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SLANT SADDLEBAG INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: 4

- Use of these saddlebags in a manner other than the intended purpose could cause loss of motorcycle control and damage including personal injury. Follow the mounting instructions included with the saddlebags.
- Saddlebags must be installed over rear fender or seat in a manner which will not interfere with operation of motorcycle's suspension, drivetrain or wheel movement.
- Do not exceed 10 pounds total weight of each saddlebag and contents.
- Saddlebags must be secured to a solid frame member or a bolt-on saddlebag support so they do not
- move while riding.

 Before riding, verify that all mounting straps will not contact rear wheel or drivetrain during vehicle operation. Check security of strap attachments at every fuel stop.
- Consult motorcycle owner's manual and maintain recommended tire inflation pressure for a loaded motorcycle. Gross axle weight rating must not be exceeded.
- Carefully read instructions provided with this product. Install and use this product only as directed. If you do not understand the instructions or this warning label, 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 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

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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 turnsignals, tail or brake lights, or the suspension or drivetrain.
- 2. We HIGHLY RECOMMEND that your bike is equipped with saddlebag supports (Saddlemen's S³ 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 strap using the adjustable D-rings (Fig. C) on one of the bags.
- 4. Saddlebags are adjustable towards the front/rear of the bike for clearing turn signals and shock absorbers. See Fig. D for options. -Turn Saddlebags around 180 degrees. NOTE: If you have SLANT bags, to turn the yoke 180 degrees you must unbolt the yoke from each bag, turn the yoke 180 degrees and then re-bolt the yoke to each saddlebag. Make certain that all bolts are tight. A drop of Locktite is recommended on each bolt.
 - Place the two yoke halves together at an angle to adjust bag position. See Fig. D
- 5. When you've placed the bags on your bike in the proper position, use the tie down strings located in the bottom corners of each bag. Use these strings to connect the bag to the saddlebags to the saddlebag support. Wrap them around the support and tie securely, making certain the strings are tight and supporting some of the saddlebags' weight. Make sure there are no loose strings that could tangle in the wheel, chain / drive belt.
- NOTE: Saddlebags must not move around; if they do, you must tie them securely to your saddlebag supports using a Tie Down Kit #5108, 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, 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.
- LOCKABLE BUCKLES FEATURE Drifter and Desperado models feature lockable buckles. (Locks sold separately)

CARE AND CLEANING

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

- 1. Keep the saddlebags away from extreme heat sources like your bike's exhaust pipes.
- 2. We highly recommend a vinyl or leather cleaner/conditioner available through Saddlemen, or hardware and auto parts stores
- 3. Simply wipe down the bags with a clean saturated cloth. Allow a few minutes to dry.



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 warranteed. 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,





