

Tank Bu

Greater Gas Capacities For Non-stop Cookin'

By Fernando Belair

The large-capacity accessory tank business has been booming for the past few years. The reasons are simple. Manufacturers do not supply machines with large fuel tanks because such tanks are not as attractive as the standard ones, they are more costly to produce than smaller tanks, and they are not required by the majority of new-machine purchasers.

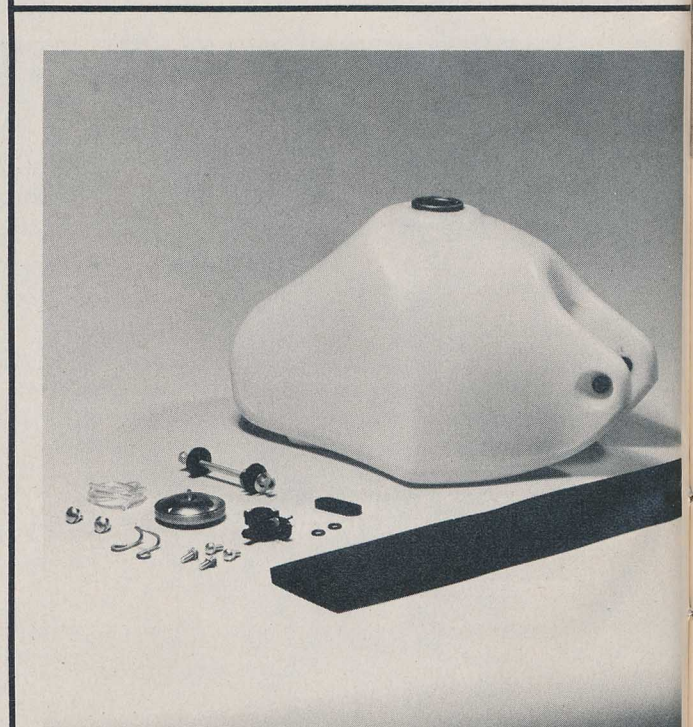
The capability of carrying more gas is appealing to some, though. If you only have a range of 70 off-road miles with your present tank, that means you can never stray more than 35 miles from where you park your truck or van. Thus, there are many interesting trails, challenging hills and some unique terrain that you may never see on your motorcycle. Now, increase your tank's capacity to yield 125 miles of off-road riding and you can wander a little more than 60 miles from camp. Those additional 25 miles can take an old, worn-out riding area and turn it into a new, adventuresome one.

Cross-country racers have also found these tanks to their liking since they allow them to forego a fillup at each gas stop. If you don't have to stop for gas, and the guy next to you does, guess who goes out in front.

At first, there were only a few companies producing the larger-capacity tanks, but recently several more have joined in. We decided to gather up all of the available 3-gal. or larger plastic tanks and present them to you

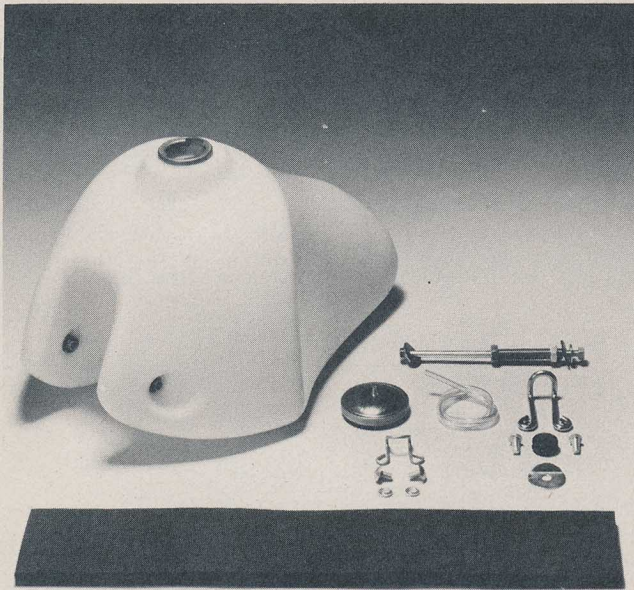


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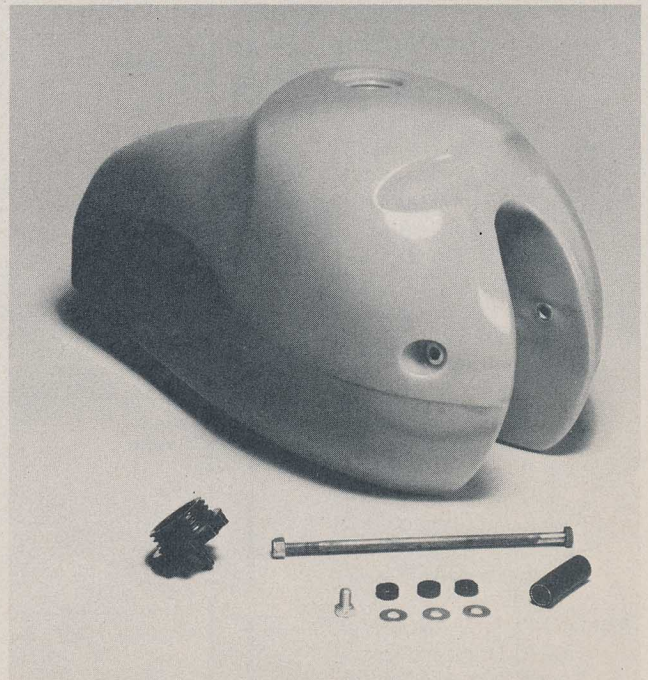
Vesco Skinny/Fat



Malcolm Smith Desert Tank



Hustler Hare 'N Hound



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with as much pertinent information as possible. Of particular interest is the method of mounting. Some tanks, like current Vesco models, require drilling a hole in the frame gusseting just behind the steering head. If you don't have a half-inch drill, you'll have to have this done. Others use center mounts hose clamped to the top tube of the frame. Often these tanks require removal of the original tank mounts for a proper fit. If you are looking for a larger tank, this information will be of help. If you already have one, keep the available information stored for the next machine you have to fit with one of these tanks.

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Hustler Products
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Santa Monica, CA 90404

Malcolm Smith Racing Products
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Riverside, CA 92502

Ocelot Engineering
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San Bernardino, CA 92407

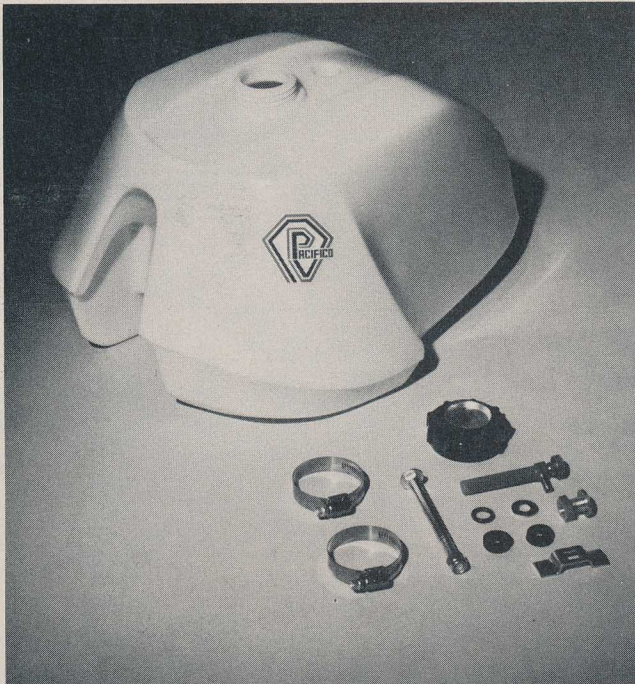
Pacifico Inc.
P.O. Box 348
Gresham, OR 97030

Windsor Products Inc.
210 N. Crescent Way
Anaheim, CA 92801

Yamaha Parts Distributing Inc.
6610 Orangethorpe
Buena Park, CA 90620

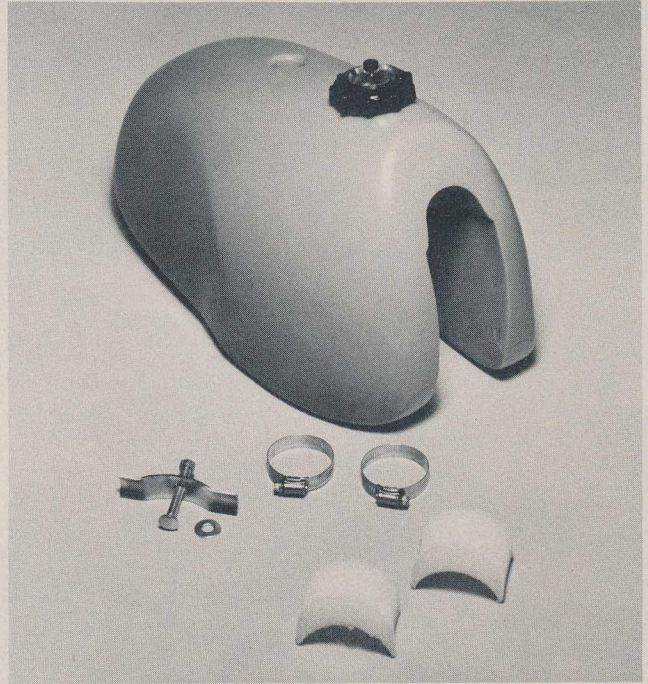
Tank	Price	Capacity	Colors	Mounting Hardware Included	Type of Mount	Models It Will Fit
Clarke Mfg.	\$36.00	3.0	Red, white, blue, silver, yellow, orange	yes	Bolt through the frame	Most makes with narrow backbones. Will not fit Monoshock Yamahas, Can-Ams or late-model Pentons.
Vesco Husqvarna	\$49.95	4.0	Red, orange, yellow, silver, Kawasaki green, Husqvarna maroon, white	yes	Bolt through the frame	Made especially to fit Huskys, but will fit most others.
Vesco Skinny/Fat	\$49.95	3.3	Red, orange, yellow, silver, Kawasaki green, Husqvarna maroon, white	yes	Bolt through the frame	Just about anything.
Hustler Hare 'N Hound	\$42.95	3.25	Red, yellow, silver, blue, orange, white	yes	Universal center-mount	Most makes with narrow backbones. Will not fit Monoshock Yamahas, Can-Ams or late-model Pentons.
Malcolm Smith Desert	\$44.95	3.25	Red, silver, yellow, white, clear	yes	Universal center-mount	Most makes with narrow backbones. Will not fit Monoshock Yamahas, Can-Ams or late-model Pentons.
Ocelot Eng.	\$37.50	3.0	Red, yellow, blue, silver, white, orange	yes	Bolt through the frame	Most makes with narrow backbones. Will not fit Monoshock Yamahas, Can-Ams or late-model Pentons.
Pacifico Camel Pac	\$44.95	4.25	Red, white, yellow, silver, black	yes	Universal center-mount	Just about anything.
Pacifico Desert/Enduro	\$39.95	3.7	Red, white, yellow, silver, black	yes	Universal center-mount	Just about anything.
Windsor Products	\$42.95	3.1	Red, silver, yellow, blue, Kawasaki green, white, orange, light orange, black, natural	yes	Universal center-mount	Just about anything.
Yamaha Parts Dist.	\$49.95	3.8	Yamaha yellow	yes	Standard	Designed to fit the larger Yamaha off-road models, utilizing the original tank mounts.

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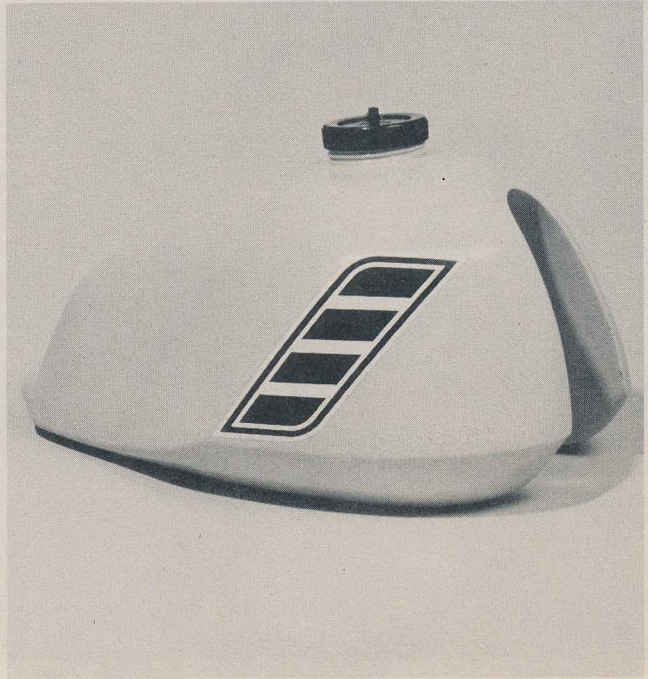
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