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## Harley-Davidson Blackline



**This new, Softail-based cruiser is an addition to the Dark Custom line but, says Harley, it's "pared to the bone".**

In other words, the Blackline shuns the current trend towards customisation, colour and chrome, opting instead for more traditional styling. Or "lean as wire, hard as iron and dark as a tar road at midnight," as the manufacturer puts it. The two-up seat is the lowest Harley-Davidson offers, just 24 inches from the ground, with a gap between it and the smooth, low, 18-litre fuel tank with its 'Blackline' trim.

There are Split Drag handlebars that bolt to the top triple-clamp, while cosmetic details include gloss black powdercoat on the rocker-box covers, the crankcase, the outer primary cover, and the transmission side-cover, plus a "rear fender bobbed high-and-tight over a slim, 144mm tyre". The cylinders are silver powdercoat with machined highlights. The derby cover and timing covers are chromed, while the black-rimmed, laced wheels enhance the Harley-Davidson look.

The bike is powered by Harley's Twin Cam 96B V-Twin engine, rigid-mounted and counter-balanced, with electronic sequential port fuel injection, claiming 89lb ft of torque at 3250rpm.

For more details, see [www.harley-davidson.com](http://www.harley-davidson.com).

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