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# Donny's Unauthorized Technical Guide To Harley-Davidson, 1936 To Present: Volume V: Part II Of II—The Shovelhead: 1966 To 1985





## Synopsis

In this second part of his fifth volume on Harley-Davidsons motorcycles, Donny Petersen, who studied privately with Harley-Davidson engineers, shares practical knowledge and streetwise tips on the Shovelhead motorcycle. Donny presents what Harley-Davidson has to say through the myriad of service bulletins back in the day in everyday language. He also uses his extensive practical experience to constructively critique the official line, offers additional hard-earned information, and then shares what he does to his own bikes. He provides â ¢ solutions to fix the Shovelheadâ <sup>™</sup>s teething problems; ⠢ Harleyâ <sup>™</sup>s responses to ongoing problematic aspects of vibration, as well as the aftermarketâ <sup>™</sup>s cures; ⠢ tips on working with the Shovelheadâ <sup>™</sup>s carburetors and five ignitions; starter and charging systems, electrical switches, circuit breakers, and relays; and â ¢ best practices for lubrication, as well as the progression of front forks and shocks, brakes, wheels, and tires. Written in straightforward language, this guide offers step-by-step instructions to help all levels of enthusiasts, from novices to expert mechanics. In his usual forthright manner, Donny makes technical issues understandable, interspersing explanations with entertaining stories about the lifestyle that comes with being a Harley rider.

### **Book Information**

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Donny Petersen established and operated Heavy Duty Cycles in Canada from 1974 to 2010; his monthly column, "Techline," has appeared in American Iron Magazine since 1992. Instructed privately by Harley-Davidson engineers, he has taught mechanics, designed tech-school curricula, and authored mechanic-licensing examinations. He lives in Toronto.

Donny is a very bright guy and knows as much about Harleys as anyone. Having read several of his books those qualities stand out. Now for the bad,,,,reading his books is somewhat the ordeal of conversing with someone who had severe ADD. An explosion of slightly interconnected ideas branching out like a 4th of July fireworks show, illuminating briefly and then gone. I consider him to be the number 2 technical writer practicing today, but lord he needs a pistol packing editor.

Donny is an intelligent and creative thinker with YEARS of experience behind everything he says and it shows in this (and the whole series of) book(s). Even if you're not a wrench looking for technical how-to info the history lesson alone is worth the price of admission. If you want to know EVERYTHING Harley, and I mean EVERYTHING, I think only Willie himself could tell you more (and I'm not even sure about that - Donny might very well know more).

Lots of great info. My go to reference book on all things Shovel head.

Bought the book for my dad, he said it has helped him tremendously on fixing up his motorcycle. Would buy from seller again

Superb book. This is not a manual but a cornucopia of very detailed information. Read it as a book and keep it handy. I've wrenched for many years and have never read anything quite like it. I'm buying its companion volumes too.

Awesome book, I have read 3of his and all have great Information. I will buy more of his books if available.

Great info for the Shovelhead owners.

Love these books! If you need info on Shovelheads or just are a fan you need these books.

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