

GEAR

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TOOL TIME

As a rule, we motorcyclists like to wrench on our bikes. Whether you set-up shop under a shadetree or you've got a four-car garage, there's bound to be something in this *Gear* spread that you'll need for your next project.

1 HEALTECH OBD TOOL

The sophisticated electronics systems on today's motorcycles are amazing—until they malfunction. With Healtech's OBD (On-Board Diagnostic) tool you can communicate directly with your bike's ECU to pinpoint the problem yourself, saving money and a trip to the dealer. The OBD is available for Hondas and Suzukis, and at \$219.99 offers a tremendous cost savings compared to the factory original—Honda's tool sells for \$2,300! OBD tools for other manufacturers are said to be in development. www.healtech-electronics.com

2 KOBALT TOOLKIT

This 27-piece toolkit accommodates almost every fastener on your bike, whether it's a Harley-Davidson or a Hayabusa. The sockets in the Extreme Access kit have a pass-through, low-profile design that eliminates the need for separate shallow and deep sockets. The splined sockets work on both SAE and metric nuts and bolts as well as star, square and rounded-off fasteners. The kit includes common metric and SAE sizes, several adapters and various screwdriver heads for a mere \$24.97. www.lowes.com

3 EMS BOOK

How to Tune and Modify Motorcycle Engine Management Systems begins with an in-depth study of the electronic fuel and ignition systems on today's motorcycles, then explains how to modify them for increased performance and efficiency. This 192-page book sells for \$29.99 and includes sections on aftermarket fuel controllers, tuning, dyno testing and troubleshooting, all explained in simple language. It's perfect for the home mechanic or tuner, and you don't need a degree in electronics to benefit from it! www.motorbooks.com

4 G-FLOOR COVERINGS

Give your garage or workshop a professional appearance with G-Floor tiles starting at \$3.64 per square foot. The panels are adhesive-backed for easy installation and can conform to uneven surfaces, providing an attractive, protective floor covering in your choice of 12 colors. Made in the USA from virgin vinyl, G-Floor coverings boast a tough, gloss finish that's gas- and oil-resistant, and unlike competitors' interlocking panels, fluid can't seep under the tiles to ruin your floor. The ideal garage upgrade. www.bitllc.com

