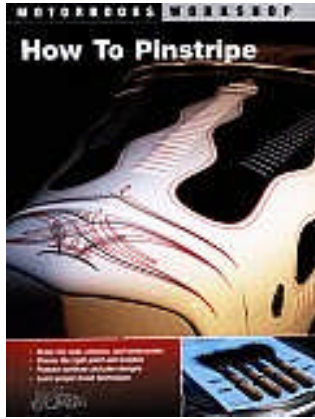


BOOK REVIEW

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“How to Pinstripe” by Alan Johnson

Reviewed by David Miles

Having dabbled in what I then *thought* was “Pin striping” in the late 60's, I expected to find this publication would continue along the lines of what I had attempted with tape during the final phase of Centaur construction.

How wrong I was!

This book is in another league altogether. Alan “AJ” Johnson is a legend in the world of what the current young generation would call “Hard Core” pin striping, applied using a wide variety of techniques in the “Good Old USA,” primarily on that other US icon, the Hot Rod. This is a highly skilled art form, using specially formulated paints, uniquely designed brushes and tools, with the artist's stance and posture given consideration. High quality photographs and precise text feature strongly, as the author explains in detail his art.

My grossly “un-cool” narrow tapes don't rate a mention in this very well illustrated publication which concentrates instead on paint, tools, preparation and technique. While there is a chapter devoted to classic cars, most examples of the above concentrate on the author's beloved hot rods. As one would expect, there's even a chapter entitled “Flames and Special Effects.”

So, if it's your desire to paint flames along the side of your pre-war MG PA, or to highlight the curves of your MG B with exquisite, multi-colored designs, this is the book for you!

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