

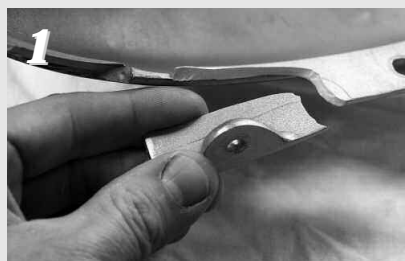
## Plastex Plastic Repair

**P**LASTEX IS A two-part plastic resin that can repair cracks or re-attach broken mounting tabs in expensive plastic body panels. I first tested Plastex on a broken fairing tab. The process was straightforward and surprisingly easy. After a year of use, the tab continues to hold, with no visible cracks. I'm impressed, the kit is compact, easy to use and effective, not to mention a huge money saver. Small and standard-sized one-color kits are available for \$11.95 and \$26.95, a three color kit (clear, white and black) is available for \$64.95 and a jumbo shop kit is offered for \$99.95. An included demo CD reveals exactly how to do it, plus an amazing variety of other uses as well.

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**Innovation of the Month**



**1 Left:** The broken mounting tab must be clean and free of grease and grime before reattachment begins.



**2 Right:** Using a Dremel tool or sandpaper, bevel the inner edge of the mating surfaces as if you were prepping metal edges for welding.



**3 Left:** Tape the opposite side of the pieces precisely together and the finished repair will be virtually invisible from the outside.



**4 Right:** Put a small amount of Plastex resin into the vee, next slowly apply activator to the resin until it is no longer absorbed, then let it dry for a few hours.



**5 Left:** For stressed parts, like a mounting tab, the kit includes mesh reinforcing cloth. Cut out a piece large enough to cover the repair. Next spread a small amount of Plastex resin powder over the area, lay the fabric and add more powder.



**6 Right:** Apply activator to the powder covered mesh to bond it to the plastic. Done.



*I think Jim's new bike is too fast for him.*

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- ▶ 1st Impressions of four new BMWs: The K1200GT, R1200S, R1200GS Adventure and 2007 F800S/ST!

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