

**BMX**  
ACTION  
OFFICIAL  
*test*

DIAMOND BACK  
**SUPER**  
**VIPER**



*The jump? Doubles at Honda Hills—barely clearable.  
The bike? The Super Viper—gnarly beginner scoot.  
The rider? Toby—famed cover boy.  
The background? SMOG—unbreathable!*

## GORK POETRY & WINDY PHOTOS

Dian came in my office, and  
dropped off my mail.  
I opened each envelope, as slow as  
a snail.

"The Jammer" from Vermont, he  
wrote me a letter.  
After reading this test, he should  
feel a lil' better.

He wrote a poem, about a Diamond  
Back bike.  
That is the scoot, that he and his  
friends like.

Trying not to sound, too much like a  
dork,  
He started out his letter saying . . .

Dear Gork,

**My friends and I LOVE BMX and  
freestyle. We jam! We also love  
Diamond Back. Here's a poem I  
made up about us:**

My friends are Bruce and David. Kit  
is my name.  
Don't mess with us, 'cause BMX is  
our game.

Freestylin' too! And besides all that,  
We've got the one and only, "Bruty  
Ratt."

We won't bother you, and we won't  
abide.  
We've got our Diamond Backs, lined  
up side-by-side.

The Viper, the Hot Streak, and the  
Super Viper.  
We are more lethal, than a  
professional sniper.

If you want to challenge us, it's up  
to you.  
But what will happen, is you will  
lose.

Go ahead and cry, we don't care.  
We're just glad, to get you out of our  
hair!

Do you like it?  
Kit "The Jammer" Cabell  
Montpelier, Vermont

"The Jammer's" poem, it seemed  
pretty cool.  
But as for Kit's English, he should  
go back to school.



**YOWZA! Full tilt, toe  
tappin', knee slappin',  
sano-sized super  
slidin'. Say that five  
times real fast . . .**



*Harold and Edward cuttin' loose. Windy had to beg them to take the chainguards off their DBs. They wanted to hear them rattle.*

The Diamond Back though, must make him drool, He thinks anyone who doesn't have one, must be a fool.

And it just so happened, that in that same week, We tested a Super Viper, to see if it'd tweak.

Off to Honda Hills, Windy and I did go, On the way I got my FIRST ticket, so I drove real slow.

We pulled up around 10 at Harry Leary's home. Everyone was standing around Denise, who was on the phone.

Harry's new wife, was talking to the doc. Pacing the floor, Harry was in shock.



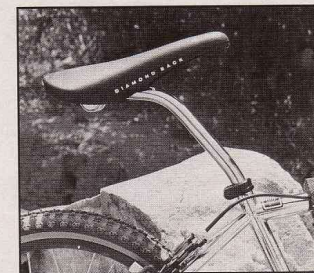
*Out in front of Harry's castle are Henderson's new Supra, the Leary Z, and the '84 King Porsche 944. Wonder if any manufacturers will look at this picture and figure out that an ALL WHITE Euro bike would be the hot ticket?*

The doctor was confirming, that yes—it was so. The stork was on its way, as the old saying goes.

And even better yet, the results from her test, Showed that a baby boy, will be their new guest.

Now that that was over, we wanted to go THRASH! Harry, Eddy, and Toby each had a Super Viper, ready to BASH.

We loaded up the gear, and headed for The Hills, Windy's shutter finger was itchin', to snap TONS of stills.



*Is it true that Talwan is buying used TV dinner trays from America and making seat posts out of them? Could be . . .*

Harry and Eddy left on their chain-guards, for the first few jumps. But Windy made them take 'em off, so they wouldn't look like chumps.

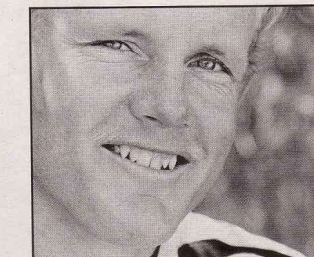
The Super Viper jumped pretty good, Harry got some air. Eddy did a cross-up, and Toby treated it totally unfair.

The gooseneck held tight, but the grips were not too hot. Rubber A'me replicas, comfortable they were not.

The cranks on the bike, were a little bit small. They bent slightly, when Toby give it his all.

The CW replica bars, were good and plenty wide. They gave Harry enough torque, for his patented power slide.

The front and rear Dia-Compes, they stopped on a dime. And what do you know, I can't think of a rhyme.



*Harry's dog just had four puppies. Also, he and Denise just found out that a lil' Leary is on the way.*

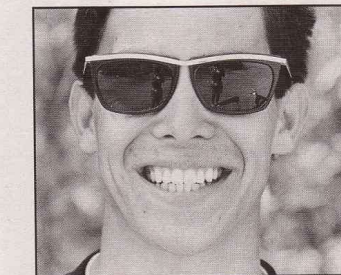
After a gnarly table, Toby landed on the soil. The seat post tweaked, like it was made of tin foil.

The Super Viper though, did handle great. Its white 1.75 tires, none of us did hate.

And the beartrap pedals, they were ALL RIGHT. They held up killer, not a bend in sight.

Bermshots were a breeze, it cornered fairly good. With a 70 degree head angle, we all knew it would.

The bikes that we tested, took a lot of abuse. We know they'd hold up, under beginner to novice use.



*Wanna know why this man's so happy? Eddy just bought ANOTHER house for \$130,000 and is renting out his old one. Yes, rolling in the dough at the ripe old age of 21.*

I would have to say, that in this price range. Grips, cranks, and seat post, would be the first things to change.

What's really surprising though, is the Super Viper's price. At 190 bucks, it's not a huge sacrifice.

If you're a medium sized kid, we would recommend, To buy this bike, if you don't have much to spend.

I have to admit, that my poetry is not the best. But at least I'm finished, writing this test.

# PRICE & SPECS

**COMPLETE BIKE PRICE:** \$189.00.  
**FINISHES AVAILABLE:** Grey or chrome with black components.  
**COMPLETE BIKE WEIGHT:** 27 pounds, 3 ounces.  
**FRAME WEIGHT:** 5 pounds, 1/2 ounces (5 pounds exactly, without chainguard tabs).  
**FORK WEIGHT:** 2 pounds, 2 ounces.  
**HANDLEBAR RISE:** 8 1/2 inches.  
**HANDLEBAR WIDTH:** 27 inches.  
**TOP TUBE O.D.:** 1 1/8 inches.  
**DOWN TUBE O.D.:** 1 1/4 inches.  
**FORK LEG O.D.:** 1 1/8 inches.  
**HEAD TUBE ANGLE:** 70 degrees.  
**SEAT TUBE ANGLE:** 64 degrees.  
**BOTTOM BRACKET HEIGHT:** 11 1/2 inches.  
**WHEELBASE:** 34 1/2 to 35 3/4 inches.



# COMPONENTS

**FRAME:** Diamond Back Super Viper, all chrome-moly.  
**FORK:** Diamond Back, chrome-moly.  
**HANDLEBAR:** Diamond Back, chrome-moly, CW replica.  
**HANDLEBAR STEM:** Diamond Back, alloy head, chrome-moly shaft.  
**GRIPS:** Rubber A'me replicas.  
**HEADSET:** Diamond Back, chrome.  
**RIMS:** Sumo alloy, 7X type.  
**SPOKES:** 36, 14 gauge, chrome.  
**HUBS:** Steel hub.  
**TIRES:** 20 X 1.75, skinwall, Comp III replica.  
**BRAKES:** Dia-Compe 890, front and rear.  
**BRAKE PADS:** Dia-Compe.  
**BRAKE LEVERS:** Dia-Compe Tech 4.  
**BRAKE CABLES:** Dia-Compe.  
**CRANKS:** Diamond Back, steel, 170mm.  
**PEDALS:** Beartrap type, alloy body, steel shaft.  
**BOTTOM BRACKET SET:** Standard Viper caged.  
**FRONT SPROCKET:** 44 tooth, chrome spider.  
**REAR SPROCKET:** Dia-Compe, 16 tooth.  
**CHAIN:** Diamond Back, black and chrome.  
**SEAT:** Diamond Back Aero.  
**SEAT POST:** Chrome-moly, layback.  
**SEAT POST CLAMP:** Dia-Compe, alloy.  
**ACCESSORIES:** Diamond Back designer chainguard.

**QUALITY OF FINISH:** Good. Grey is a hot color. **QUALITY OF WELDING:** Nice. **QUALITY OF COMPONENTRY:** Not the best, not the worst. Sumo rims aren't quite Araya quality. The bars are good. The seat post too. The cranks could be better. Cool pedals. Great brakes. We won't mention the grips. **GEOMETRY:** Good. Kind of a small/short sucker, so it'd be prime for medium sized dudes. Front end is short, but the layback seat post makes up for it. The bottom bracket is normal height. **HANDLING:** All right. A little choppered. Not quite the steering of the Turbo. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:** "Dia-Compe 890s are the simplest, most perfected brake around. When dialed in, they'll stop ya just as good as any other more expensive brake." "The head angle is semi-choppered. But it can still hang in the corners!" "Older guys will have to change the cranks. Thirteen year olds can handle the 170s without tweaking 'em." "Trash can these grips right away. Nothin' but the real A'me's will do." "The bars are perfect! Wide and tall!" "I'm way too oversized for this bike, but it's still riding good!" "If you make about 30 bucks worth of parts changes, you'll have an EXCELLENT bike for about \$220! Even stock, the Super Viper's a pretty good deal!" **TEST AREAS:** Honda Hills, in the early morning, before the cops finish their donuts. **TEST INPUT:** Toby Henderson, Harry Leary, Mrs. Leary, Eddy King, Windy, Don-Boy, and Gork. **MANUFACTURER:** Diamond Back/Western States Imports 1837 DeHavilland Drive Newbury Park, CA 91320 (805) 499-0421 ■



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Performance Evaluation

**PURPOSE:** Great street-floggin' mobile, and beginner to novice race bike.  
**AGE RANGE:** 13 to small 17 year olds.

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