

TANK PANNIER NOTES

From the start we were always afraid to tell our customers these were sized specifically for carrying two one gallon cans of gasoline, because we thought recommending this would be dangerous, so they were never presented this way in any Aerostich catalog. We never ended up using them for that ourselves. They were introduced in 1988, because back then nobody else made anything like them, and we did think someday we occasionally might want to be able to carry some extra gas.

Sales were low at first but later they became more popular and others began making similar ones. One company even made an exact 'reverse engineered' copy after taking the pattern from one of ours. What made this especially funny was that company not only stole the design stitch-for-stitch, but also lifted the product description word-for-word from our catalog directly to theirs.

Today there are lots of different tank pannier choices, but these remain popular. Their simplicity, many functional details, high quality and general versatility are why. People have hauled just about everything in them, all over the world. They fit a lot of different bikes well, and have become a minor classic.

