Honda Pacific Coast PC800 links and information

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This page contains a collection of links and information organized in a way that makes sense to me. I did this for my own benefit and organized it as such. This is not a complete or exhaustive list, just a way for me to organize some information.

NOTE NOTE NOTE: The absolute best place to go for answers to your questions is the <u>IPCRC</u>. It is absolutely the best online community dedicated to a specific motorcycle (our beloved PC800s!) that I have ever heard of or been a part of. Without all of the wonderful people on the IPCRC, 99.999% of the information on this page wouldn't be available and I probably wouldn't have bought a PC800. If you own a PC800 and want to be part of a great community, consider signing up for the IPCRC, saying hello, asking a question, and answering one or two questions, too. It is well worth your while!

Why Do We Love Our PC800s?

This question gets asked with some frequency. Each of us has our own, special reason for loving the PC800 from the stylish, futuristic looks to the trunk that can easily hold two cases of beer plus ice. As I run across answers to this question and answers to why people are seeking out PC800s with increasing frequency, I will post them in this section.

- <u>The Saab of motorcycles</u>: I think the title says it all. Even <u>someone</u> who used to work for Saab in Great Brittan thinks this is accurate.
- <u>The IPCRC</u>: As I stated in the note up above, this group is the best motorcycle-specific (and probably the best general motorcycle) commwiunity I have ever been a part of or even heard of. If you have a PC or when you buy one, pop on over to the IPCRC to say hello. In a pinch, <u>someone will come and help</u> you.
- <u>Light Sport Tourer</u>: Our bikes are light compared to a Goldwing. Plus smaller riders can flat foot a PC much easier than other sport touring bikes. And then there's the anti-Harley factor.
- Just Because: Some people buy a PC just because... Just because of a lot of reasons!
- <u>Why One PC800 isn't Enough</u>: Leland owns a total of four PC's. And he has very good reasons for owning each of them! I wonder how each of those PCs feels knowing the love affair he has with the others.
- <u>An in-depth analysis of the PC800</u>: Everything you ever wanted to know about why the PC800 is awesome.
- <u>The Prius of Motorcycles</u>: One IPCRCer sees the PC as the Prius of motorcycles. He also likes the ample trunk room.
- <u>Because they are Amazing</u>: This IPCRCer loves the versatility and the PC's abilities at high speeds.

General Info Websites

• <u>Internet Pacific Coast Riders Club</u>: The best mailing list for English speakers who are interested in the PC800. Any question can be answered if asked nicely.

- <u>Directory of All Known PC800 Websites in the Universe</u>: A site maintained by the god of PC800s, Leland Sheppard.
- <u>PC800s for sale and wanted</u>: A list of all known PC800s for sale and people who want them.

Manuals and Parts Lists

- <u>Owners Manual</u>: The original owners manual that came with the PC.
- <u>PC 800 Parts List Microfiche</u>: For all those parts that you might need to buy.
- <u>Honda Service Manual</u>: The shop manual for PC's. It is highly recommended you get your own paper copy and only use this as a reference.

Miscellaneous Links

- <u>Honda Pacific Coast Commercial</u>: One of the original PC800 commercials that Honda produced for the bike's release.
- Estimating Long Motorcycle Trip Expenses: A good little write-up to get you thinking about the costs involved with doing long-distance motorcycle touring.
- Cack: The most famous PC800 on the planet ridden by Vermin, his kids, and other maniacs. The level of maintenance negligence that Vermin achieves just goes to show how resilient and robust the PC really is.
 - Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Negligence: Cack, Vermin, and Drifter head for the Southwest. Drifter also has an <u>account of the ride</u>.
 - <u>The Grapes of Rat</u>: Vermin and Dollbaby take Cack from San Diego to Anchorage and almost get eaten by "Gristle Bears."
 - <u>CACK Comes Back</u>: Several riders help Vermin out by bringing Cack back from Anchorage to San Diego. They only dumped the bike a couple of times.
 - <u>Age Against the Machine: Cack Conckers Copper Canyon</u>: Vermin solos with Cack into Copper Canyon and discovers that the charging system on the PC800 can be temperamental.
 - <u>The Cack Chronicles</u>: Vermin is in the beginning stages of writing a graphic novel or book about his adventures with Cack.
 - Cack on RatBikes: Cack makes an early appearance on RatBikes.com
 - <u>Cackin' It</u>: A rider from England tries to tame the beast that is Cack. Cack has other plans.
- T-shirts, Buttons, Posters, and Other PC800-Related Kitsch
 - <u>Autumn Riders</u>: Embroidered shirts, hats, and t-shirts with PC800 themes.
 - <u>High Tech Tees</u>: A PC800 member has a t-shirt business and produces some nice-looking PC800 shirts.
- <u>PC800 Engine Dynojet</u>: A nice graphic to show you where the power curves on the PC's engine are. Remember: Your power starts at 3000 RPM and ends around 7000 RPM.
- What RPM to Shift at: There are a <u>range of opinions</u> on when to shift between gears.
- Loud Pipes on a PC800: One IPCRCer who is a member of a local ABATE chapter figured out how to keep up with the Harley riders and their loud pipes.
- Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man: This movie had a PC800 make an appearance. It was slightly modified to be a "futuristic" cop bike. <u>This link</u> shows the relevant clip. I hear that the rest of the movie isn't that great.
- <u>Original OEM Optional Parts</u>: There were a number of original parts that could be bought from Honda to dress up the PC800. None are available from Honda anymore but alternative sources for some exist.
- Lemmings Non Sumus: The legendary patch is back in a limited run (as of Oct 22nd, 2010).

Get it before it's gone!

• <u>How to Make Your Own Seafoam</u>: A recipe to brew your own if you can't find any in your town. Seafoam is great for cleaning out carbs. Add some to your gas tank and magic will happen!

Gear that I Use, Like, or Have Modified and Companies I Like

- <u>Helmet Soundproofing</u>: This didn't end up working as well as just getting a taller windshield. Although it has helped me get some really funny looks at gas stations and on the highway.
- <u>Super Visor</u>: A superb product that helps keep the sun out of my eyes and off my face.
- <u>Warm n Safe:</u> I personally bought a dual permanent mount heat troller, some various wires, connectors and plugs, and heated socks from this company. The people are very nice, the product is good, and I haven't had any problems with the gear yet.
- <u>Gerbing</u>: I bought a pair of heated riding gloves from this company. The product has worked well enough. I wish though that someone, somewhere would make a glove with long enough thumbs for me.
- <u>New Enough</u>: This is pretty much the only place that I will buy riding gear from. Everything I've purchased from them has been exactly what I expected and the prices are very hard to beat.

General Information About the PC800

- <u>Usable Standard Fuel Tank Capacity</u>: 4.2 gallons according to a member who had to push his bike into a gas station. Search on this page for info on people who modified their bikes to hold much more gas.
- <u>Decoding Your VIN Number</u>: A handy guide to figure out just when your bike was made and where it was destined for.

Modifications/Additions/Farkles

Electrical System

- <u>Battery Cutoff Switch Mod</u>: A how-to for installing a marine-grade battery disconnect switch.
- <u>Heat Troller Installation</u>: Text describing how a heat troller was installed with a few photos.
- <u>Regulator/Rectifier Purchase</u>: Where a new high quality R/R can be bought.
- <u>Off-brand Regulator/Rectifier</u>: Turns out that the R/R in these photos is from a different bike. It worked on mine but I decided to go back to an R/R designed for the PC800.
- <u>Cigarette Lighter</u>: How to install a cigarette lighter in the left glove box.
- <u>Battery Tender Harness</u>: Photos and text about installing a Battery Tender Jr harness.
- <u>Auxiliary Fuse Block Install</u>: A how-to for installing an auxiliary fuse block.
- <u>Voltage Meters</u>: Two different voltage meters on the PC to keep the electrical charging system under close scrutiny.
- Driving Lights: Even with the weak electrical system of the PC800, many people have added driving lights for better nighttime visibility.
 - <u>Vision-X Solstice Spot 10</u>: A small 10 watt LED bulb can produce a heck of a lot of light. There are several different <u>beam widths and color choices</u>. Many places sell them as <u>"boat lights."</u>
 - <u>Magicshine 900</u>: Another LED lamp usually used for mountain biking. I use one on

my mountain bike and have been contemplating adapting it for the PC. The price is right. The wiring (internal stuff on a circuit board) looks like it might be tricky.

- Many, many other options exist. Please send me information on any that you know about that work well with the PC!
- Horns: Lots of options exist to upgrade the puny stock horn on the PC800.
 - Stebel Nautilus Compact Air Horn: This horn is SUPER LOUD. <u>I installed one</u> and I can attest to it working wonderfully. Look in the <u>Files section</u> of the IPCRC for "Stebel Compact Install.pdf"
 - Honda Low-tone Horn: A low-tone horn exists that can be bought as an OEM part (38120-MR5-661) to compliment the high-tone horn included on the PC. Note that some international versions (European) of the PC already have the low tone installed while the US version does not. <u>One IPCRC'er</u> from New Zealand found a Honda low tone horn to fit in the blank horn spot on his PC at an auto breaker.
 - <u>Hella TE16 Dual Horns</u>: Small enough to potentially fit in the stock horn location on the PC. An IPCRC member is <u>investigating this</u>.
 - <u>WOLO Brand Air Horn</u>: Dean from the IPCRC list has had these air horns installed on his PC since 2001 and loves them.
 - <u>FIAMM El Grande Air Horn</u>: Some people from the IPCRC have installed these compact air horns on their bikes with good results.
 - <u>Dual Air Horns</u>: an IPCRCer installed dual air horns behind the fairing next to the mirrors on his PC. It must produce quite the racket when he sounds his horn.
- Garage Door Opener: An IPCRCer hacked a garage door opener into his handle bars.
- Batteries: What battery you put in your PC might matter.
 - AMG Battery: It goes under other names such as Big Crank. Some <u>PC owners</u> use <u>this battery</u>. Don't know how long it will last.
 - Yuasa Battery: I believe this was the original OEM battery for the PC. They are supposed to last a <u>long</u>, <u>long time</u> if <u>taken care of properly</u>. Someday when my battery dies, I will probably buy one of these.
 - Ever Start Battery: WalMart carries this one. I have heard of a few people using it but <u>don't know</u> about the reliability.
 - REMEMBER!!! Use a battery tender if you want your battery to live longer. That's my experience, anyway.
 - REMEMBER!!! It's a <u>bad idea</u> to have a lead acid battery in your PC. Find a sealed gel battery.
 - <u>Gel Batteries</u>: Some people report extremely long lifespans for their gel batteries.
- Headlights: There are a couple of options for headlight bulbs on the PC. It seems that people are split between using the stock bulb and using a higher-powered bulb. The higher-powered options need a custom harness so that enough power can be sent to the bulb without burning out the PC's wiring.
 - <u>Sylvania Bulb</u>: This bulb is supposed to greatly increase your peripheral vision at night.
 - <u>High Output Headlight Harness</u>: This might get a few extra lumens out of your existing headlight bulb. You also need it if you are going to install a higher wattage bulb. There's <u>another high-output</u> harness available as well.
 - <u>Higher Spec, Same Wattage Bulb</u>: If you can find one, it might be a better idea to go with a higher spec bulb than bumping up the wattage. It's possible that you'll melt the plastic light housing and lens or burn out wiring if you put too much wattage into the headlight.
 - <u>HID Light</u>: It will be much brighter! But it could melt some plastic and might strain your electrical system.

- Trunk Light: Without a light, our trunks can be dark, cavernous holes.
 - OEM Trunk Light: Honda made a trunk light that was wired to a switch. They aren't available anymore although once in a while you'll see one floating around. Some people had trouble with the switches dieing which would result in the battery being drained.
 - <u>Stick-On Lights</u>: Many <u>people</u> have put stick-on lights that can be bought at just about any home improvement store into their trunks. They are battery powered and need only be pressed to turn on.
 - <u>OEM Light with Custom Switch</u>: One IPCRCer used the OEM lights for the trunk with a mercury switch to regulate when they turn on and off.
- Brake, Turn Signal, and Running Lights
 - <u>Tail Light Running Light Modification</u>: To get more rear visibility at night, you can do a mod to turn the turn signals into running lights. The kit comes from <u>Electrical</u> <u>Connections</u>.
 - <u>LED Light Bar</u>: Some IPCRC people have really been enjoying this particular light bar addition.
 - LED Turn Signals and Brake Lights: This is something I've been considering for a while. At least <u>one person</u> is taking the plunge already. <u>Another already has</u>. Remember that you need to figure out how to either remove the self-canceling turn signal module from the loop or you will have to add resistors so that it still sees the same load. Otherwise I am told that module will burn out. And it is expensive to replace! I will compile a better list of resources for this eventually. Until then <u>this</u>, <u>this</u>, and <u>this</u> might be useful.
- <u>Poorman's Engine Kill Switch</u>: One enterprising PCer used a cheap readily available RadioShack rocker switch in place of Mother Honda's OEM engine kill switch. He had some difficulties at first but it works now. Most PCers will probably want to go with OEM but if you're feeling adventurous, give this a try!
- <u>Fan Bypass Switch</u>: One PCer installed a bypass switch so the radiator fan can be turned on manually in case of temperature sensor failure or other thermal problems.

Windshield

- <u>Clearview</u>: It seems most PC owners think that Clearview produces the best aftermarket windshield. I recently upgraded to a +5 on my bike after having a +3 for about 5000 miles. Upgrading to the taller windshield helped to reduce wind buffeting on my helmet (I'm 6'3"). If you're under 6'2" you can probably be fine with a +3. The Goldwing-style vent is good for hot summer riding. My new windshield has one and I like it. Just be mindful of the occasional bee.
- <u>Rifle</u>: Some PC owners use this windshield. I have been told it is cheaper and less sturdy than the Clearview.
- Laminar Lip: You can add one of these to an existing windshield to have adjustable height. The one you can order from their website only fits stock windshields but they also have a version for Clearview windshields. Call them on the phone if you want the model for your Clearview.
- Goldwing Windshield: Don't know much about this option but I've heard one or two people say that they've converted a Goldwing windshield for use on a PC. Try asking on the IPCRC for more details.
- <u>Windscreen Spoiler</u>: Someone mentioned this product to help with buffeting problems. I'm not sure if anyone has actually used it on a PC or not.
- <u>7JuRock</u>: Another windshield manufacturer that makes aftermarket PC windshields. I don't know if anyone is riding with a shield from this company or not.

- <u>Cee Baileys</u>: Another company that makes PC800 windshields. I don't know much about this company but obviously someone must buy shields from them.
- <u>How-To Reinstall a Windshield</u>: An outstanding writeup of how to reinstall your windshield.

Handlebars

- <u>Bar Risers</u>: There is a company who makes bar risers specifically for the PC. I installed them on my bike and absolutely love them.
 - <u>Another guide to installing bar risers</u>: Jim put together a good guide for installing the risers and was the first person to test out the GenMar bar risers.
 - <u>GenMar Mfg</u>: The company that makes the risers. They have them for sale direct from the company. This is the way I ordered mine.
 - <u>Twisted Throttle</u>: They sell the risers.
 - <u>Cycle Solutions</u>: They also sell the risers.
 - <u>Non-PC bar risers</u>: Another person has also had good luck with a set of bar risers NOT made for PCs.
 - <u>Cheap Bar Risers</u>: One IPCRCer's way of raising up his bars.
 - Longer Key: How one person got a longer key so that it's easy to use the key lock again.
 - <u>Alternate Key Blank</u>: A blank that is longer. You will need to grind off the sides of the blank however.
- <u>Grip Puppies</u>: A sure-fire way to make the small grips on the PC suddenly feel normal sized again. They slip on over your existing grips and are easily removable.
- Sunline Grand Tour Grips: An after market grip that many IPCRCers like.
- Cruise Controls and Throttle Locks: There are several options for relieving that right wrist pain.
 - <u>Audiovox CCS 100 Cruise Control</u>: A guide on how to setup the Audiovox CCS 100 cruise control on the PC. Lots of people have these. I plan to do this at some point when money and time permit.
 - Vista Cruise Throttle Lock: <u>Many</u> people have these installed including me. They lock the throttle in one position for very constant road grades and momentary cramp relief. I also use mine to help reduce fatigue in more varied terrain. There is some good info <u>here</u> about installing them.

Rear Racks, Top Boxes, and Other Luggage

- <u>Athena's Trunk Bags</u>: The BEST bags one can find for our PC trunks. I'm <u>not the only one</u> that thinks this, either. It sounds like she has stopped production. Can't hurt to contact her though.
- <u>Sears Brand Motorcycle Top Case</u>: A bunch of people on the IPCRC have lately been picking up the large version of this trunk. For about \$60 shipped you can get a decent quality top case to mount on any existing rear rack. If you are logged into your Yahoo account and are a member of the IPCRC, check out how one IPCRC member <u>painted his top case</u>.
- SHAD Motorcycle Top Case: Some IPCRCers like this case.
- Rear Racks: There isn't anyone commercially producing a rear rack for the PC at the moment but some people are working on home-brewed setups.
 - Givi SR-10: Givi used to produce a rear rack for the PC that interfaced with Givi luggage. The main complaint people have with it (aside from it not being produced anymore!) is that it blocks use of the passenger seat grips. This can make it hard to put the bike on the center stand and takes away the hand holds from your passenger.

If you see one for sale on E-Bay (pretty rare), it will go for more than \$200. In case you happen to have one, <u>here are instructions</u> for mounting the SR-10 to a PC. (Note: you have to be logged into your Yahoo account and be a member of the IPCRC to see the link.)

- <u>Givi SR-10 Group Buy</u>: Jeff on the IPCRC is trying to coordinate a group buy with Givi to get the SR-10 back into production. It requires 100 people to sign up for a rack to make the deal happen. Talk to Jeff for more details.
- Givi F1000 Universal Rack: Yes, <u>this rack fits!</u> Some are currently using it with good success. It isn't as nice as the purpose-built Givi rack that is no longer in production but it will work. In spite of what Givi says, it does fit. And it's available.
- <u>Reid Rack</u>: An IPCRC member used to make "Reid Racks" that attach to the optional Hondaline passenger backrest. It seems he is no longer in the rear rack business. Very rarely you might see one of these for sale. Some people think that this design isn't very safe for large loads because it is cantilevered off of the passenger backrest. However, it does keep the passenger hand holds free. (Note: you have to be logged into your Yahoo account and be a member of the IPCRC to see the link.)
- <u>Bent Sheet Metal Rear Rack</u>: Don't have too much information on this one other than that the person who owns it bought it from someone on E-Bay who had made it as a one-off for his bike. I am told that it is made out of sheet metal and is quite substantial. (Note: you have to be logged into your Yahoo account and be a member of the IPCRC to see the link.)
- <u>Nonfango Rear Rack</u>: Every once in a great while I will see one of these racks on E-Bay. Some people use them but I don't have much information on them. They look an awful lot like the Givi SR-10 rack. (Note: you have to be logged into your Yahoo account and be a member of the IPCRC to see the link.)
- Dan Birell Rack: No longer in production as far as the IPCRC can tell. One every once in a great while comes up for sale somewhere.
- <u>Landsberger Rack</u>: Like the Reid Rack but made of epoxy coated steel. One or two might be floating around for sale. It is too small for a top case but big enough to bungee some gear onto.
- <u>Mike's Home-Made Rack</u>: A home-made rack that turned out pretty well. It holds a GIVI top case. Photos of it are available <u>here</u>.
- <u>Bicycle Carrier</u>: One IPCRC member made a pretty cool bicycle rack for their PC. It mounts onto a rear rack. (Note: you have to be logged into your Yahoo account and be a member of the IPCRC to see the link.)
- <u>Bike Rack</u>: A company makes purpose-built bike racks. Also golf club/bag racks. Considering all of the outlandish things us PCers haul on our bikes, this might come in handy for a few people.
- Tank Bags and Glove Boxes: Several options exist for putting a bag on the tank or between the handle bars.
 - <u>Glovebox/Handlebar Bag</u>: An enterprising IPCRC member created a do-it-yourself glovebox kit. I believe it is no longer produced but sometimes they come up used. <u>This post</u> on the IPCRC has more information. (Note: you have to be logged into your Yahoo account and be a member of the IPCRC to see the link.)
 - <u>Glovebox/Handlebar Bag REDUX</u>: Athena of Athena's Trunkbags fame is considering reproducing the handlebar/tank bags of old for the PC800 community.
 - <u>RKA Luggage Tank Bag</u>: One IPCRCer has had very good luck using the <u>IN-Charge</u> series of tank bags on his PC.
 - <u>Bagster Tank Bag</u>: Another IPCRCer loves the Bagster brand tank bag enough to have one for each of his PCs.
 - Joe Rocket Mantra Tank Bag: Yet another IPCRCer has been using a Mantra tank bag

for quite some time with very good results.

- <u>Magnetic tank bags</u>: Someone put magnetic material on the underside of his top shelter so that he could have a magnetic tank bag. It sounds like it works pretty well!
- <u>Bicycle Bag Conversion</u>: Re-purposing other things for PC purposes. Seems to work well for this PCer.
- <u>Magnets for Magnetic Tank Bags</u>: Yet another PC owner who glued magnets under his faux gas tank cover.
- <u>Givi Top Case Brake Light Instructions</u>: Some instructions and photos of how to mount lights into your Givi box with PC-specific information for wiring the top box into your brake light system. (Note: you have to be logged into your Yahoo account and be a member of the IPCRC to see the link.)
- <u>RKA Passenger Seat Luggage</u>: One IPCRCer loves his RKA passenger seat luggage. It's big enough to hold a full face helmet but still is unobtrusive.
- <u>Bikers Friend Bags</u>: At least one <u>'96 PC800</u> sports a bag from this company. It looks like it would work well on the PC as a driver backrest when no passenger is being carried. Might be a bit of a challenge though to throw your leg over it.

Trailer Hitches

- <u>Home-Made Hitch</u>: One IPCRCer recently made his own hitch. <u>Contact him</u> to get more details. He mentioned in another post that he might have a shop lined up to build them for people.
- Do you have more info on hitch options? Then please send it to me!

Tires and Accessories

- All the Tire Info You Will Ever Need: Every PC owner has their own preference for tires. Hopefully some of these links will help you decide.
 - <u>Tire Size</u>: The linked post has the tire size info that you'll need in your quest for tires.
 - <u>Tire Info for Dunlop and Metzler</u>: If the link doesn't work, go to the "Files" section of the IPCRC site and search for "Tire Information."
 - Dunlop: The original stock tires for the PC. Some people complain of poor handling on grooved pavement and general crack-following. Other people really love this tire.
 - Metzler: The other main-stream option for the PC. Many people think this tire handles better on grooved pavement. Some people say that the tires "chirp" when cornering. This is the brand I use on my PC simply because that's what was on the bike when I bought it.
 - The Dark Side: Car and other non-motorcycle-specific tires. Note that there is a real debate amongst the PC community over if car tires are a good idea or not.
 - <u>BF Goodrich Radial Car Tire</u>: Some people have switched over to this car tire that happens to fit the PC. More info on this tire: <u>Link 1 Link 2</u>. Some are <u>reporting very good life</u> and handling.
 - <u>Bridgestone and Kenda</u>: Two different tires that look the same and fit on the rear. <u>One person</u> uses a Bridgestone Battleaxe mounted reversed on the front, too. Another has been using a Kenda with <u>good luck</u>.
 - <u>Shinko Tire</u>: This company makes a <u>rear tire</u> that some <u>IPCRCers</u> are running with <u>good success</u>. 8k miles per rear tire is currently being reported. They even <u>fit the '89 trunks</u>.
 - <u>Michelin Anakee Tires</u>: One or two people have used these tires although they are reported to have cupping problems after 4-8k miles.

- <u>Mixing Tires</u>: Some people run different types of tires front and rear.
- <u>IRC Wild Flare</u>: One person installed one of these on the front with good results after 1800 miles. Another person had <u>bad cupping</u> on the same tire after 6000 miles.
- <u>Tire Age Codes:</u> Important stuff to check to make sure you don't end up sliding down the highway due to old rubber.
- <u>Avon Universal Tire</u>: An option for the front tire. One <u>IPCRCer</u> reports good luck with them. So does <u>another</u>.
- <u>Air Compressor</u>: I installed a permanently-mounted (I hope!) air compressor on my PC to pump up tires on the go. Hopefully I never ever have to use it.
- Tire Balancing: If you feel like doing your own tire balancing, there are a couple of options that IPCRCers use.
 - <u>Dyna Beads</u>: These and very similar products also go by other names. Some people get creative and use <u>airsoft BBs</u>. Basically, you put a bunch of very small beads in your tire. The beads automatically balance the tire as you ride. Some people have problems with the beads clumping. However, there are <u>ways around</u> the clumping issue. They are also difficult to get into the tire. The benefit is that you don't have to balance your tire. Also the tire will always be balanced as it wears. Some report though that if you go over about 70 mph, the tires <u>won't balance properly</u> anymore.
 - <u>How to Balance Your Own Tires</u>: A fellow IPCRCer recommended this link to learn a little bit about balancing my own tires. Other IPCRCers also <u>chimed in</u> with <u>good</u> <u>advice</u>. And more <u>good advice</u>.
 - Stick-On Lead: The conventional way to balance your tires is to use stick-on lead. The local independent shop near me uses that method as do many IPCRCers.

Brakes and Clutch

- Braided Steel Clutch and Brake Lines
 - <u>Brake and Clutch Steel Lines</u>: An IPCRC member got a <u>company</u> in Canada to start producing steel braided lines for most PCs. I believe the 94-95 PCs still aren't covered but eventually they will have lines available too. The price is quite reasonable.
 - <u>Spiegler Stainless Steel Lines</u>: Another company that makes brake lines out of braided stainless steel. They have 90-98 PCs covered.
 - <u>Paragon Performance Steel Lines</u>: Yet another company that makes or made at some point in time braided stainless steel lines.
 - Galfer USA: Another company that does stainless steel lines for the PC.
 - <u>Steel Lines Installed</u>: A photo gallery of a 1990 PC800 ("MrT") with steel brake lines installed.
 - <u>G&J Steel Brake and Clutch Lines</u>: Another source for good stainless steel brake and clutch lines. Note that <u>G&J</u> is in California, not Canada. (Thanks Chris for pointing that out!)
- <u>Rear Brake Petal Adjustment</u>: Here is a way to adjust when your rear brake petal engages your brake lights.

Fuel System

- Fuel Gauge Accuracy
 - <u>12-Step Guide to More Accurate Empty Readings</u>: One method of changing the position of the fuel float for better accuracy.
 - <u>330 ohm resistor fix</u>: **UPDATED** A how-to to add a 330 ohm resistor into the fuel

gauge electrical circuit. No modification of the float necessary! The original version is available <u>here in Dutch</u>. Thanks to Alfred for putting together both the Dutch and English-language versions. Look in the comments of this page for more info from Alfred. When I get the time, I'm going to implement this modification on my PC800.

- <u>Quick Guide to Float Adjustment</u>: A short guide on how to adjust the fuel float.
- <u>7.7 Gallon Gas Tank</u>: One intrepid IPCRCer modified his top shelter to add extra gas storage. He now can store 7.7 gallons rather than the stock storage capacity.
- <u>Fuel Injection for the PC800</u>: I am starting to work on converting my PC800 to have fuel injection. This is very much a WORK IN PROGRESS.

Seats and Backrests

- <u>Seat Opinions</u>: This is a recent thread on the IPCRC with people chiming in with their seat preferences. Personally, I ride with a stock seat and it's been fine for me on 1000+ mile rides.
- After Market Seats:
 - <u>Corbin</u>: Some people swear by these after market seats. Others find them uncomfortable. It's entirely up to your butt's preference.
 - <u>Rick Mayer Custom Seats</u>: The people who have these seats love them. However, some have had bad customer service and slow orders. If you go this route, buy a spare seat on E-Bay to use for the few months your seat is away being refinished.
 - <u>Mr Ed's Moto</u>: A business that's only 15 miles from where I live that does an excellent job with custom seats. If you happen to be in the area, he can usually have your seat turned around in a day if you come to his shop with your bike and hang out until it's done. This also allows you to test sit on it as he builds it up.
- Butt-Savers
 - <u>Butt Buffer</u>: Some IPCRC members think this is the only way to keep your butt happy on long rides. Search the IPCRC list or post a message to get details on proper sizing.
 - Air Hawk: At least one IPCRC member uses this cushion and loves it.
 - Longeride: Good things have been said about this cushion system. I don't know much about it though.
 - <u>Hunter Bunsaver</u>: A cheap alternative for a cushioned ride. Well, as long as you don't mind cammo.
 - <u>Toilet Lid Cover</u>: Using a toilet lid cover has worked very well for one IPCRC member. I've been thinking about trying this option out.
 - <u>Beaded Seat Cover</u>: One IPCRC member absolutely swears by using a beaded seat cover on his bike. He reports that it has worked great on his girlfriend's V-Strom, too.
 - <u>REI Cushion</u>: For \$30, this is a pretty good deal. One or two IPCRCers use it with good success.
- Other Ways of Saving Your Butt
 - <u>A Close Shave</u>: Some members of the IPCRC shave or trim their hair in certain key regions to eliminate butt burn.
 - <u>Cycling Shorts</u>: Many people (me included) wear cycling shorts under our riding gear to cut down on chafing and give a little extra cushion.
 - <u>Commando</u>: A few suggest going commando to relieve some of the problems of undergarments.
- Back Rests
 - Hondaline OEM Backrest: Honda made an OEM passenger backrest for the PC800.

They come up for sale on a semi-regular basis on E-Bay. My passengers love my Hondaline backrest. they say it makes the PC800 passenger seat feel even more like a throne. Also it appears that there might be a new OEM part number for the backrests and that they are <u>in production again</u>.

- <u>After market Backrest</u>: Apparently an IPCRC member used to make backrests. I don't have anymore info on this.
- <u>Utopia Products Driver and Passenger Backrests</u>: If your back hurts when you ride, your passenger wants a taller backrest, or you need to lash some luggage on the rear pylon, the Utopia solution might be what you need. One IPCRCer_loved his old one. Other IPCRCers report that passengers like them.
- <u>Back-A-Line</u>: Not a back rest but a back support you wear on your body. Some people have good luck with these.
- <u>Badger Cycle Backrest</u>: This company sells a backrest for the PC800. (Link goes to the IPCRC where there are more details)
- <u>After market Seat Covers</u>: If you need to re-cover your seat, at least one company makes a cover for the PC. Specialty custom seat shops can do it, too.

Highway Pegs

- <u>Mick-O-Pegs</u>: These are the pegs that I ride with. I absolutely love them. These are NOT like normal highway pegs. I find the position very comfortable. Others worry about them becoming the new low point to grind upon when doing sharp cornering. This is <u>my write-up</u> of my Mick-O-Pegs installation. Scott made a <u>great video</u> to show how to install them as well.
- <u>Traditional Pegs</u>: These are bolted to the crash bars and stick out like normal highway pegs. Were you to drop your bike, these pegs would be the first thing to contact.
- <u>Highway Boards</u>: A PCer came up with an interesting concept of using the passenger foot pegs as highway pegs. It <u>looks pretty slick</u>.
- <u>Valkyrie Pegs</u>: You can gain an extra half inch on the stock pegs in the stock peg position by buying a set of Valkyrie pegs and replacing the OEM pegs.
- <u>Kuryakyn Highway Peg Setup</u>: One IPCRCer figured out how to setup some Kuryakyn pegs on his PC.

Suspension, Steering, and Front End Stuff

- Tapered Roller Bearings: A great upgrade for your PC is a set of tapered roller bearings. <u>All-Balls</u> makes the bearing that most people use. <u>This post</u>, <u>this post</u>, <u>this post</u>, and <u>this</u> <u>post</u> from the IPCRC should get you pointed in the correct direction to do the job.
- Progressive Fork Springs: This will make your ride much more comfortable and more responsive. Do a Google search for these springs. They're pretty easy to find. People <u>absolutely LOVE</u> them.
- <u>Custom Fork Springs</u>: My bike came from the PO with some strange custom fork springs. There are two separate springs sitting on top of one another inside the forks. No one else on the IPCRC had ever seen this specific configuration before. It has worked for thousands of miles for me so I'm not going to mess with it.
- After Market Rear Shocks: <u>Progressive</u> and <u>Works</u> both make shocks that will fit the rear of our PCs.
- <u>St1100 Front End</u>: Someone hacked a ST1100 front end onto a PC. The trade brought updated front suspension and a larger tire to the PC. Don't know much else about this mod but it sounds pretty cool.
- <u>Front Fender Modification</u>: For a while Dan Birrell made custom kits to mount non-stock

front fenders on the PC. A few are still floating around. The intrepid do-it-yourself-er could probably fab up something like this in relatively short order.

- <u>Partial ST100 Front End</u>: Someone is <u>putting</u> the <u>lower bits</u> of an <u>ST1100 fork</u> and the ST1100 fender (also maybe the wheel) onto a PC.
- <u>Wheel Bearings</u>: It's best to get OEM bearings when yours start to get crunchy. With proper care and grease feeding, OEM bearings should last many, many miles.
- Fork Gaiters: If you want to protect your forks from rocks and such, there are fork gaiters available that will fit on our forks.

Helmet Locks and Helmet Storage

- <u>BarEnder Lock</u>: Goes on the end of the handle bar and replaces the handle bar weight. There are versions for pre-1990 and 1990+ PC800s. At least <u>one IPCRCer</u> likes this product.
- Cable Locks: The original helmet lock that came with the PC was a cable lock that threaded through the passenger grab bars. Many after market options are available. Some are not even motorcycle-specific.

Misc Farkles

- <u>Baker Built Air Wings</u>: Several PC riders use these air wings on their PCs to eliminate the hot air spilling onto their pants in the summer. I've also heard of people using one of the airwings meant for a Goldwing to keep air from puffing up the pant legs while riding.
- Pants Puffing Eliminator: One enterprising PCer <u>built his own</u> method of keeping cold air from puffing up his pant legs. It looks pretty easy. I might have to make my own set soon!
- <u>Canyondancer II Harness</u>: This is the preferred method of hauling a PC on or in another vehicle. Read <u>this thread</u> from the IPCRC for more info on how exactly to use it. Don't get the Mark I. Only <u>buy the Mark II</u>. Also note that you really should make your main attachment points be the front and rear crash bars (remove the plastics on them before attaching to them). <u>It's what Mother Honda wants</u>.
- <u>RAM Mounts</u>: A how-to video from Scott on how to install RAM mounts on your clutch and brake fluid reservoirs.
- <u>GPS RAM Mounting Guide</u>: This is a link to an IPCRC post about how to mount a GPS on the PC800 using the same processes that Scott did in his video.
- <u>Home-made GPS Mount</u>: A really nice setup that a member of the IPCRC did to mount his GPS front and center on the bike.
- Wong Wing: A top spoiler wing for the trunk of the PC. These are rare to come up for sale. If you have one mounted on your motorcycle, you can't generally use rear racks. But it does look pretty sharp! It appears that only <u>100 Wong Wings</u> were made in a job shop in Hong Kong. They were improvements to the very rare Hondaline Wings. There has been <u>some talk</u> of trying to get the job shop in Hong Kong to make another batch of wings. (Note: you have to be logged into your Yahoo account and be a member of the IPCRC to see the links.) It looks like it is <u>moving forward</u> slowly.
- <u>Lower Spoiler</u>: A lower spoiler was available from Hondaline. Every once in a great while one will pop up on the IPCRC or EBay. These are very rare.
- VT1100 Final Drive: Some people swapped in a VT1100 final drive for a while on their PCs for commuting. It results in lower revs at high speeds but makes it harder to start from a dead stop. This message and this message will get you started down that path. This message reports that after 30,000 miles and 3 years the VT1100 final drive has been performing admirably. This message gives some more technical details and specific VT1100 year requirements plus lots of other good information and experiences.

- <u>VT1100 Engine Swap</u>: A brave IPCRCer is planning to do a VT1100 engine swap. If it's successful, I will strongly consider doing the swap on my bike as well.
- <u>Flex-It Sidecar</u>: This is one sidecar option for the PC800. A few people really love their sidecars. Someone is just launching into the project.
- Heat Management: Some various thoughts on how to cool down the exhaust coming from the side vents that hits your legs in the summer.
 - <u>Heat Tape Wrap</u>: Some people think this is a good idea to wrap heat tape around the exhaust headers and some people don't.
 - <u>Ceramic Coating</u>: You can try putting a ceramic coating on your pipes for some heat relief.
 - <u>Results of Insulating the Pipes</u>: One IPCRCer tried insulating his pipes. The results were less than he had hoped for cooling but seemed to make the bike perform a bit better.
- <u>Dual Exhaust</u>: An IPCRCer is considering upgrading to dual exhaust. Stay tuned for more details as it progresses.
- <u>Modified Exhaust for Cooking while Driving</u>: Vermin is at it again. This time he gave CACK a new exhaust system that doubles as a canned corn cooker.
- <u>Trunk Mats</u>: People over the years have made trunk mats. A few scraps from a carpet shop should get you on your way.
- <u>Aftermarket CDI</u>: It seems that the aftermarket CDI boxes that show up on E-Bay are really only useful if you have a bike from a market that restricts horsepower. The North American bikes all seem to already have a stock de-restricted CDI.

Maintenance

Engine

- Cam Plugs: My cam plug Odyssey
 - <u>Tappet Trouble</u>: I screwed up my hydraulic tappets in the process of the cam plug job.
- Oil Leaks: Various oil leaks I've had and what I've had to do to try and fix the problem.
 - <u>Mystery Oil Leak on Left Side</u>: This leak has been resolved. I thought it was the cam plugs which were leaking and then the oil pump seal. It turned out to be the seal around the shifter.
 - <u>Mystery Oil Leak</u>: More of the left side oil leak. This was originally how I found it. It's all fixed now.
 - <u>Looking for oil leaks</u>: Still trying to track down where the oil is leaking from on the left side. This is all done and dusted now.
 - <u>Oil Leak that Masquerades as a Cam Plug Leak</u>: It's possible that you can have what looks like an oil leak from your cam seals if you have dropped your bike. Check the air filter box for built up oil.
- <u>Missing Hoses</u>: No, the PC isn't missing vacuum hoses. There are several vacuum ports that are not supposed to have anything connected.
- <u>Changing the Oil</u>: A great video put together by Scott on how to change your oil.
- <u>Air Filter Change</u>: Scott shows us how to change the air filter including removing the necessary plastics.
- <u>Fuel Filter</u>: Some have found that there is no reason to replace the fuel filter. Others have found the exact opposite. I believe it is more of a bike-to-bike issue. Some IPCRC members have had <u>good luck</u> with generic Goldwing filters that cost pennies on the dollar compared to the Hondaline part. Others find that the Goldwing filters <u>don't always fit</u>.

- <u>Leaking Head Gasket</u>: Andrea sent me a few pictures of a bike that had a leaking head gasket. After some TLC, it was back on the road again.
- <u>Connecting Rod Bearing</u>: Andrea also found a bad connecting rod bearing. A little bit of work and the bike lives to ride another day.
- <u>Choke Cable Replacement</u>: If your choke cable breaks, don't fret! It isn't too hard to replace.
- <u>Choke Cable Okay but not Working Properly</u>: If your choke cable is okay but it doesn't seem to help start the bike, you might have some clogged jets.
- Carburetor Maintenance: Several things you might need to do if your PC runs rough, idles incorrectly, won't rev beyond 2000 RPMs, or leaks a bunch of gas from the carbs or the carb drains
 - Carburetor Synchronization: Is your engine not smooth as silk? Does it not purr like a kitten? Then it might be time to synchronize your carbs. <u>This post</u> and <u>this post</u> are good guides for the job.
 - Carburetor Cleaning and Rebuilding: On the <u>IPCRC</u>, go to the "Files" section and look for the "<u>Tech. Info PC800</u>" folder. Inside that folder, search for "PC800 Carb Rebuild.doc" which will show you everything you need to do.
 - Carburetor Cleaning Without a Rebuild: Before completely rebuilding your carb, you might try <u>flushing it out with Techron</u>. It works very well for some people. I tried it and I definitely noticed a performance improvement. However, sometimes your carb is so gunked up, you have to rebuild it.
- Oil filters: The discerning PC owner has his or her own preference for oil filters. They range from the expensive but highly regarded OEM Hondaline filter to the cheap WalMart filter. There are pros and cons to each and it is up to each PCer to decide which is right for their bike.
 - <u>Oil Filter Comparison</u>: This is a good comparison of the guts of various motorcycle oil filters. Most of the info is rather old now though and designs inside of the filters might have changed.
 - <u>Oil Filter Comparison and Disassembly</u>: Another excellent comparison of filters. There is also an <u>opinion page</u> that might be of some interest.
 - Even More Oil Filter Comparisons: Another good source of oil filter info.
 - Hondaline Oil Filter: <u>Many believe</u> that if it is good enough for Mother Honda, it is good enough for their PC. I have been running a Honda filter on my bike simply because it is easy to find and I know it will work.
 - <u>K&N Oil Filter</u>: Some people use the K&N oil filter with good results.
 - <u>Bosche Oil Filter</u>: Some people swear by the Bosche filter and are very satisfied with it.
 - <u>FRAM Oil Filter</u>: Leland and others use the FRAM oil filter with good results. Leland has one on each of his four bikes so I would say it's a safe bet that FRAMs work well.
 - <u>Purolator Oil Filter</u>: At least one PCer has been using Purolator filters for 20+ years with good results. <u>Others</u> like it, too.
 - <u>WalMart SuperTech Oil Filter</u>: Several PCers love their WalMart filters for both being inexpensive and reliable.
 - <u>PC Racing FLO Stainless Steel Oil Filter</u>: An oil filter that is reusable. One PCer is currently using it that I'm aware of. You have to clean the filter out with solvent at every oil change.
- Spark Plug Tool: It is INCREDIBLY important that you use the right tool to remove the spark plugs from your PC800. The original toolkit came with the proper plug socket. Don't try to use any old socket. You either need to get an original tool (still available from Hondaline) or find a very thin-walled socket (even this <u>won't always work</u>). Otherwise you

will crack things in the engine and break seals resulting in a major oil leak and very expensive repairs.

- Engine Cutting Out: If your engine starts cutting out or dies, it could be due to several different reasons. This is not an exhaustive list and YMMV.
 - <u>Gas Cap Vent Plugged</u>: If your gas cap makes a "<u>whoosh</u>" sound when you open it, the <u>cap vent is going bad</u> and needs to be fixed.
 - <u>Vacuum Tubes Cracked</u>: If they're hard and brittle (including the rubber nipple on the right carb vacuum port), it's time to replace them.
 - <u>Fuel Petcock Leaking</u>: The fuel petcock can slowly <u>go bad</u> over time. Try retightening the screws on it and if that doesn't work, get a Hondaline or after market rebuild kit. Some people also <u>replace it with a brass "T"</u> although Mother Honda does not recommend that. There are rebuild kits available from Honda (not PCspecific) and <u>aftermarket suppliers</u>. Sometimes, aside from smelling like gas, it can make the bike <u>lose power on long uphills</u> and at other odd times. That happened to me and I was seriously thinking it was me rather than the bike. I'm glad to know that I'm not the only one with issues! <u>Details of how to rebuild it are here</u>. <u>A video of how to install a brass T is here</u>.
 - <u>Fuel Pump / Fuel Filter</u>: These might be suspect as well although it is probably rarer than the other things listed above.

Electrical System

- <u>How-to Replace a Battery on the PC800</u>: Scott put together a great video on how to replace a batter on the PC800. He also shows how to do a few other good things to the battery and electrical system.
- <u>Regulator/Rectifier and Available Amperage</u>: Pogo wrote a very nice post about how the R/R and charging system works. He believes that if you have an "upside down" charging system (12-13 volts at 4K rpm and 14 volts at idle), not all is lost.
- <u>When your Bike Suddenly won't Start but the Lights Still Come on</u>: There's a chance that your battery just had an internal fault and needs to be replaced.
- <u>Re-Coloring the Horn, Start, Kill, and Hi/Lo Beam Switches</u>: Over time the paint wears off of these switches. If you would like it to look like factory, there is a good paint to use for the job.
- <u>Replacing the R/R and Stator Connectors</u>: Sometimes for reasons not entirely clear to anyone, these connectors will get burned and melt. There are two places (<u>here and here</u>) online that I know of that sell new connectors. Someone who owned my bike previously already did the job for me. It also would be useful for someone installing the hotwire mod (search on this page for more details on that mod).

Fuel System

- <u>Petcock Rebuilding</u>: If you have a persistent gas smell around your top shelter, you might need to rebuild your petcock. There are several kits available as after market products. An <u>OEM rebuild kit</u> also exists. Some people also <u>replace the petcock with a brass "T"</u> and plug the vacuum line (video of how to do it is here). There are good arguments on both sides of this debate. Personally I've chosen to keep my petcock intact and rebuild it. One note for people who get a rebuild kit: compare the springs of the rebuild kit to the stuff in the petcock already. Some rebuild kits include the wrong springs. Search this page for "petcock" for some additional links.
- <u>Gas Leaking from 4-way Vacuum Hose Barb Connector</u>: If you are getting gas smells around your engine and can't figure out where it is coming from, you might be having a

little bit of gas leaking out from somewhere upstream of the 4-way vacuum hose barb connector. The link goes to a thread on the IPCRC where we discussed what the root cause might be. As of the time of writing this, a definite determination had not been made although the suggestions from IPCRCers are, in my opinion, probably correct.

- <u>Gas Smell that isn't from your Petcock</u>: If your petcock isn't leaking, you might try checking your carb float bowls.
- <u>Increase Your Gas Mileage</u>: One PCer reports that adjusting his mixture setting above the standard factory set-point increased his gas mileage by 10-13 mpg (from 40mpg to 53mpg).
- <u>Throttle Cables</u>: Lube these periodically or else you won't be getting the best performance.

Instrument Panel

- <u>Changing bulbs</u>: KidRicky's video of changing out a light bulb for the instrument cluster.
- <u>Speedometer Cable</u>: Make sure to lube your speedometer cable at the first sign of speedometer needle twitch. Otherwise you'll end up with a snapped cable.
- Dead Tachometer: If your tachometer stops working it could be a dead gauge (unlikely), a problem with where the <u>sensor take-off</u> is, or an issue with the <u>needle getting stuck</u>.
- <u>Dead Fuel Gauge</u>: How to tell if it's the gauge or something else.

Cooling System

- <u>Antifreeze</u>: What types of antifreeze are available and what I put in my bike.
- <u>Why You Need Silica-Free Antifreeze</u>: Remember, do NOT use just any old antifreeze.
- <u>Radiator Cap</u>: Rather than spend the money on a Hondaline cap (or if you're in a pinch), Fred from the IPCRC informs me that any correctly sized 15 or 16 PSI cap that doesn't have gripping ears sticking out will work (ie: just a round radiator cap). Rather than pay the \$45 or so bucks for Hondaline, you can get the same thing for about \$5.
- <u>Replacing the Stubborn "B" Hose</u>: I ended up opting not to replace that hose for the time being on my bike. Others have successfully replaced it though. It's all about patience and removing the right bits of the motorcycle to gain access.
- Overheating: If you get the dreaded gurgle and a thermostat that goes to the red, first flush your coolant system and replace the coolant with something that <u>DOES NOT</u> have silicon in it (very very important). If that still doesn't fix it, replace the radiator cap. If that still doesn't fix it, check to <u>make sure the fan is working properly</u>. This is a good guide for diagnosing and trouble-shooting your fan. If that doesn't work, replace the thermostat.
- <u>Thermostat</u>: An automotive replacement appears to be available. Some IPCRCers are advising you <u>replace your thermostat</u> if you have any doubts about its operation. The replacement price is much cheaper than having to tear apart your engine to replace seals.

Final Drive

- <u>Change the Final Drive Oil</u>: A how-to on changing the final drive oil.
- <u>Video how-to of Final Drive Oil Change</u>: Another great video by Scott showing how to change the final drive oil.
- <u>Final Drive Oil Change</u>: Don't don't don't don't don't over-tighten the bolts that seal the



final drive! I learned this the hard way

Suspension

• <u>Replacing Fork Seals</u>: Some photos, a writeup, and links to relevant posts on the IPCRC on

how to service your own forks.

- <u>Rear Wheel Dampers</u>: A little info on replacing the rear wheel rubber dampers. It seems that this doesn't need to be done until you really want to. But it is supposed to make the bike more responsive. Next time I replace my rear tire, I will check this out and decide if I want to replace the parts or not. They're cheap enough, I might as well.
- <u>Anti-Dive Mechanism Leaks</u>: Once in a great while, the anti-dive mechanism O-ring can fail and start leaking fluid.
- <u>Rear Wheel Squeal</u>: If you have a rear wheel squeal, there are a few different things to check. First though is to make sure you don't have the "bird tweet" coming from your



exhaust. And if you do, learn to love it.

• <u>Rear Wheel Dampers</u>: When the back end gets a little wonky, it's time to do a quick replacement of the rubber dampers.

Brakes

- <u>Fixing Leaking Calipers</u>: Sometimes the front brake calipers can start leaking. Some seals will need to be replaced. While you're at it, you should replace the brake lines, too.
- <u>Brake Pad Alternative Numbers</u>: In case you are in a pinch and can't get the proper Hondaline brake pads for your PC, these will fit. However, they might not work quite as well as proper PC800 pads.
- <u>Brake Pulsing</u>: If your brakes start pulsing or grabbing strangely, you might have a stuck piston.

Tires and Wheelsw

- <u>Front Tire Change</u>: I replaced my front tire when I first got my PC. Here are some photos of the process.
- <u>Front Wheel Plastic Cover</u>: Troubles with getting the plastic to line up on the disk covers. The end resolution was to take all of the plastic off of the wheel and start over again.
- Polishing the Aluminum Rims: Make those rims sparkle and shine!

Paint

- <u>ColorRite</u>: They carry paint that matches all of our PCs.
- <u>Nail Polish</u>: Some people using nail polish to successfully repair small scratches. Link goes to one discussion thread on IPCRC. Search for "nail polish" on there for other entries.

Plastics, Trunk Pieces, Windshields, And other Exterior Bits

- <u>Trunk lid strut replacement</u>: About \$15 will buy you a new trunk strut to replace your old failed one. Also if you put a top box on the back of the bike, you can upgrade the trunk strut to take a larger load. Here is <u>another option</u> and <u>another option</u> for replacing the trunk strut. The most important part is to find one that is the right length, has correctly sized holes, and will support the right load for your application.
- <u>Rubber Grommet Replacement</u>: Rather than buying an OEM grommet from Mother Honda, one IPCRCer used a common grommet from a home improvement store.
- <u>Tire Rub on the Trunk Fender</u>: The thread that is linked to here has good information on what to do if your rear tire starts rubbing on your trunk fender. This only affects 1989 model year trunks. Mine had it happen at some point in the past. A previous owner ended up patching it with fiberglass and it's been fine ever since.

- <u>Mending Broken Plastic Tabs</u>: There are two main ways to fix broken tabs on your plastics. The third less well-known way involves zip ties and a hole punch.
- <u>Trunk Latch Fix</u>: This is one preemptive way to fix a broken rear trunk cable.
- <u>Removing the Front Seat</u>: Scott put together a good video to show the trick to removing the front seat.
- <u>Removing Windshield Haze</u>: Is your windshield fogged up, scratched, and hard to see through? This post might help you out.

Miscellaneous

• <u>Heli-Coil to the Rescue</u>: Have a stripped-out bolt hole? Don't know where to turn? Try the magical Heli-Coil!

More to come when I get around to it. Shoot me a note (email or leave a comment on this page) if you have stuff that I should add. Happy to either host on my site or link to where you have it stored.