

2003 BUELL® SERVICE MANUAL





# FIREBOLT XB9R MODEL

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Buell motorcycles conform to all applicable U.S.A. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and U.S.A. Environmental Protection Agency regulations effective on the date of manufacture.

To maintain the safety, dependability, and emission and noise control performance, it is essential that the procedures, specifications and service instructions in this manual are followed.

Any substitution, alteration or adjustment of emission system and noise control components outside of factory specifications may be prohibited by law.

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The information in this Service Manual applies to 2003 Buell® Firebolt™ XB9R model motorcycles.

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#### GENERAL

This Service Manual has been prepared with two purposes in mind. First, it will acquaint the user with the construction of the Buell product and assist in the performance of basic maintenance and repair. Secondly, it will introduce to the professional Buell Technician the latest field-tested and factory-approved major repair methods. We sincerely believe that this Service Manual will make your association with Buell products more pleasant and profitable.

## HOW TO USE YOUR SERVICE MANUAL

Information is arranged as follows:

- Section 1-Maintenance
- Section 2-Chassis
- Section 3-Engine
- Section 4–Fuel System
- Section 5-Electric Starter
- Section 6-Drive/Transmission
- Section 7–Electrical
- Appendix A–Tools
- Appendix B–Electrical Connectors
- Appendix C–Metric Conversions
- Appendix D-Hose and Wire Routings

Use the TABLE OF CONTENTS following this FOREWORD or the INDEX at the back of the book to find the desired subject.

Note that each manual section topic is sequentially numbered in the upper left or right hand corner of the page. The numbering system allows the user to quickly find cross referenced topics by flipping through the pages.

For example, the ninth topic (CLUTCH) in section one (MAIN-TENANCE) is listed as:

#### 1.9 CLUTCH

The 1.9 will appear in the upper left or right hand corner of the page.

#### PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

#### A WARNING

Gasoline is extremely flammable and highly explosive. Always stop the engine when refueling or servicing the fuel system. Do not smoke or allow open flame or sparks near the work site. Inadequate safety precautions may result in personal injury.

Good preparation is very Important for efficient service work. A clean work area at the start of each job will allow you to perform the repair as easily and quickly as possible, and will reduce the incidence of misplaced tools and parts. A motorcycle that is excessively dirty should be cleaned before work starts. Cleaning will occasionally uncover sources of trouble. Tools, instruments and any parts needed for the job should be gathered before work is started. Interrupting a job to locate tools or parts is a distraction and causes needless delay. See APPENDIX A-TOOLS for equipment required for special service work.

#### NOTE

- To avoid unnecessary disassembly, carefully read all relative service information before repair work is started.
- In figure legends, the number which follows the name of a part indicates the quantity necessary for one complete assembly.

## SERVICE BULLETINS

In addition to the information presented in this Service Manual, Buell Distribution Corporation will periodically issue Service Bulletins to Buell dealers. Service Bulletins cover interim engineering changes and supplementary information.

## USE GENUINE REPLACEMENT PARTS

#### AWARNING

When replacement parts are required, use only genuine Buell parts or parts with equivalent characteristics (which include type, strength and material). Failure to do so may result in product malfunction and possible personal injury.

To ensure satisfactory and lasting repairs, carefully follow the Service Manual instructions and use only genuine Buell replacement parts. This is your assurance that the parts you are using will fit right, operate properly and last longer.

#### SAFETY DEFINITIONS

Statements in this service manual preceded by the following words are of special significance:

#### AWARNING

WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

#### ACAUTION

CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

#### CAUTION

CAUTION without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in serious property damage.

#### **AWARNING**

- Proper service and repair is important for the safe, reliable operation of all mechanical products. The service procedures recommended and described in this Service Manual are effective methods for performing service operations. Some of these service operations require the use of tools specially designed for the purpose. These special tools should be used when and as recommended. It is important to note that some warnings against the use of specific service methods, which could damage the motorcycle or render it unsafe, are stated in this Service Manual. However, please remember that these warnings are not all-inclusive.
- Since Buell could not possibly know, evaluate or advise the service trade of all possible ways in which service might be performed, or of the possible hazardous consequences of each method, we have not undertaken any such broad evaluation. Accordingly, anyone who uses a service procedure or tool which is not recommended by Buell must first thoroughly satisfy himself that neither his nor the operator's safety will be jeopardized as a result.
- Wear eye protection when using hammers, arbor or hydraulic presses, gear pullers, spring compressors, slide hammers and similar tools. Be especially cautious when using pulling, pressing or compressing equipment. The forces involved can cause parts to fly outward with considerable force, possibly resulting in personal injury.

#### PRODUCT REFERENCES

### AWARNING

Follow the directions listed on all products. Carefully read all labels, warnings and cautions before use. Inadequate safety precautions may result in personal injury.

When reference is made in this Service Manual to a specific brand name product, tool or instrument, an equivalent product, tool or instrument may be substituted.

#### Kent-Moore Products

All tools mentioned in this manual with an "HD", "J" or "B" preface must be ordered through:

Kent-Moore SPX Corporation 28635 Mound Road Warren, Michigan 48092-3499 Telephone: 1-800-345-2233

Direct all product returns, warranty or otherwise, to the following address:

> Kent-Moore Attn: Returned Goods 655 Eisenhower Drive Owatonna, Minnesota 55060-0995

## Sealing and Threadlocking Products

#### LOCTITE PRODUCTS

Some procedures in this Service Manual call for the use of Loctite<sup>®</sup> products. If you have any questions regarding Loctite product usage or retailer/wholesaler locations, please call Loctite Corp. at 1-800-323-5106.

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All photographs, illustrations and procedures may not necessarily depict the most current model or component, but are based on the latest production information available at the time of publication.

Since product improvement is our continual goal, Buell Distribution Corporation reserves the right to change specifications, equipment or designs at any time without notice and without incurring obligation.

Buell products are manufactured under one or more of the following U.S. patents - 5295702, 5435584, 5332246, 4989696, 4951774, 4964484, 5209319, 5303795, 4776423, 6213238, 6105701, 6267193, D440190, 6213240.

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