

THE FULL PROFLEXTHESIS Part 3B - Bob Girvin and *PROFLEX*

- even more history on the story - as I understand it maybe

Beyond the Embryo

What happened to the KG Engineering Company which was formed around 1987 at 115 Front Street, Woonsocket in Rhode Island 02895?

What happened to Will Herman the Designer?

What happened to Bob Girvin? – he retired in 2000 to Holliston, MA.

What happened to Mike Ducharme, the Fabricatin Expert? - Well it appears he started designing with Robert Egger with the Specialized FSR Enduro in 2000 – 2002 - and then designed with FELT - FAST (Felt Articulating Stay Technology) suspension Bike platforms for XC / MTB's by Aluminium in 2009 and then onto Carbon in 2012 (Check the 2012 - 29r Sea Otter – LTD with Shimano XTR Groupset, Fox forks and Reynolds Carbon wheels) and up until 2014.



Remind the *Offroad, Girvin, Flexstem & Pro.flex* bikes and components were shown in the 1990 & 91 Catalogue for KG Engineering at Ocean State International Inc. from 1989 at 115 Front Street, Woonsocket at Rhode Island 02895. The Company [named as Robert H Girvin III with Directors & Officers – President, Treasurer & Secretary made by Voluntary Dissolution on the 17 December 1997. It was named as the Registered Address at 44 Courtland Street, Holliston 01746 MA.



Remind the *Pro.flex* hierarchy bike numbers developed using a 3 number symbolizing:

A. The first number was with the number 1 – 9 for the design / component product of the bike:

1 - nothing set;

2 for Touring and Commuting – by example 253 (designed from 1992);

3 for Road and Trail – by example 353 (designed from 1992);

4 for Performance – by example 453 (designed from 1992);

5 for Rock through Roll – by example 554 (designed from 1994);

6 for XC – by example 654 (designed from 1996);

7 for Expert Series for performance trails – by example 753 (designed from 1992);

8 for Extreme Series for race – cross country or downhill – by example 853 (designed from 1992);

9 for Pro Series for Team cross country racers – by example 953 (designed from 1992).

B. The second number – was for 5 for Full Suspension – by example 953 (except for two bikes - 962 & 862 introducing Girvin Rock Shox).

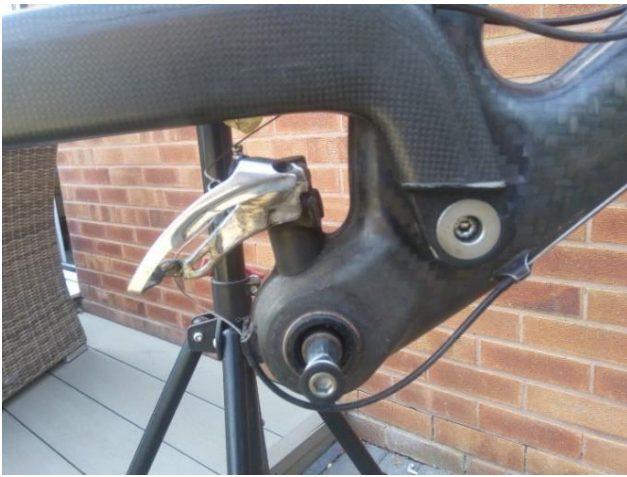
C. The third number was for the number year the product was designed / manufactured and offered for a wide range of international distributors ready for sale – by example 953 for 1993.

Also came *Pro.flex* bike names for Sport, Animal, Beast, Reptile, Attack, Newport and Arcadia. (designed from 1990).

The Frame References used are – DT = Down Tube; ST = Seat Tube and TT = Top Tube.

MORE ON THOSE CLASSIC USED BIKES – 1990 PART B+

K2 Proflex 4500 (Seen original Feb 2023 Mansfield UK with Carbon Rear Swingarm Mark 2)



K2 Proflex 1000 (Seen original 2001ish Mar 2023 Totnes Devon UK with Carbon Rear Swingarm Mark 3)



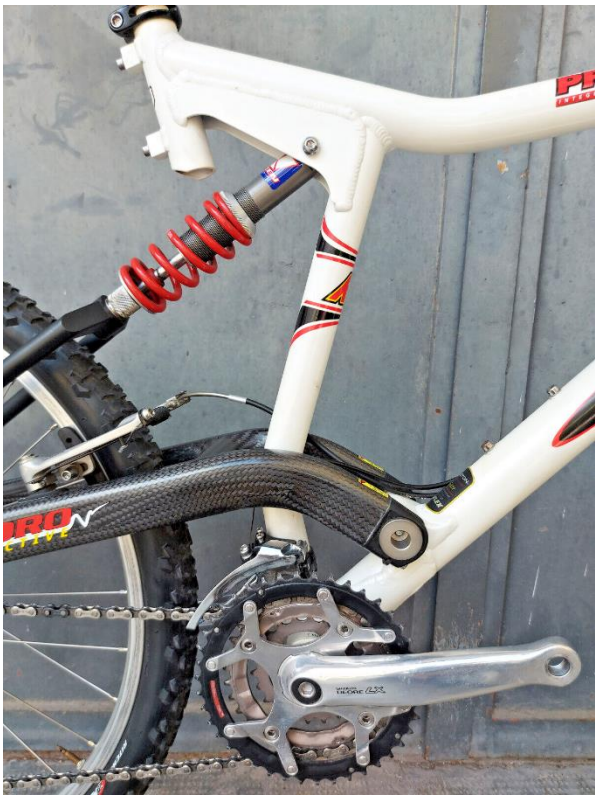
K2 Proflex 2000 (Seen original 2000ish Sept 2023 Teignmouth Devon UK)

K2 Proflex 2000 Full Suspension MTB Noleen shocks Crosslink EXP forks - size medium - all working, mostly original and needs a clean - frame has the usual scratches from use, no cracks or dents rear wheel and rear mech not original - STX brakeset, shifters and front mech. From Blackdown Cycle Company, Dennis King at 34 Higher Coombe Drive, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 9LS



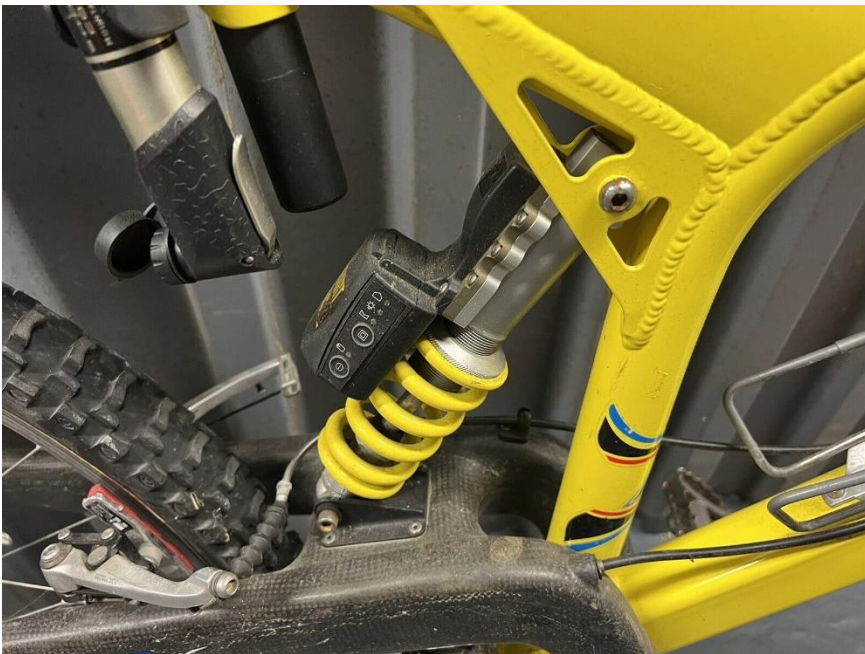
K2 Proflex 3000 (NEW original unopened with rear Mk1 Carbon Swingarms 2001ish Torino Italy Seen Sept 2023)





K2 Proflex 5000 (Seen original May 2023 Providence, Rhode Island, USA with Carbon Rear Swingarm Mark 2)





K2 Flying Monkey (Seen 1999 original May 2023 TIVERTION, UK with Aluminium Rear Swingarm Mark 2)

