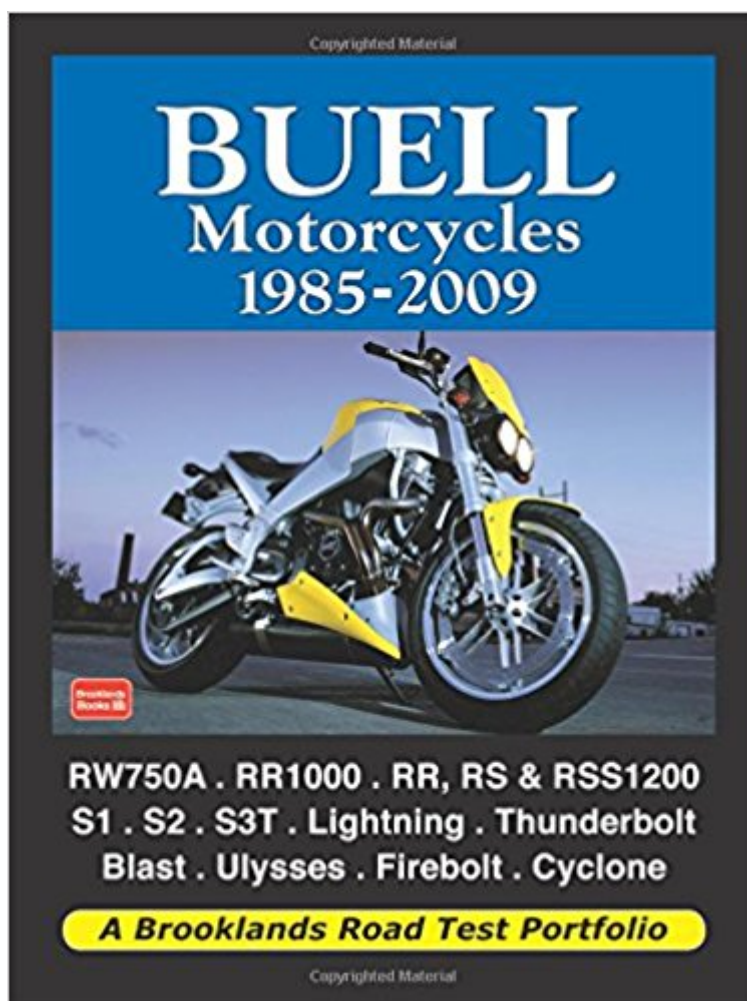




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# Buell Motorcycles 1985-2009 (Road Test Portfolio)



## Synopsis

The first Buell motorcycle, the Rw750, was built in 1983 purely for competing in the Ama Formula 1 motorcycle road racing championship. Buell later turned his focus towards racing-inspired, street-going machines using engines manufactured by Harley who, in 1998, purchased majority control of Buell and it has been a subsidiary since that time. Buell engines - which are modified Harley Davidson Sportster engines - are designed to be street-friendly both in fuel efficiency and power. They are also simple and easy to maintain. Erik Buell brought flair and innovation to both his racing and street going machines. 74 articles including road and comparison tests, riding impressions, new model introductions, updates, full specifications and performance data.

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## Customer Reviews

Buell's are a different approach on the time-honored hot rod Harley. The book includes articles from American and European magazines to trace the history of Eric Buell's dream. I only wish they had included Willie G's iconic XLCR as a reference point or contrast.

For those who are bitten by the Buell Bug [pretty nasty it is to] this gives you the history of the bikes as they came out. Written by motor-cycle reviewers not a writer you'll get lots of different opinions not just one-some like "em, some don't. If you're on a plane or bus trip or got some spare time to kill it's just the ticket to drool over what next Buell you want in your garage to keep the other one

company.

This book is wonderful, it is full of Buell articles from Buells start til finish. All the articles from all the motorcycle magazines about Buells all models, years. VERY INFORMATIVE, good book for Buell owners.

A fun compilation. Opinionated, but this is what the book is about. Great to 'snack' on. Would have greatly improved with at least some colour plates.

Essential road, track and technical review of every Buell up through the 1125 series. A great addition to any Buell enthusiast's nightstand.

Useful pre-purchase info, but cannot substitute consulting real people before buying a Buell.

i'm biased - i'm a die-hard Buell enthusiast. while the pictures are Excellent, it's obviously written by a brit who values a completely different style of bike [meaning not an American, slower-but-harder-hitting RPM beast]

The Brooklands Book "Buell 1985-2009 Road Test Portfolio" offers an outstanding look back at the history of one of America's most innovative motor companies via the reprinting of magazine articles which pertain to the subject. The book follows the traditional Brooklands Book format utilizing card stock covers with color images only appearing on the front and rear covers. The articles themselves are reprinted in black and white, and despite nearly all of them originally being done with color images, the transition to black and white pictures here doesn't hurt the content in my opinion as the images still retain good clarity throughout. The articles are reprinted from leading motorcycle magazines including Cycle, Cycle World, Performance Bike, Motorcyclist, and more. With over 70 articles on tap, and 272 pages in length, there is a lot of content included on the machines of Mr. Erik Buell. Starting off with a great article taken from the July 1985 issue of Cycle written by Kevin Cameron entitled "The Other American Maker- Buell RW750", which pretty much sets the keystone in place for all articles to follow, the models are represented well in my opinion spanning from the RR1000 all the way through to the 1125R. The reader can easily move through the book and walk away with a sound history of Buell Motorcycles up until the parting of ways with

Harley Davidson in 2009. One also gets insight into the merger of Buell's company with Harley in 1993 and to the innovative designs, particularly in the chassis realm, that the bikes became known for. While this book offers an excellent historical perspective of Buell Motorcycles through articles written by some of the best names in the industry, I noticed that there weren't any "Buyer's Guide" articles included, something that would have certainly assisted today's perspective buyers in going about procuring a pre-owned Buell. Then again, there may not be any articles of this type out there to be reprinted. Overall, "Buell 1985-2009 Road Test Portfolio" is a great reference to have on hand that allows the enthusiast to quickly access road test and comparison information on a variety of Buell motorcycles with great ease. A positive addition to any motorcyclist's book shelf for sure.

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