

- SADDLEMEN DELUXE TOURING SEAT -

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Using the tool kit included with your motorcycle, remove the old seat and install the new seat as follows:

GL1100, GL-1200 GOLDWINGS 1983-1987

VENTURE, VENTURE ROYALE 1983-1994

1. Two bolts hold the seat to the motorcycle. To gain access to these bolts, remove the saddle bag lids. Approximately ten inches from the rear of the seat there is one bolt on each side of the seat. Remove these two bolts.
2. To remove the unbolted seat, the tongue, which protrudes forward underneath the front of the seat, must be disengaged from its retaining sleeve under the tank. To do this, push the seat backwards while carefully lifting the rear of the seat up and away from the motorcycle. NOTE: On 1984 and 1985 Gold Wings it is necessary to lift the seat adjustment lever (located under the false gas tank cover) to release the tongue as the seat is being removed.
3. Turn the old seat over. Using a 10mm wrench or socket, remove the nuts that secure the two side brackets to the seat. Each is held in place by two nuts over studs. On some saddles one of the brackets provides for fore/aft adjustment; note on which side of the seat this bracket is located.
4. Re-install the brackets on your new Saddlemen seat using the four nuts removed earlier. Be certain to replace the fore/aft adjustment latch on the correct side (if supplied on original seat). Sometimes the studs on the seat will have to be forced together slightly to accommodate variations in brackets.
5. Install the Saddlemen seat by reversing the steps for seat removal. Be sure that the tongue built into your new seat on the front aligns with the sleeve on your motorcycle frame for proper engagement. When properly aligned, the tongue should slip easily into the sleeve. NOTE: The new Saddlemen seat is slightly longer than your original seat in order to provide more space for the passenger. In rare cases this will require removal of the trunk to facilitate installation of the new seat.
6. Re-attach the two bolts to secure your new seat to your bike. Take care to properly insert the bolts into the threaded hole in the frame so that "cross threading" does not occur. Tighten both bolts. Using the adjusting latch, adjust the seat to the original fore/aft position. This position may be adjusted later as your new seat will have a different "feel" and riding position compared to your original seat. The new seat may be slightly higher than your original seat which over years of use has broken down and compacted. The new Saddlemen will also lower with time but will not break down as the original seats often do. Take care when you ride the bike for the first time and until you become familiar with the new "feel" and riding position.
7. Re-install your saddle bag lids and check the overall installation to be sure that all steps have been completed.

EQUIPMENT CAUTION: Sometimes the brackets used with aftermarket driver backrests will interfere with the bottom forward edge of the seat during installation. This will prevent proper installation and can cause damage to the lower edge of the seat cover. When installing a seat on a motorcycle with an "around-the-seat" backrest, be certain the backrest brackets, near the bike frame, do not contact the Saddlemen seat.

GL1500, GOLDWINGS 1988-ON

1. To facilitate removing your seat, remove the saddle bag lids. Pry out the two (2) plastic caps in each of the two (2) passenger grab handles on each side of the seat. Using a 6mm allen wrench, remove the allen bolts located under the plastic caps. Remove the grab handles by pulling them to the side of the bike.
2. Remove the seat by lifting the rear of the seat up while sliding the seat rearward to allow the tongue at the front of the seat to disengage from its receptacle at the rear of the tank cover.
3. Reinstall the Saddlemen seat by reversing the above procedure. During installation it may be necessary to temporarily compress the soft rear lip on the passenger seat in order to clear the passenger backrest on the trunk.
4. Take care to properly insert the four (4) bolts through the passenger handles and into the threaded holes in the frame so that "cross threading" does not occur. Tighten the bolts and re-install the plastic caps into the grab rails.
5. Re-install your saddle bag lids and check the overall installation to be sure that all steps have been completed. The new seat may be slightly higher than your original seat which over years of use has broken down and compacted. The new Saddlemen seat will also lower with time but will not break down as the original seats often do. Take care when you ride the bike for the first time and until you become familiar with the new "feel" and riding position.

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GL1800 (all)

1. Pry out the two (2) plastic caps in each of the two (2) passenger grab handles on each side of the seat. Using an allen wrench from your bike's tool kit, remove the passenger grab rail handles from the sides of the seat.

2. Remove the seat by lifting the rear of the seat up while sliding the seat rearward to allow the tongue at the front of the seat to disengage from its receptacle at the rear of the tank cover.
3. Reinstall the Saddlemen seat by reversing the above procedure. During installation it may be necessary to temporarily compress the soft rear lip on the passenger seat in order to clear the passenger backrest on the trunk. Take care to properly insert the four (4) bolts through the passenger handles and into the threaded holes in the frame so that "cross threading" does not occur. Tighten the bolts and re-install the plastic caps into the grab rails.
4. Re-install your saddle bag lids and check the overall installation to be sure that all steps have been completed. The new seat may be slightly higher than your original seat which over years of use has broken down and compacted. The new Saddlemen will also lower with time but will not break down as the original seats often do. Take care when you ride the bike for the first time and until you become familiar with the new "feel" and riding position.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON FL MODELS 1983-1990

1. Remove the saddlebag lids. Using a 1/2 inch wrench, remove the two bolts on each side which hold the seat to the frame. The bolts are located under the seat and go through a frame bracket into the seat.
2. Remove the seat by lifting up on the rear of the seat while sliding the seat rearward to allow the tongue at the front of the seat to disengage from its receptacle in the rear of the tank.
3. Reinstall the Saddlemen seat by reversing the above procedure.
4. The new seat may be slightly higher than your original seat which over years of use has broken down and compacted. The new Saddlemen will also lower with time but will not break down as the original seats often do. Take care when you ride the bike for the first time and until you become familiar with the new "feel" and riding position.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON FL MODELS 1991-ON

1. Remove the seat by removing the single bolt through the tab at the rear of the seat. Some motorcycles are attached using two bolts on the bottom of the seat. These are removed as outlined above.
2. The seat is reinstalled using the two new bolts provided. They are to be inserted through the opening in the grab rails on each side of the motorcycle, identical to the early model FL's as noted above. Remove the saddlebag lids before re-installing the saddle. Refer to the instructions above for more assistance. The use of two bolts for installation provides a more secure mounting than the single rear bolt. The new seat may be slightly higher than your original seat which over years of use has broken down and compacted. The new Saddlemen will also lower with time but will not break down as the original seats often do. Take care when you ride the bike for the first time and until you become familiar with the new "feel" and riding position.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON FLH MODELS 1997 – 2009

1. Remove the single screw that mounts the back of your stock seat to your bike's rear fender.
2. Being careful not to scratch any paint, carefully lift the seat up in the back, and pull the seat rearward to allow the tongue at the front of the seat to disengage from the receptacle under the fuel tank.
3. Replace with your new Saddlemen seat, reversing this procedure.

BREAK-IN AND MAINTENANCE

BREAK-IN -

Allow a brief break-in period for the Saddlemen seat to conform to your anatomy, and for you to become accustomed to a "new feel". This should be accomplished within your first 500 to 1200 miles. NOTE: Due to the firmer foam used in a Saddlemen, they will feel higher at first. The Saddlemen will gradually break-in to your anatomy and slightly compress as your mileage increases. It does not breakdown like a factory seat.

VINYL CARE -

The premium grade marine vinyl used in Saddlemen seats needs minimal care. Use commercially available vinyl cleaners or mild soap and water. Additional "conditioners" are not recommended and may cause the vinyl to degrade over time.

OPTIONAL VELOUR INSERTS -

The velour used in your Saddlemen seat is of the highest grade and most durable available, specifically selected for motorcycle seat use. We understand that motorcycles are used in the rain and your velour is specially made to perform in wet conditions. The nylon based velour will not absorb water and has also been treated to a factory application of Scotch Guard to protect the fabric. Scotch Guard causes the velour and stitching to resist water absorption and prevent accumulation of dirt and stains. Additional applications of Scotch Guard, available locally, are recommended after one to two years of use or sooner if frequently cleaned with commercially available auto interior cleaning products. Follow the instructions on the can. As soon as possible after a rain, wipe the velour off with your hand and then with a dry cloth or towel. Casual water exposure while riding or standing overnight is anticipated and will not harm the seat or the velour.

However it is recommended that the motorcycle be stored indoors or under a cover whenever possible. When washing, avoid hitting the seat with the spray of a high pressure hose or car-wash wand. With reasonable care velour should provide many years of comfortable service.

OPTIONAL LEATHER INSERTS -

The leather used in your Saddlemen seat is specifically selected for use on a motorcycle, however all leather requires frequent attention to maintain its good looks and durability. Saddlemen offers Seat & Saddlebag Conditioner #3102 works great on leather, keeping it looking great and guarding against weather deterioration and cracking. The leather is a bit stiff when new and will gradually conform to your individual shape, sometimes leaving stretch marks or chafing in small areas. A rain cover is recommended when leaving the bike out in the rain.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR SEAT, ITS INSTALLATION OR CARE AND MAINTENANCE, CALL US at 310/638-1222.

BUILT-IN / REMOVABLE BACKREST -- ADJUSTMENT AND OPERATION

Inside the curved upper rear portion of the driver's seat is a fixed, vertical metal sleeve. Access is through a slot (covered by velcro) on the top of the rear portion. The sleeve is for containing the bar of the backrest. Install and adjust the backrest as follows:

1. **ASSEMBLY** - Remove the loosely assembled bolt, washers and nut. Assemble this bar to the backrest pad by inserting the end of the bar with the tubing into the chrome "C" bracket found underneath the pouch on the rear of the backrest and re-installing the bolt, washers and nut. The fore-aft adjustment screw on the bar should be facing the front of the backrest pad.
2. **INSTALLATION** - Grasp the backrest-bar and slide it into the hidden metal sleeve. If backrest-bar is "floppy" after installation, it is not inside the sleeve. Remove and reinstall by carefully inserting it into the sleeve.
3. **REMOVAL** - Grasp the backrest-bar. Pull it up and away from the seat.
4. **HEIGHT** - The height of the backrest is adjustable to three positions. Position is determined by detents on the backrest-bar. Adjust height by firmly grasping the bar and lower or raise it to the desired position.
5. **FORE/AFT POSITION** - The fore/aft position of the backrest unit is adjusted by a screw located under the backrest-pad on the back-rest bar. It is accessible through a hole in the backrest-bar cover. Turning the screw "in" or "out", will change the bar angle. This can slant the pad fore or aft by three inches. The most common and suggested starting position is with the backrest aligned directly above, and at the same angle as, the upward portion of the driver's lumbar support. When you have adjusted the backrest to the desired angle, using a separate open end wrench, tighten the included jam nut against the backrest bar to prevent the screw from backing out while riding.
6. **ANGLE** - The backrest-pad is designed to automatically conform to the angle of the driver's back during riding. No adjustment is necessary
7. **FOLDING** - The backrest can be folded forward by pushing the top of the backrest forward. This will assist passenger boarding.
8. **TENSION** - The tension of the folding process and the angle-adjustment can be changed as desired. Tighten or loosen the two horizontal bolts passing through the backrest-bar at the hinge and backrest-pad attachment points.
9. **OPTIONAL AIR ADJUSTMENT** - The optional air adjustable backrest uses a self filling bladder that to change both the firmness and thickness of the driver's back pad as air in the bladder is added or released. Air is forced out of the bladder when the button on the left side is pressed and the pad is compressed with the other hand. The pad will inflate when the button is pushed and there is no pressure on the pad. Deflating the pad will make it thinner and softer, inflation will move the driver forward and make the pad firmer.

OPTIONAL COVER FOR TRUNK MOUNTED BACKREST

INSTALLATION - Remove the trunk mounted passenger backrest assembly from the trunk (usually fastened with two or more nuts accessed from the inside of the trunk.) Remove the original cover by extracting the staples holding the cover to the plastic baseplate Reinstall the new cover in place of the cover removed, using new staples. An industrial grade staple gun is required; if you do not own one, they may be inexpensively rented. Use short staples, ¼ or 3/16" are recommended.

OPTIONAL RAIN COVER

INSTALLATION - Slip the cover over the seat, the elastic edging will keep it in place. The cover is designed to fit over the optional driver's backrest. Because of the tight fit of a seat to the motorcycle, high wind such as experienced at riding speeds, may cause the cover to come loose.



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