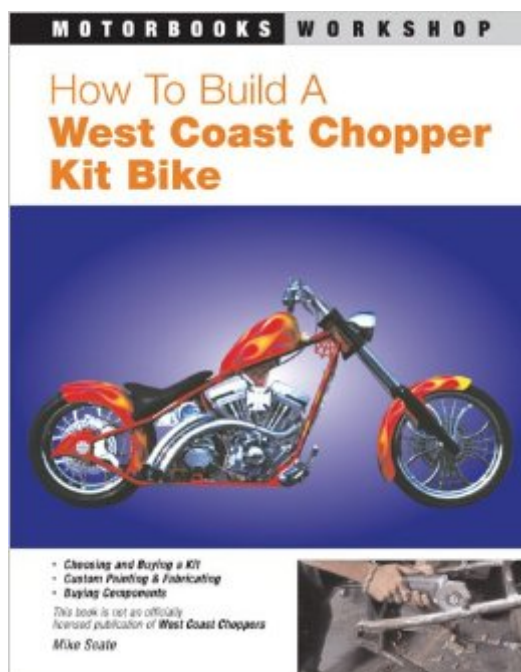


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# How To Build A West Coast Chopper Kit Bike (Motorbooks Workshop)



## Synopsis

This book presents a step-by-step guide to building a West Coast Chopper's C.F.L. kit. Kit choppers are hot commodities. While few people can afford to buy a custom-built chopper from one of the high-end builders like Jesse James-bikes that often sell for \$100,000 or more-many can afford to buy such bikes in kit form. Because of this, all the high-end builders sell their creations in kit form. For example, while Jesse James might build perhaps a dozen custom bikes per year, he sells hundreds of chopper kits. The same is true of any number of other builders like Matt Hotch, Cyril Huze, and Paul Yaffe. Authored by Mike Seate and featuring the photography of Joe Appel, this book is a step-by-step how-to guide for anyone building a kit chopper.

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Is having a WCC frame REALLY that important to you? Ready to spend \$35,000+ on a WCC replica??? This book implies that it will show you how to build a WCC clone. First, the title is misleading. The guy doesn't build a WCC "kit bike" (WCC NEVER offered a "kit bike")...he PIECES a VERY EXPENSIVE (about \$34,000 in parts) "home-built" WCC together by buying a genuine WCC frame from the Custom Chrome catalog along with some WCC parts (tank, fenders, Magnum 44 handlebar risers) directly from the now defunct WCC Long Beach shop, and some non-WCC parts from various vendors (an El Bruto motor, a Perse fork assembly, Weld wheels, etc). Furthermore, the guy doing the build is a professional builder doing the build in his shop. If you've

NEVER built an MC and buy this book thinking it will walk you through the entire process, including all the intricate details, then be prepared to get totally frustrated when you run into problems and don't have a CLUE on what to do next. In plain English: if you have NEVER built a bike before and plan to use this book as a how-to assembly manual for building your own WCC replica, DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK. Again, this is NOT a step-by-step assembly manual; it's really nothing more than a general overview. A summary. As a result, the bike building process is glossed over VERY quickly & simply. There is no "meat." Can you say "broad brush-stroke"? The author implies that "how-to" instructions are included with the various parts (i.e. fork, tranny, primary drive, etc) and therefore, does not cover any part of the assembly process with any depth. It only gives you the big picture with very little/no detail. For example, he says getting a wiring harness makes doing the electrical connections much easier, and if you get stuck, take the bike to an H-D dealer! How's that for "how-to"???

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