

# Express Saddlebags



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## WARNING:

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE STARTING!

You are responsible for the correct installation and safe use of this bag. Seek qualified instruction if you are uncertain about its capabilities and limitations or if you need help with installation. Use of the bag 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.

- Do not use this bag if any part of the mounting system has deteriorated, loosened or is beginning to fail. If you have any doubts as to the security of bag's installation, stop using it.
- You must mount saddlebags properly and securely before riding motorcycle. Failure to do so could result in damage to the saddlebag and motorcycle. For every installation, it is critical that the saddlebags are securely mounted so that it can not shift during operation and that no part of the bag or the mounting system can touch any moving part of the motorcycle, the drive train or controls during operation.
- Additional, bolt-on saddlebag supports are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** to keep saddlebags from moving, contacting or interfering with shocks, swing arm, brakes and wheel. We recommend our S4 Universal saddlebag supports available through your local dealer.
- Saddlebags must be tied down and secured to a solid part of the motorcycle to prevent any movement during operation.
- Do not exceed 10 pounds total weight of each saddlebag, contents and attachments or the load limits of the motorcycle as specified in the owner's manual supplied with the bike or from the bike manufacturer.
- After every stop check the bags to be certain that twist locks are still engaged and that bags have not shifted while riding and verify that the straps will not contact or interfere with any part of the drive train, suspension, brakes or wheels.
- When the bag is removed, all loose straps must be removed from the motorcycle, or secured, so that they do not contact or interfere with any part of the drive train, suspension, brakes or wheels before operating the motorcycle.
- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THESE SADDLEBAGS IF....**  
.....you do not understand these instructions, the warning label attached inside the bag or how to safely and securely mount these bags, please **SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP** at your qualified motorcycle dealer or by calling **SADDLEMEN** at 310-638-1222

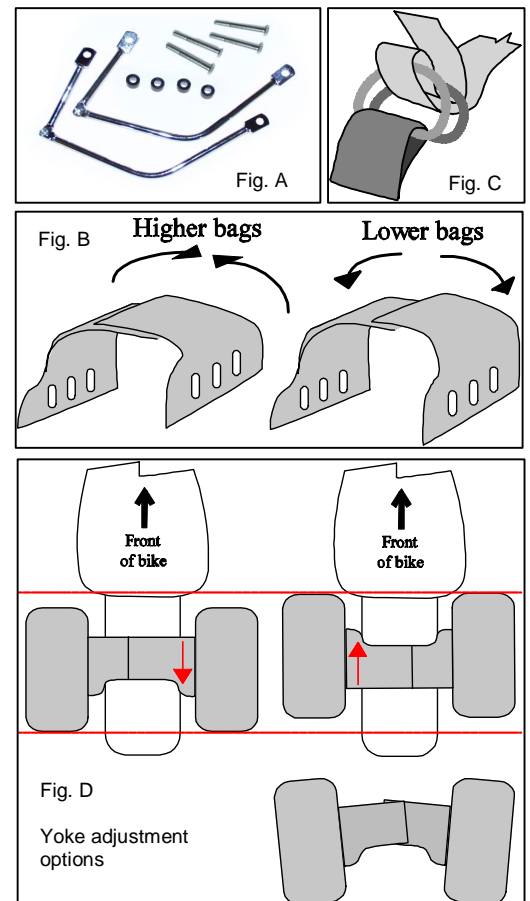
**Motorcycling is an inherently dangerous activity. Installation of any accessory, including this bag, can add to the danger if it is not installed safely. You must install this product in a manner in which it will not contact any part of the drive train, suspension or steering, or interfere with any 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.**

### PARTS LIST

2-Saddlebags    1- Split yoke, includes nylon strap with D-rings    2-side release buckle keys (*Desperado, Drifter*)    2-Locks w/Keys (*Cruis'n & Face Pouch Models*)    2- Rubber Plugs (*Installed*)    1-Instructions

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Saddlemen Express 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 turn signals, tail or brake lights, or the suspension or drive train.
2. We **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** that your bike is equipped with saddlebag supports (Saddlemen's S4 supports, Fig. A, available at your dealer, or comparable supports). If saddlebag supports are not available for your bike, use Saddlemen part #5108 Saddlebag Tie Down Kit, or comparable, to connect the two loops located at the ends of each saddlebag bottom to your bike's frame.
3. Your saddlebags must be at least two inches clear of any exhaust pipe, while stationary and moving. For height adjustment of the bags, separate the two yoke halves and reposition them. Adjust the yoke shorter for higher saddlebags, and vice versa. See Fig. B. When you have the yoke in the correct position, tighten the nylon safety strap using the adjustable D-rings (Fig. C) on the top of the yoke.
4. Saddlebags are adjustable towards the front/rear of the bike for clearing turn signals and shock absorbers. See Figs. D and E for options.
  - Turn yoke around 180 degrees;
  - Position twist locks towards the front or rear of bags (use the included plug to fill the fourth, unused hole)
  - Place two yoke halves together at an angle to adjust bag position
 NOTE: If you feel the yoke length is excessive on your bike, you can cut each yoke end as long as you allow enough hook-and-loop to secure them.
5. When you've placed the bag on your bike in the proper position, use the strap located on the bottom of each bag (Fig. F) 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. (Fig.G)



6. **QUICK RELEASE FEATURE** The backside of each saddlebag has four mounting holes, and each side of the mounting yoke has three twist locks. Align the twist locks in a vertical position, and insert them into the back of the saddlebag. Then, turn the twist locks into the horizontal locked position before riding (Fig. E). The mounting strap located on the bottom of each bag has two quick-release buckles; one of them allows you to leave the strap on the bike and still take the bag with you. Make sure both are secured before riding.

**NOTE: Saddlebags must not move around; if they do, you must tie them securely to your saddlebag supports using a Tie Down Kit #5108(recommended), or cable ties, connected to the two attachment points at the bottom corners of each saddlebag.**

**NOTE: DO NOT connect any straps to flexible or moving parts (rubber mounted turn signals, swing arm, 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.**

**CARE AND CLEANING**

Your Saddlemen saddlebags require almost no maintenance, but to keep them looking their best, we recommend Saddlemen's Saddlebag Cleaner #3101, and Saddlebag Conditioner #3103. For everyday cleaning, you can simply wipe down the bag with a clean, damp cloth. Make sure to keep the saddlebags away from extreme heat sources like your bike's exhaust pipes.

**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 service staff will be happy to help. You can count on Saddlemen's quality, innovation, service and style.

