



Thrash saddlebag for 2018 Harley-Davidson Softail installation guide

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Intro

Suggestions

If not accustomed to this kind of mechanical practice, please go to an Harley-Davidson dealer or call a professional.

The use of locktite is recommended on every threaded part

Video

An installation video is available on our Youtube Channel:

[Thrash saddlebag for 2018 Softail installation video](#)

Installation

Remove original fender bolts



Place the 2 provided bolts and 2 washers on the back panel



Slide the 2 remaining washers and 2 spacers **(on motorcycles equipped with detachable sissybar, please use the sissybar bushings)** on the bolts



Check the bolts length, if too long cut them

Support for 2018 Softail installation guide

[Installation video](#)

Remove original belt cover bolt.



Apply the support on the swing arm tube and secure it with the provided bolt



Leather Care

Suggestions

In order to make your saddle bag, seat, or leather accessory last forever, you need to make sure of two things:

- That it has been correctly installed.
- Make sure to keep your leather treated and moistured.

Generally, during riding season, we recommend to take care of your bags with a leather revitalizing treatment once every three months. However, especially during the winter and in the summer, we advice to treat your leather bag after every long trip. Is also very important for your saddlebag to get treated right after riding in the rain. It is very important to treat new saddlebags; this kind of treatment keeps the bag water resistant, prevents color from fading, and keeps leather moistured.

Regular Treatment

The treatment consist in four steps:

- Wipe the dirt off the saddlebag by using a wet cloth. Please remember that warm water helps to remove dirt; do not try to scratch dirt off.
 - Let it dry
 - Apply our revitalizing oil. Pour some product on a sponge (please remember that is crucial to avoid rough sponges) and spread it on the saddlebag surface; the area must be moist so, every time it starts to feel dry, pour some more product on the sponge. Make sure to completely moisturize the whole bag. This is a crucial point to help your saddlebag last in time, and to restore its water repellency.
 - Let it dry and then use a cloth to gently remove the patina
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Intensive Treatment

An intensive revitalizing treatment is needed when a saddlebag needs to get its original shape and color back:

- Make sure to work on a waterproof surface, a plastic table cloth will be fine, because all the liquid materials could fall on the working surface.
- Fill the bucket with warm water. Water temperature is very important, it must not be too warm because it could damage the leather of your bag. A temperature that is good for your hands, will be good for your saddlebag as well.
- Completely submerge the bag in the bucket.
- When the leather feels soft and ductile, pull it out the water and fill it with bubble wrap. It is very important to fill it well: plastic needs to completely fill the bag, allowing you - once the bag is closed - to reshape the bag applying a gentle pressure on the areas that need to be reshaped.
- Let the saddlebag dry. This allows leather to restore its original consistency.
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- Wait for the leather care product to dry.