

2002 FLHRCI



The "Road King Classic" has for many years been revered as the best of both worlds when it comes to the road handling characteristics of a sportier bike and the comfortable ride of a tour class machine, regarded by many to be the happy medium between a full blown touring bike and a cool looking boulevard cruiser. The styling of the "Classic" hearkens back to the days before fiberglass saddlebags and "mag" wheels became the norm for the touring sized offerings from the factory. The "Classic" is the top of the line for "Road Kings" in that it came with chrome laced wheels, leather hard bags, a detachable windshield and special "Classic" badging. This bike is sporting newer style cast aluminum wheels with full floating brake rotors. The "retro" styled components are the difference between a plain Road King and the Classic and should be considered expensive upgrades or options, all of which add to the market demand and resale value.

Visually, with its discreet cosmetic embellishments, this bike has remained primarily stock, the sheet metal is all new yet has factory black paint, and engine guards have been replaced also. It has modest creature comforts added, such as the touring style seat, detachable passengers' backrest and luggage rack. The most significant change being the "Buffalo" ape hanger bars with all new clear coated braided stainless steel cables and brake lines, as well as some chrome billet clamps and adjuster covers attached.

The bike presents itself very well aside from only minor imperfections, due simply to usage and age. The ample chrome goodies make up for whatever deficiencies the discerning eye may pick up on. Not only is this bike a cool looking retro cruiser, but it has no shortage of horsepower either. Dynoed by JARZ performance at approximately 89.33 HP, this Stage II big bore kit with ported and flowed heads has been tweaked with a "Power Commander" to squeeze out almost as many "ponies" as there are inches of displacement, and the Hooker Headers lend to the beefy growl that implies "this isn't just a plain bagger".