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STEALTH SYSTEM USER'S GUIDE INSTALLATION & CARE

Okay, slow down... If you want these bags to look and perform as advertised, it's going to take you 30 minutes to set them up and install them the first time. Crack a cool one, read **ALL** the instructions and realize that these bags can be fitted to most of today's radical sport and sport touring motorcycles. The more care that you, the owner, take fitting the bags, the more *factory* the final results will look. If you choose to mount your saddlebags with the straps **UNDER** the seat/seat cowling instead of the traditional throw 'em over style, **TAKE YOUR TIME**.

TO MOUNT BAGS UNDER SEAT/SEAT COWLING

• FIRST DECISION:

Do you want to use the provided 3M transparent paint protective system? In my view, the protectant should be used if the bags are to stay on your bike for extended periods of time or are to be used on long journeys where keeping your bike pristine is not possible. No tankbag or saddlebag backing material known to man can keep road grit from abrading your machine's paint given enough time and/or inattention... so, if you're day tripping and will clean and wax your bike after each ride, I'd say install the bags and forget the 3M material. It's your call. Should you decide to use the 3M material, your next step is:

• POSITIONING THE SADDLEBAGS:

Remove/raise your machine's seat and position the saddlebag's straps in such a manner as to allow reinstallation of the seat. Position the bags far enough back to allow passenger access to the passenger footpegs, while at the same time being certain the bags are positioned high enough to clear the muffler(s). This process takes some adjusting as strap length, which appears adequate with the seat off/up, suddenly becomes too short when the seat is locked down. The proper strap adjusted length leaves the Stealth bags hanging straight down, with no sign of the bag's interior walls being deformed where they meet the motorcycle's side panels. This is very important and ample strap length is provided to achieve the proper installation on even the wildest machine. Attach, adjust and snap the rear and front/lower stay straps in place now, trimming and heat sealing the excess strapping only **AFTER** confirming the bags' adjusted position. On many machines, the front stay-straps attach to the passenger pegs, the rear straps to around the tail light/license plate bracket or turn signals.

• 3M MATERIAL

With the Stealth bags (tankbag and/or saddlebags) in place and the decision having been made to use the provided 3M material, use masking tape or a soft grease pencil to note the locations where the bags touch the motorcycle bodywork, giving yourself some extra as a fudge factor to allow for bag-shift. Cut the 3M material to the desired shape and apply.

The following suggestions will help you make a workman-like job of it:

- Clean and wax the surfaces to be covered before starting.
- Warm both the 3M material and the bike in the sun if possible.
- Make a trial pattern with construction paper; transfer to 3M material when satisfied with fit.
- Cut and **ROUND** all corners with **SHARP** scissors.
- Trial fit the cut 3M material **BEFORE** removing backing.
- Do your best to **AVOID** touching adhesive backing.
- Tack one side of piece and work **SLOWLY** in other direction, making sure **NO** air bubbles are trapped as you go.
- Alternative Method: Squirt entire area with spray glass cleaner, settle material in place and squeegee cleaner from middle of material to the outer edges until affixed.
- A few hours in the sun or the passage of a few days will make the 3M material become transparent, leaving just the outer edges visible upon close inspection. Clean edge cuts are important! A **LIGHT** swipe with paint thinner and a re-wax will remove any adhesive left from the cut edges. A sharp pointy X-Acto knife makes quick work of the gas filler opening or vent openings on some side panels. Work slowly and carefully for a professional job.
- Small pieces of the 3M material can be cut and fit wherever straps contact painted surfaces, such as under the seat or down the back of the tank.
- **REMOVAL:** Get the material warm with a hair dryer and **SLOWLY** pull off... remember, this ain't gold leaf, so if you don't get the desired result the first time, know your second attempt will be better.

Additional information regarding the installation/application of the 3M material can be found at: www.tapeworks.com This is their business and nobody has more experience in this field.

• CARE

These bags can be soaped down with no ill effects. The material (but **NOT** the zippers) is waterproof, so interior contents had best be in plastic bags if the sky opens up! As with every material, sunlight will eventually fade these bags. A cheap bike cover is often an excellent investment for machine and accessories. Have upright fun... **AFTER** you check all clearances and mountings with the bike fully loaded!

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