

Contents:

2 ¼" x ⅜" Bolts x4

3" x ⅜" Bolts x4

⅜" locking jam nut x 4

¼" Spacer x 4

½" Spacer x 4

Grooved Docking point x 4

Compatibility:

These bags are compatible with 2018 Softail models with shorter strut bolt spacing. This Includes the Fat Bob, Slim, Street Bob, and Low Rider. Turn signals must be relocated off the strut. They are also compatible with hard mount and detachable backrests. These bags will not work with stock exhaust systems, you must use a lower 2-1 exhaust. Exercise caution when mounting these bags with aftermarket exhaust systems. Hot exhaust blowing directly at the fabric or plastic will melt it. Additional shielding may be necessary for some exhausts.

Instructions

Mounting the studs

DO NOT use any bolts but those supplied with this kit. Using other bolts with different head shapes may cause your bags to fall off and voids your warranty. If you are having problems mounting your bags, please contact us and we will do our best to help you.

If you are using a detachable backrest, you will be using the longer 3" bolts. If you are using a hard mount backrest or no backrest at all, you will be using the shorter 2 ¼" bolts. Pre-assemble the bolts by sliding on a grooved docking point with the narrow end towards the bolt head, followed by a ½" chrome spacer. If you are using a detachable backrest, slide on the ¼" chrome spacer and Holdfast docking point instead of the ½" chrome spacer.

Replace the bolts in your strut with the new bolts one at a time, using blue thread locker. If there is a narrow plate behind your fender with an unthreaded hole at the rear, remove it and use the included nuts to attach the bolts (they are crimped jam nuts and may be difficult to start). If you have the nut plate with both holes threaded, you can use it instead of the nuts provided. In either case use thread locker to ensure they don't vibrate loose. Make sure the ends of the bolts stick out no more than ⅛" past the nut, or they may rub on the tire.



Stud mounted with ½" spacer



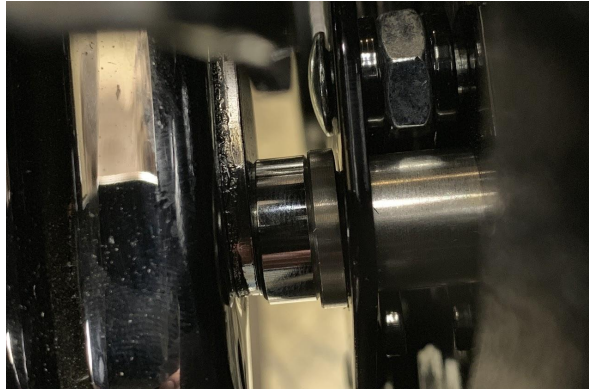
Stud mounted with Harley Holdfast hardware

Mounting the bags

Once all 4 bolts have been tightened, you can mount the bags. With the handle pulled up, slide the bags on to the docking points, making sure the bracket sits in the grooves on the docking points (refer to pictures below). Push down the lever on the bag and you should feel it snap into place with about 20 pounds of force. If it is too difficult or too easy to push the handle down, the brackets may require adjustment (see next section). To remove the bags, lift up on the handle while holding up the spring loaded latch. The lock on the inside of the bag lets you lock the bags to the bike for theft prevention.



INCORRECT Brackets are not on the docking points and will not clamp on in this position



CORRECT The brackets are sitting in the groove on the docking point and are able to clamp on securely.

Adjusting the brackets

The brackets will require adjustment when they come from the factory. ***The brackets will also require periodic adjustment for the life of the bags as they break in.*** Before adjusting the bracket there are 2 features that you need to identify. One is the Adjuster, which is the part with the 2 stickers on it marked T and L. The nut in the middle of this piece is how the brackets are adjusted. You will also notice a square hole in the plate under the adjuster. In order to adjust the bags, you must move the handle so that the nut in the adjuster sits over the square hole in the backing plate (This will be about halfway between open and closed). This allows the square nut to be turned, adjusting the clamping pressure. Follow the markings on the bag, T to tighten and L to loosen. It should take 20 Lbs of force to clamp the bags in place.

Care Instructions

For any fabric components of the bags, we recommend applying a UV blocker in order to protect the fabric of the bags from fading. We suggest using 303 Aerospace Protectant. If your bike is kept outdoors in intense sunlight, we recommend applying about once a month. Bags have not been treated before leaving the factory.

For leather surfaces of the bag, we recommend applying a black shoe cream to restore color and luster once the bags are worn. Any brand will do, Meltonian is readily available in many stores. Leather does not need to be treated on a regular schedule, simply rub on a thin layer when you notice the leather is starting to look worn. Applying too often can lead to unsightly build up and cracking.