



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**P/N 53700, 53705, 53900, & 53905**

(Compu-Fire Gen III Starter for 1990 – Later Big Twins®)

### **READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION!**

**NOTE:** Refer to the Factory Shop Manual electrical section for safety instructions prior to performing any repairs or installations of electrical components.

**CAUTION!** ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE BATTERY CABLES BEFORE PERFORMING ANY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM REPAIRS OR MODIFICATIONS. THIS WILL PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR ACCIDENTAL STARTING OF THE MOTORCYCLE IN CASE OF AN ELECTRICAL ARC CAUSED BY SHORTING THE BATTERY POWER TO GROUND.

**WARNING!** SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR PERSONAL INJURY MAY OCCUR BY NOT FOLLOWING THE ABOVE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS.

#### **Step #1 STARTER REMOVAL:**

1. Remove the seat. Disconnect the cables at the battery. Remove the ground (-) cable first and then the positive (+) cable.
2. Drain the oil in the outer primary case and remove the outer primary cover following instructions in the Factory Shop Manual.
3. Bend the tab on the jackshaft bolt lock plate away from the bolt head. Hold the starter pinion gear and remove the jackshaft bolt, then remove the rest of the jackshaft assembly.
4. Disconnect ignition switch wire and battery cable from starter solenoid.
5. Remove the two socket head starter mounting bolts and washers. Note the location of any ground wires that are attached to the starter bolts.
6. Remove the starter motor.

#### **Step #2 STARTER INSTALLATION:**

7. Install the Compu-Fire starter using the two socket head mounting bolts and washers. Attach the ground wire to the proper mounting bolts. Torque the bolts to 13 to 20 ft. lbs.
8. Re-install the jackshaft assembly following the instructions in the Factory Shop Manual.

9. Inspect the condition of the outer bushing in the primary cover and the wear pattern of the ring and starter pinion gear. Refer to Factory Shop Manual.
10. Measure and adjust the air gap between the ring gear and the pinion gear. See Fig. #1. The correct gap is  $.075''-.025''$ . If the gap is larger than  $.125''$ , use the supplied shims inside the starter coupler. See Fig. #2. If the air gap is smaller than  $.075''$ , the starter coupler must be shortened by removing material from the side of the coupler with the outside bevel.

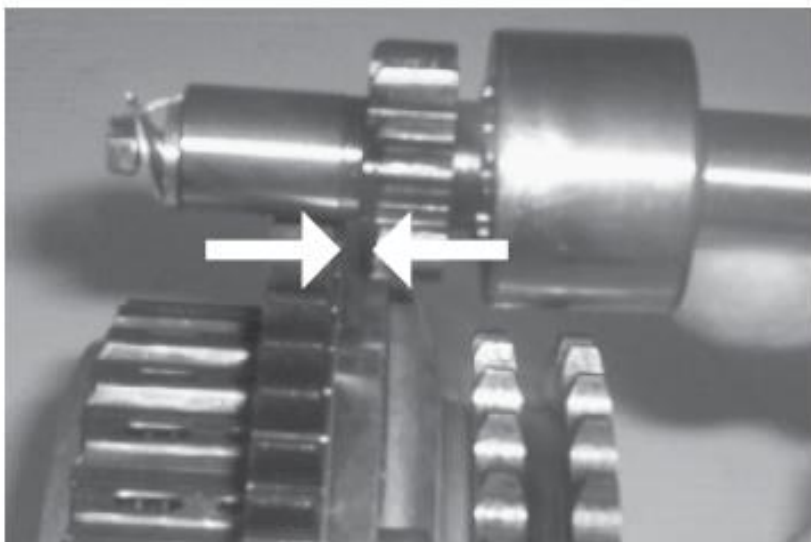


Fig-1 (Adjust air Gap to  $.075''-.125''$ )



Fig-2 (If gap is too large, use shim inserts)

**Remove material from  
outside bevel side of  
jackshaft coupler to  
meet required air gap  
of  $.075''-.125''$**



Fig-3 (Remove material, if air gap too small)

11. For applications using 3" open belt drives, use the Compu-Fire adapter P/N 53507. The air gap adjustment procedure is the same in Step #3.
12. Once gap is adjusted, re-install the jackshaft bolt, lock plate, and thrust washer. Apply anti-seize to the threads of the jackshaft bolt and insert it into the jackshaft.  
**NOTE:** For 1990-1993 models, use the stepped jackshaft bolt supplied with the Gen III Starter. For 1994 and later models, use the O.E. bolt. Align the lock tab on the lock plate with the slot in the jackshaft. **CAUTION:** Do not use Loctite® or any thread sealer on the jackshaft bolt.
13. Hold the pinion gear to prevent rotation and tighten the jackshaft bolt to 7 – 9 ft. lbs.. Bend the lock tab on the lock plate against a flat on the bolt head of the jackshaft bolt.
14. Install the outer primary cover following instructions in the Factory Shop Manual and re-fill the primary case with the proper amount of primary oil.
15. Attach positive (+) battery cable and ignition switch wire to the starter solenoid. Torque the battery cable nut to 65-85 in. lbs. **CAUTION: Do not over tighten the nut.**
16. Re-install the battery cables to the battery in the reverse order as they were removed in Step 1. And re-install the seat.

NOTE: For improved electrical system operation and to insure that the maximum amps required by the starter are available, Compu-Fire recommends using a two-ground cable wiring system at the battery. The (-) cable from the battery should attach to the ground stud on the frame or bolt directly to the frame. A second cable (4 gauge) should attach from the grounding point on the frame to one of the starter mounting bolts. All connections must be clean and tight and free from any powder coat, paint, or grease.

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