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Harley-Davidson Tracker special

► Street Bob-based limited edition ► Every bike unique ► £15,995 ► Verdict ★★★★★

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Warr's is Europe's oldest Harley dealership. It's also famous for producing exclusive customised bikes. This 'Warr's Tracker' is the London-based dealer's latest creation and arguably the most desirable. Uniqueness aside there's another reason this bike is so tempting: at £15,995 it's only £6400 more than the standard Harley-Davidson Street Bob it's based on. Considering the amount of head scratching, skill and work that's gone into the Tracker, that makes it something of a bargain.

This bike is one of a limited run of 10



I wanted to build a range of bikes that were unique yet affordable

CHARLIE STOCKWELL, WARR'S

Trackers, but Warr's are keen to point out that none of the 10 will be identical; small but noticeable detail changes will make each machine unique.

Given that the Tracker boasts retro styling it incorporates inspirational flashes of modernity – check out the titanium nitride-coated fork tubes – which go part way in explaining why the bike looks so good. Regardless of which angle you look at it, the thing smacks of quality.

The engine's internals are unchanged. It's still the same 1584cc twin cam lump that kicks out a serious amount of torque. In standard form H-D claims 91ftlb at the crankshaft, but with the addition of Warr's own mildly baffled silencers, a less restrictive Screamin' Eagle air filter and the bike's ECU reprogrammed to suit (fuel and ignition), it feels like none of that torque is lost between crank and rear tyre. It squeals in protest at a twist of the throttle; the Tracker lunges forward like a bull elephant.

Like the stock exhaust downpipes, the Warr's silencers are coated with heat resistant paint. Brass inserts in the silencer ends balance out the vivid gold forks; obviously a man with a keen eye for detail has been at work here.

Both wire-spoked wheels are powder coated black and look stunning, and are easy to wipe clean. The front rim is a standard Street Bob 19in rim, but the rear wheel had to be replaced with a narrower 4in x 16in rim to suit the retro Firestone tyres. Warr's worries that the tall, skinny and square-ish tyres would cause problems when cornering proved unfounded. After cutting up rough in London traffic, and scraping my way around many piddly roundabouts, it's safe to say the Firestones actually work very well.

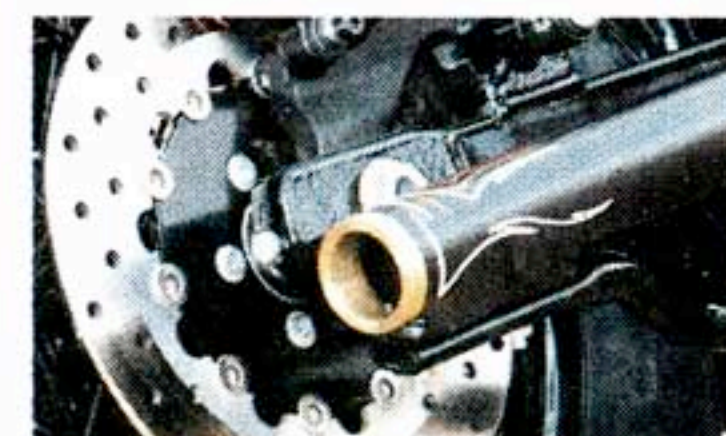
Harley 883R handlebars, modded with a crossbrace, suit the bike to a tee



Each of the 10 bikes will have subtle differences in colours and details



Sprung seat offers real comfort



The handcrafted silencers have tribal paint and brass end pieces



Tribal design is repeated on the headlight. Wiring is tucked away

as well as the rider. Sat comfortably on the vintage replica seat, the bars are positioned to make smooth steering inputs, the bike's reactions belying its weight and tall front tyre. It's all too easy to drop into rebel-like antics of noise and blindingly quick getaways.

Final word goes to Charlie Stockwell, 29, employed by Warr's for 13 years and the creative brain behind Warr's custom projects: "We've built many, many bikes over the years, but this time I wanted a range of bikes that were unique but affordable. It took some doing but we managed it. What do you think?" We're with you Mr Stockwell...

THE FACTS

HARLEY TRACKER £15,995

Torque (claimed):	91ftlb
Power:	N/a
Kerb weight (est):	265kg
Colours:	As produced, or customer specified
Contact:	www.warrs.com (020-7736-2934)

PROS/CONS

Pros: Head-turning styling, gives a feeling of well-being, unique, quick off the mark.

Cons: Desirable to undesirables; you wouldn't want to ride it in the wet even though it'll stand it.

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HOW WARR'S CREATED THE TRACKER



Titanium nitride-coated forks add modernity to Warr's classic design

WHEELS

► 19in front and 16in rear are powder coated black. Tyres are replica 1950 vintage imperial-spec Firestone: 19 x 4.00in front, 16 x 5.00in rear. Rear wheel rebuilt with smaller rim width to suit.

PAINT AND STYLING

► Harley-Davidson black denim paint with hand-painted coachlines and details. Original rear fender cut to shape and topped with retro taillight. Seat and exhaust mufflers created by Warr's workshop. Chunky bar grips are 1950 replicas.

THE BIKE WAS...

► A new 2008 model Harley-Davidson Street Bob. Original engine is unchanged but has power boosting mods of Screamin' Eagle airfilter, free-flow handmade silencers and ECU upgrade. Retains the 24-month warranty.