

## SADDLEBAG INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### WARNING:

#### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE STARTING!

- You must mount saddlebags properly and securely before riding motorcycle. Failure to do so could result in damage to the saddlebag and motorcycle.
- You are responsible for the correct installation and safe use of these bags. Seek qualified instruction if you are uncertain about their capabilities and limitations
- Additional, bolt-on saddlebag supports are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** to keep saddlebags from moving, contacting or interfering with shocks, swingarm, brakes and wheel.
- Saddlebags must be tied down and secured to a solid part of the motorcycle to prevent any movement during operation.
- Do not use these bags if the mounting system has deteriorated, loosened or is beginning to fail
- Do not exceed maximum weight of 10 lbs per saddlebag.
- For safety and security, we recommend that the yoke zippers be locked at all times, when the saddlebags are on the motorcycle.
- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THESE SADDLEBAGS 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 saddlebags, can add to the danger if they are not installed safely. If saddlebag supports are not available for your motorcycle, and you wish to install saddlebags, you must install them in a manner in which they will not contact any part of the drivetrain, 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 have a qualified motorcycle mechanic install them.**

#### PARTS LIST

2 - Saddlebags	1 - Lid/Split yoke	1 - Instructions	4 - Locks w/Keys
2 - Keys for quick release buckles	12 - Mounting Screws w/Nuts	24 - Washers	

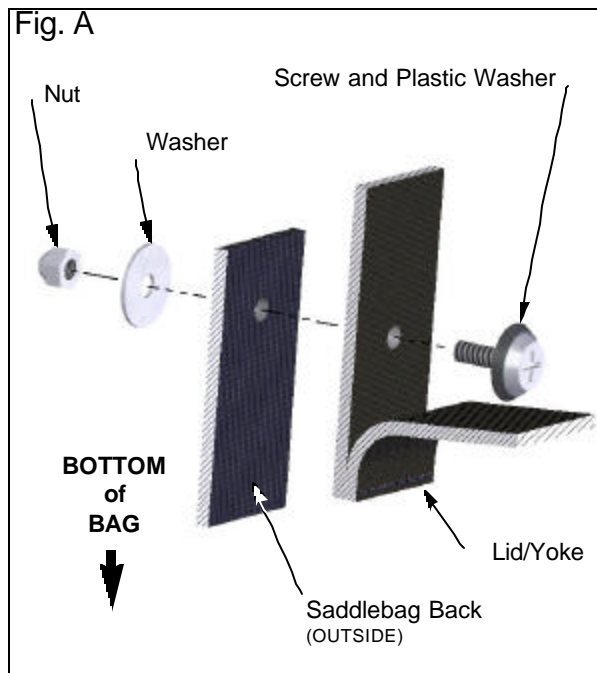
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These versatile bags provide two mounting choices: Throw over mounting, Pony Express style, or custom fit. The throw over mounting utilizes a removable yoke and the bags hang from the fender or seat. Custom fit mounting is accomplished by bolting the bags directly to frame rails or fender or by attaching the bags directly to saddlebag support brackets, including several styles of quick disconnect brackets available from your dealer. Each of these two different mounting options is described below:

#### Throw Over Yoke Mounting

1. Attach the lid/yoke assembly to the main body of the saddlebag by inserting the supplied screws thru the pre-punched holes in the lid/yoke, saddlebag back, rubber and metal washers and tighten into the acorn nut. It is critical that the screws are installed in the order shown in figure A and tighten into the nuts. (See Fig A) Repeat for both bag assemblies.
2. Saddlemen saddlebags mount over the back seat or rear fender of most motorcycles, with one saddlebag on each side of the motorcycle and the mounting yoke resting on the fender or seat. Both saddlebags must be securely mounted and tied down in a manner that does not interfere with any part of the motorcycle's operation, including turnsignals, tail or brake lights, or the suspension or drivetrain.
3. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND** that your bike be equipped with saddlebag supports which can be purchased through your local dealership where you bought these bags. Several styles are available, a typical construction is shown in figure B, the design for your bike will likely differ somewhat. If you choose to install the bags without brackets, extra care must be taken to safely install the bags. Saddlemen universal tie down kit, part #5108, may be of assistance.
4. Your saddlebags must be at least two inches clear of any exhaust pipe, while stationary and moving. You can adjust the yoke to change the height of the bag on the motorcycle by aligning the different holes in the two piece yoke and using the supplied draw cords to attach them. Adjust the yoke shorter for higher saddlebags, and vice versa. See Fig. C. It is critical that you use both draw cords.
5. When you've placed the bag on your bike in the proper position, use the straps located on the bottom of each bag (Fig. F and G) to connect the bag to the saddlebag support. These lower straps are length-adjustable; wrap them around the support, buckle the ends together, then adjust the length so that straps are tight and they are supporting some of the saddlebags' weight. Trim any excess strap after the buckle is tightened to prevent entanglement with moving bike parts during operation. Burn or heat the strap ends, melting them to prevent unravelling. **Do not operate bike with bags removed and straps still attached to supports.**

**NOTE:** Saddlebags must not move around; if they do, you must tie them securely to your saddlebag supports. The use of zip ties, cable ties or Saddlemen Tie Down Kit #5108 may be used to secure the bags using the two attachment points at the bottom corners of each saddlebag.



#### 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 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.

## Custom Fit Mounting

1. It is anticipated that the smooth back-side of the bags will be drilled to facilitate mounting directly to the fender or fender struts, to custom fabricated or ready made brackets, or to supports available through your dealer. Mounting bolts that pass through the bags must utilize the supplied fender washers on each side of the plastic bag back to spread the the mounting load and stress over the largest area possible.
2. Most installations utilize the fender struts and their fender mounting locations for connecting the saddlebags and any brackets or supports to the motorcycle. Other locations can also include turn signal or top shock mounting points. Mounting points should be as far apart as possible
3. The saddlebags must be securely mounted to the motorcycle so that they can support any load that you intend to carry (less than 10 pounds per side) and so that the bags clear all moving or suspension components thru the full suspension travel, even when the bags are loaded. Be especially careful that the cantilevered bottom inside edge of the bag, and all other surfaces, clear all components such as shocks, swingarms, brake calipers, brake rods and lines, chain guard, etc. after installation. Be sure to load and compress the suspension through its full range of motion to check for clearance.
4. Inspect the bags immediately after first use to determine that the bags are not interfering with moving components. Inspect weekly thereafter to be certain that the bags are not contacting moving parts and that the bags are not developing cracks as a result of inadequate mounting support, especially around any holes drilled through the bags.

*Note: if the bags obstruct the motorcycle's side marker reflectors contact saddlemen to purchase self-adhesive reflectors. If the installed bags obstruct the original factory turn signals or other reflectors, they must be moved where they are clearly visible from the side of the motorcycle.*

**NOTE: DO NOT** connect any straps to flexible or moving parts (rubber mounted turn signals, swingarm, shocks)

**NOTE: You must tuck away, tie, or cut/shorten all loose mounting straps BEFORE you ride the motorcycle. See warning information above.**

**NOTE: Check saddlebag mounting and strap tightness each time you stop.**

## FEATURES

**FULLY LOCKING BUCKLES** (Fig. D) The two buckles straps on these saddlebags are Fully Lockable. you can use the supplied pad locks to lock the two chrome buckles. You can also lock the black Quick Release buckles located below the chrome buckles. Now your saddlebags are fully locked. This Fully Lockable saddlebag feature is unique to Saddlemen. If you always leave the padlocks in the two chrome buckles, the bags appeared locked all the time. You now have the option of leaving the Quick-Release buckles locked or unlocked.

**LOCKABLE YOKE ZIPPER** The zipper on the mounting yoke is lockable. For safety and security, we recommend that the yoke zippers be locked at all times, when the saddlebags are on the motorcycle. Place the pad lock thru both the zipper pull and D-Ring (see figure E). Once locked saddlebags cannot be removed by unzipping.

**PAD LOCK KEYS** The chrome padlocks (for the saddlebags chrome buckles and yoke zipper locks) are the same key. The black Quick-Release buckles have their own key. Tape a spare key for both locks to a business card and keep in your wallet.

### OPTIONAL FEATURES

Internal weatherproof bags are available from Saddlemen through your local dealer to make packing and unpacking easier.

## CARE AND CLEANING

Your Saddlemen saddlebags require almost no maintenance, but to keep them looking good, here's what we recommend:

1. Simply wipe down the bag with a clean, damp cloth, but to really make them shine use Saddlemen Seat and Saddlebag Wash, part number 3101, and Saddlemen Seat and Saddlebag Conditioner, part number 3102, both available through your local dealer.
2. Keep the saddlebags away from extreme heat sources like your bike's exhaust pipes.

