

BASSETT STAR CRUISER

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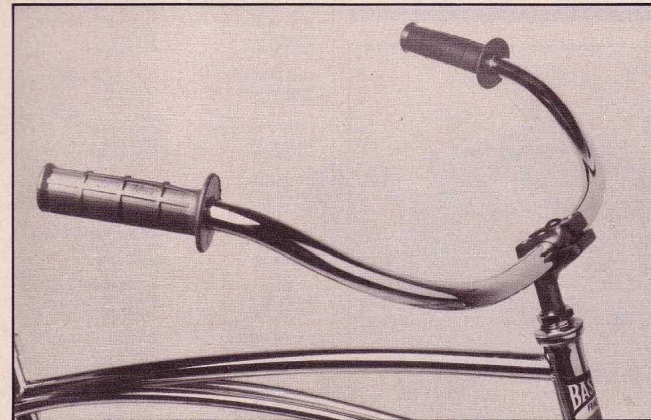
Bassett's Star Cruiser.
High zoot cruisin'.

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There's a new star in our solar sys-

tem. It's the Star Cruiser from Bassett Racing. And this baby is one very high zoot rig. It absolutely reeks of class and style.

One reason for all the flash is the flawlessly polished show-chrome finish on the frame and forks. If this stuff lasts as good as it looks, the Star should be



The Star's stylish "Half Moon" bars are the perfect shape for layed back cruisin'. Moon babes love 'em.



For those real hard lunar landings you'll be needin' some 105's to keep the Araya rims as true as they are blue. The chrome-moly forks are beefy suckers, treads are Kenda knobblies.

shinin' for many moons to come. But the finish is just the starting point (did you catch that little zinger?). From there Bassett has added their incredible rainbow graphics and a selection of bionic blue accessories. The boyz at Bassett use mild steel

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SPECIFICATIONS**

- FINISH:** Chrome with blue trim or black with gold trim
- WEIGHT:** 36 pounds
- RETAIL COST:** About \$275
- FRAME:** Bassett cantilever, mild steel, hell-arc (TIG) welded
- FORKS:** Bassett chrome-moly leading-axle, hell-arc (TIG) welded
- HANDLEBARS:** Bassett mild steel "Half Moon" bars
- GRIPS:** Finish Line vinyl
- STEM:** SR double-clamp alloy
- RIMS:** Araya 26 X 1.75 box aluminum
- SPOKES:** .080/36
- FRONT HUB:** Sunshine high-flange aluminum
- REAR HUB:** Bendix 76 coaster brake hub
- TIRES:** Kenda 26 X 2.125 whitewall knobblies front and rear
- PEDALS:** KKT Lightnig alloy
- CRANKS:** 170mm Sugino Super Maxi alloy
- FRONT SPROCKET:** Sugino alloy 44T
- REAR SPROCKET:** Bendix 19T cassette
- SEAT:** Persons-Majestic coil padded
- SEAT POST:** Fluted aluminum with chromed steel clamp
- EXTRAS:** Aluminum kickstand
- MANUFACTURER:** Bassett Racing
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tubing for the frame, hell-arc welded into a straightforward design that employs a straight down tube, a large bottom bracket, and one-piece rear stays that flow up into a cantilevered configuration.

The Bassett forks are tubular chrome-moly models which have some real beefy lookin' dropout plates on 'em. Bassett's cruiser bars are funky. They are called "Half Moons" because, you guessed it, they're shaped like a half moon. For layed back cruisin' these steel bars are totally hot. For jumpin' and racin' they're totally not . . . because they curve back too far. The stock grips are Finish Lines.

Seating appointments on the Bassett Star Cruiser that we tested were by Persons-Majestic . . . but by the time you read this article, the Star will come equipped with a Troxel seat.

KKT pedals, Sugino Super-Maxi cranks, and a Bendix 76 coaster brake rear hub make up the Star's warp drive. Star pilots will find the 44-19 gearing just the thing for reaching Mach speeds.

The rims are 26 inch box Araya aluminum jobbers. By now you should know they are pretty tough cookies. If you're a mellow, down to earth, cruiser type of guy, the stock 80 gauge spokes will do just fine. But if by chance you like to jump and thrash your big rig, you'll need some heftier spokes to keep those rims as true as they are blue.

Stock tires are Kenda whitewall semi-knobblies. They are identical to Uniroyals. Whether you're roostin' through a gnarly crater or blazin' over concrete, it's a fairly good tread pattern.

The seat post is aluminum as is the SR stem. How well they might work for you will depend on how big you are and how rad you get.

Bassett equips the Star with a rare piece of hardware . . . a kickstand. Actually, for street cruisin' it comes in kinda handy.

COSMIC CONCLUSIONS

As far as production cruisers go, the Bassett Star is outta this world. For around 275 bones, the Bassett Star will shine with the best of 'em. This is high style machinery . . . the Rolls Royce of the street cruisers. It's an ultimate skoot for impressin' moon babes.

Out of the crate, the star is intended for mostly down to earth cruisin'. So if you're a jumper and a thrasher you'll probably want to change some stuff.

Anhoo, summer is on the way, and if you've been planning to get off your heels and on some wheels, beam on down and check out Bassett's Star Cruiser.