

# Continental's

# BLACKED OUT



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**Y**ou don't need us to tell you that the sportbike aftermarket is on fire! Crotch rocket riders are taking a cue from their cruiser brethren and blinging out their bikes in style these days. *MPN* is definitely down with that trend, and we've teamed up with Continental's Greg Reich to bring you this bitchin' blacked out Triumph Speed Triple. "I would personally like to thank all the contributors who helped with our project bike," says Greg. "We chose an '06 Triumph Speed Triple because its raw and edgy styling is a good match for our new Conti Attack line of radial tires ... the components we added clean up the bike's appearance and make our Speed Triple more comfortable to ride fast!" concludes Greg. Turn the page for our full shopping list!



**Triumph Accessories:** When Greg picked up the Speed Triple at his local Triumph shop, he couldn't resist picking up a selection of genuine Triumph accessories to kick off this custom transformation. Triumph's slogan is "Go Your Own Way", and Greg really could have chosen any direction for his Triple project — he opted for a sweet blacked out/carbon fiber combo for this dark horse, aided by the addition of the trick Triumph fly screen, seat cowl and belly pan kit seen here, as well as Triumph's frame protectors, gold anodized radiator cowls, a paddock stand and black anodized axle nut covers. Pricing out the highlights, the essential fly screen retails at \$260, the seat cowl rings in at \$175 and the belly pan kit hits an even \$200.

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**K&N Filters:** Beauty is in the eye of the beholder? While our photographer Tim wasn't able to capture the beauty of K&N's air filter, you should definitely take a closer look and consider stocking the company's filters if you aren't already. K&N replacement air filters are designed to fit right into the standard OEM airbox with no modifications. This high-flow cotton gauze air filter is washable, reusable and built to last for the life of an engine. The filters consist of four to six sheets of cotton gauze layered between two sheets of aluminum wire mesh. This media is then pleated and oiled to enhance its filtering capabilities without restricting the airflow one iota. In fact, K&N is proven to flow more air than any OE filter.

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**LeoVince:** Speaking of going with the flow, premium pipes are a must-have upgrade, and this looker from LeoVince totally steps up! According to the Italian company, their SBK slip-on exhaust systems provide significant weight savings, increased horsepower and are designed to run at peak efficiency with stock jetting or fuel injection settings. In addition to the carbon fiber option seen here, the cans also come in titanium or aluminum for just about any flavor of sportbike imaginable. Oh yeah, they enhance the unique sound of the triple without cranking up to the dBs! Sounds like the best of both worlds to us.

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**Constructors Racing Group:** Greg sees 20/20 with the help of CRG's Hindsight LS (Lane Split) Bar End Mirrors. Retailing at \$89.95 each, the Hindsight LS Bar End Mirror folds in for added clearance during tight riding conditions and reduced width for bike storage. The Hindsight LS uses custom convex glass formed to CRG's demanding specs to give riders the perfect balance between field of vision and image magnification. To reduce glare, the glass has an automotive quality mirror tinting, while rubber mounting helps the glass resist vibration. CRG says the lightweight but sturdy construction allows the Hindsight Mirror to be positioned for optimal viewing without concern of movement during high speed canyon carving runs or excursions over rough roads. We're also running CRG's billet internal adapter for these mirrors. The assembly offers an alternative to the basic bar end mirror mount, and works on bars with internal diameters as small as 12mm and as large as 19mm, covering virtually all aluminum and steel bars/clip-ons on the market. CRG goodies are distributed by Faster By Design, Kyle Racing, Lockhart Phillips and Parts Unlimited.

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**Sargent Cycle Products:** This looker is for go every bit as much as for show, so a saddle upgrade was a must. Sargent's World Sport Seat for the Speed Triple is built on CarbonTec material for a light and precise fit and gets a Super Cell Atomic Foam suspension. We opted for CarbonFX inserts and also took advantage of the color-coordinated welt option to really set our custom ride apart. In addition to having us sitting pretty, all hardware is meticulously engineered, making the seat a snap to install.

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**Clear Alternatives:** Clear certainly isn't the only alternative offered by this light manufacturer: we've opted for Clear Alternatives integrated taillight in smoke, but depending on application you can get this flashy add-on in blue, red, green, yellow and orange — not to mention clear. Our light set us back a mere \$94.99 and integrates the turn signals and brake light into one neat package.

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**ABM Fahrzeugtechnik GmbH:** Say what? Okay, pronouncing ABM's full name is a bit on the tricky side, but choosing this German company's bars was a snap. We picked up their oversize handlebar kit with risers in black. But the customized bar options don't end there as ABM offers a wide range of handlebar styles in a full array of color options. You don't even need to order the bars *auf Deutsch*, as Spiegler Performance carries the line here in the U.S.!

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**Skidmarx:** From *Deutschland* we skip back across to the U.K. for a look at the Skidmarx carbon fiber rear hugger. Skidmarx's huggers are styled to enhance the look of a bike while offering under body, shock and linkage protection. In addition to the ultimate carbon fiber option seen here, they are also available in GRP (glass reinforced plastic) in black, red, white and yellow. However, you don't have to hop the pond to get yours, Stateside you can contact Streetfighters By Design to order up a batch of these pretty and practical fender/chain guard combos.

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**Competition Werkes:** The original Fender Eliminator Kit a.k.a the "Trick Kit" was created by Competition Werkes back in 1984 and has grown in popularity over the years to become the number one selling Fender Eliminator Kit. All Competition Werkes Fender Eliminator Kits are made from quality stainless steel, and come complete with all mounting hardware and instructions. The Triumph Speed Triple iteration rings in right at \$149.95.

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**Blackstone Tek:** Perhaps the best bit of carbon fiber bling comes in the form of our sweet BST rims all the way from South Africa. Not just another set of glossy lookers, BST wheels offer a significant weight savings in both the rim and the spokes which the company says lowers the moment of inertia for better and lighter handling as well as quicker response to the rider's commands, faster acceleration and quicker braking. Fortunately dealers don't have to go to the Republic Of South Africa for these beauties — even though they are well worth the trip — just contact MotoWheels.

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**Continental Tires:** Last but certainly not least, our project sportbike is rounded out by Continental's ultra-high performance, street-legal ContiRace Attack. This tire is aimed at riders of supersport bikes who race and regularly attend track days. The tire features Continental's Continuous-Compound technology which utilizes a single compound that through a temperature controlled curing process delivers the benefits of a dual-compound tire without the abrupt transition between the different compounds. The innovative tread pattern was adapted from the Attack family designed to optimize the absorption of lateral forces to reduce tire wear, and the quick warming tire also offers the absolute maximum of slick area allowable for more control and grip.

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