

Here's a shot of our project 2007 Street Glide that is in dire need of a big, bad, black two-into-one Road Rage system.



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Bassani two-into-one install

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Whether it be on your brand-new pickup truck, your '60s Mustang or on your bagger, chances are you have heard of Bassani pipes and the quality that goes into them. The company was started by none other than Darryl Bassani back in 1969, and the skilled craftsman since has made headers, pipes and mufflers for some of the top NASCAR, NHRA, IMSA and AMA riders and drivers. Each pipe is prototyped on the intended vehicle, and massive amounts of time and design changes go into making the product produce more horsepower and torque. After searching for a two-into-one for our 2007 Street Glide, it only took one peek to settle on Bassani's Road Rage system. The system features a choice of chrome or black finishes with stepped headers, a true reverse-cone muffler with a removable core and a polished billet aluminum end cap. There is also a chrome heat shield option, with a black one coming very soon. We chose a black

ceramic coating with chrome heat shields for our install.

We gave Darryl and the crew a call with our requests and dragged our project FLHX over to Bassani's world headquarters located in Anaheim, California, to get a set mounted up. The install was a breeze, with the parts all fitting like they should, and it took less time to remove and replace than mowing and edging my lawn. On my first ride with the Road Rage system installed, it was evident with my trusty butt dyno that more torque was unlocked from the Street Glide's motor and the sound produced was pure Bassani—not too loud at idle and an awesome throaty rumble when working through the gears. As far as the looks of the pipes when installed go, they have just enough black for a person going the blackout route and just enough shine for the chrome junkies. On a scale of 1 to 10, on the two-into-one exhaust systems we've tried, I would give this system a 9, with a 10 being a gold-plated set made by the gods high atop Mount Olympus. *B*



01 A shot of the whole system laid out showing all of the detailed hardware that is in the kit as well as the heat shields.



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We start by taping off all of the painted areas that may come in contact with the exhaust to prevent scratches, and the removal of the old system begins.



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With the pipes off, new head gaskets are held in place with a bit of white lithium grease until the pipes are fitted.



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Here the man himself, Darryl Bassani, oversees our installation and, being the perfectionist he is, checks every measurement carefully.



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Bassani supplies new hardware that is also top-of-the-line. This shows that when you buy a kit from Bassani, you get what you pay for.



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The front pipe is now affixed to the forward head of the bike with all-new hardware. Don't skimp by using the old OEM hardware.





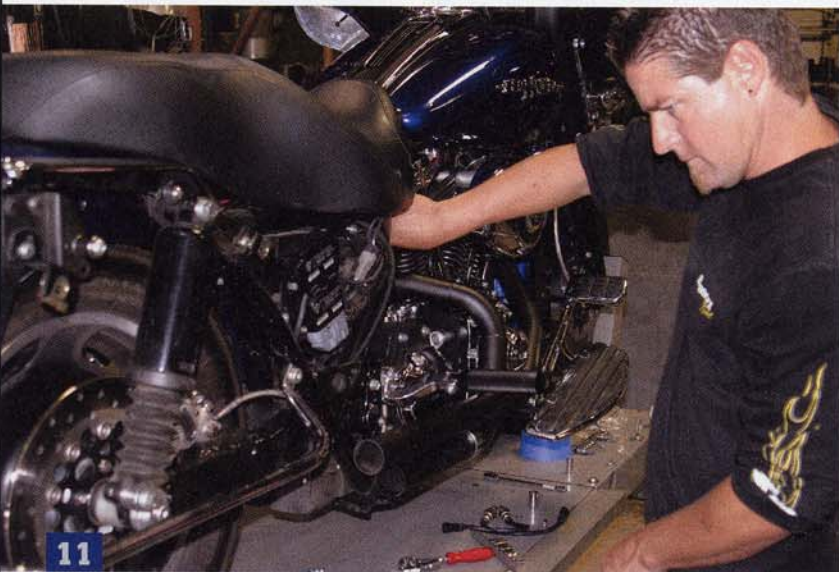
The front pipe is now snugged up to the head of the bike and will be torqued down later to factory specs.



The O₂ sensor is now reinstalled into the new front pipe and torqued to factory specifications as per our Harley-Davidson service manual.



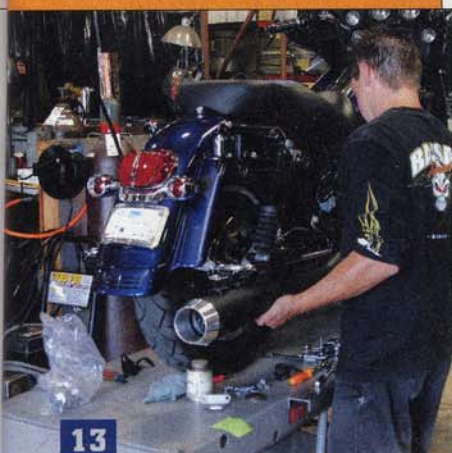
We now adjust and tighten the mounting bracket, which attaches just as the OE exhaust mount does below the clutch.



Kurt, the Ace of Pipes, now checks all the head pipes and mounts for proper tightness and alignment before he installs the muffler.



The rear O₂ sensor is now installed and torqued to factory specs.



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We now tighten the muffer onto the rear hanger mount at the bag rail and torque to our service manual specifications.

Kurt now installs the muffer and checks for the proper alignment on the header pipes.



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Here's the final shot of the Road Rage exhaust with the chrome heat shields installed. It looks good and sounds even better!



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Here's how it looks in its all-black state before the heat shields are installed.

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PARTS:
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Heat shields in chrome
(PN HS-FLH-637-CL, MSRP \$249.99)