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## **USER GUIDE & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**DESCRIPTION:** SaddleGel Raw Pad

PART NUMBER All

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Quantity Item

SaddleGel Pad

Installation Instructions

### **IMPORTANT:**

Please read these instructions completely before starting installation. All "**NOTE**," "**CAUTION**" and "**WARNING**" notations are serious safety issues and should be read carefully. Possible injury to riders or damage to the motorcycle and/or accessory may result if improperly installed.

# **NOTICE TO DEALERS:**

These instructions contain important information for future reference and should be given to the customer.

## A WARNING:

You are responsible for the correct installation and safe use of this SaddleGel pad. Seek qualified instruction if you are uncertain about its capabilities and limitations or if you need help with installation. Use of this gel pad in a manner other than its intended purpose or contradictory to the warnings and instruction provided could cause loss of control of your motorcycle, possibly resulting in personal injury or death.

- You must mount SaddleGel pad in a safe manner, on the seat, which will not interfere with the operation of the motorcycle
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS PRODUCT IF ....

...you do not understand these instructions; ...you do not understand any part of the mounting system; ...you have any doubts as to the security of the mounting system.

If you have any doubts or questions, SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP at your qualified motorcycle dealer or call SADDLEMEN at 310-638-1222.

Motorcycling is an inherently dangerous activity. Installation of any accessory, including this gel pad, can add to the danger if it is not installed safely. You must install this product in a manner in which it will not contact any part of the drive train, suspension or steering, or interfere with any operation of the motorcycle. If you do not know how to do this, or have any doubts as to your ability, please see a qualified motorcycle mechanic.

## A WARNING:

To avoid injury, install while engine is cold.



## **OVERVIEW:**

Retrofitting a gel pad into an existing saddle requires removal of the seat cover, carving or hollowing out a pocket in the seat cushion for the gel pad, insertion of the gel pad, and reinstallation of the seat cover.

An optional but recommended step is to cover the seat cushion/gel assembly with 1/8 inch thick open cell foam sheet prior to reinstalling the seat cover. This will provide some thermal insulation for the gel pad and hide any mismatches between the pad and the seat cushion.

If a removable top mount installation is desired, strap on gel pads are available. For a complete offering of shapes and sizes, please visit www.saddlemen.com.

Gel pad installation is an available service from Saddlemen; contact the sales department at (310) 638-1222.

The following procedure assumes you are familiar with seat cover installation.

### **INSTALLATION:**

- 1. Remove the saddle from the motorcycle.
- 2. Remove the seat cover from the saddle. (Drill out pop rivets with a sharp drill. Pry staples out with a staple removal tool or a small screwdriver and a pair of diagonal cutters being careful not to cut or tear the cover.)
- 3. Place the gel pad in the desired location on top of the foam seat cushion.
- 4. Using a felt tip pen, trace the outline of the gel pad as closely as possible onto the top of the seat cushion. The foam inside this line will be removed to a depth equal to the thickness of the gel pad.
- 5. Using a razor knife or a single edge razor blade, cut around the inside of the felt pen line (the felt pen line should be left on the part of the cushion that will <u>not</u> be removed) to a depth approximately equal to the thickness of the gel.
- 6. Using a thin flexible bladed knife (like a fillet knife) rough carve out the area inside the cut line. Hold the knife blade as close to horizontal as possible. Do not cut as deep as the thickness of the gel pad.
- 7. Use a small disc sander to smooth the bottom of the pocket and bring it to the final depth (equal to the thickness of the gel pad).
- 8. Fit the gel pad into the carved pocket in the cushion.
- 9. Spray the cushion and gel pad with contact adhesive and cover with 1/8 inch open cell foam. (This step is optional but recommended.)
- <sup>10.</sup> Refit the seat cover and staple or rivet in place

### NOTE:

#### SADDLEMEN'S ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

We guarantee our products for a period of one year after retail purchase, against defects in materials and workmanship. Damage caused by improper use or incorrect mounting is not warranted. Our warranty has other provisions and conditions; please contact Saddlemen for full details. If your Saddlemen product is not performing to your expectations, please call us directly and our customer service staff will be happy to help. You can count on Saddlemen's quality, innovation, service and style. If your Saddlemen product is not performing to your expectations, please call us directly and our customer

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