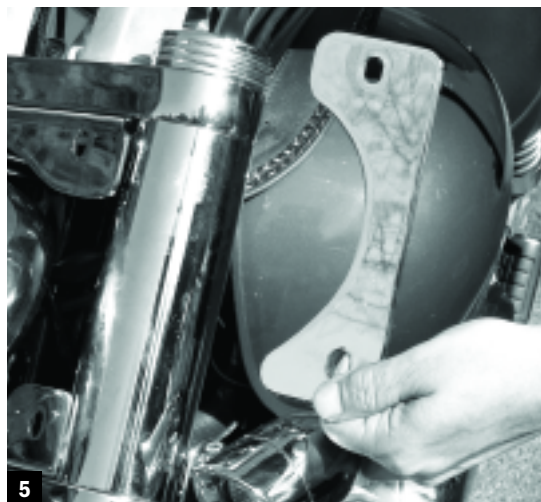
First, Giff installed (fingertight) the upper mounting base to the upper triple tree with hex head screws, making sure the cables were in the center section of the upper bracket.



Then he removed the lower trim plate (part of the fat front end kit), loosened the headlight bolts, and lifted the headlight so he could install the lower mounting base to the headlight with the two supplied bolts.



Giff tightened the whole assembly, using a ratchet on the bottom and holding the nut with a wrench on top.



Next up were the left- and right-side fill plates. Note that the up and down orientation is specific.

SOURCES

Windshield Mount Kit
\$229.95
KEWL METAL
4125 Overcrest Dr.
Dept. RB
Whittier, CA 90601
562/695-3599
www.kewlmetal.com

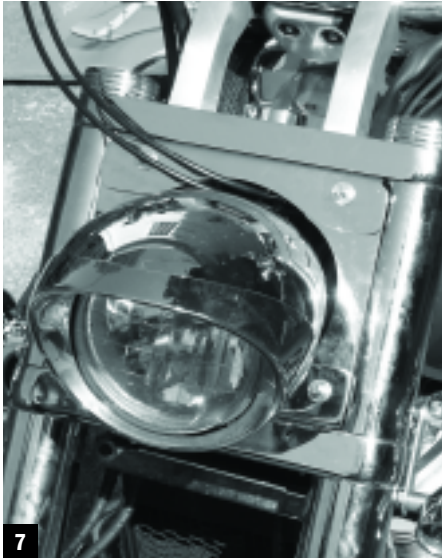
Memphis Slims Windshield
\$139.95
MEMPHIS SHADES
170 S. Main St.
Dept. RB
Collierville, TN 38108
901/853-0293



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The plates go behind the upper and lower brackets and mount with the supplied bolts.



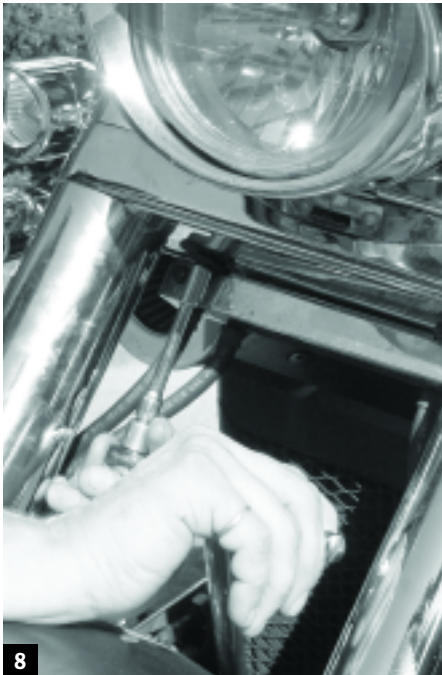
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With the supplied washers and acorn nuts, he installed the upper and lower windshield bracket to the headlight surround.



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This buttoned-up headlight surround looks chunky and sleek.



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Giff lined up the bolts on the windshield frame with the holes in the windshield brackets, and then snugged up the nuts.



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Next, Giff replaced the lower trim plate.



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Finished! Giff's happy with his slick new windshield. And the bolt-on mount kit makes it simple to remove or replace. **RB**

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