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USER GUIDE & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

DESCRIPTION: Express Universal Saddlebags

PART NUMBER: All

OVERVIEW:

- Distinctively styled saddlebags that look great on any style motorcycle, full of practical and stylish features.
- Rugged SaddleHyde™ construction bags with strong, shape-holding internal reinforcement. Lids conveniently pivot forward when opening to provide excellent cargo access.
- ¼ turn fasteners accept mini padlocks for security.
- Detachable and fully adjustable yoke system allows easy installation and works great with Saddlemen's saddlebag supports.
- You can add a Saddlemen S4™ quick-release kit with supports to change from a throw over saddlebag set to a rigidly mounted set that can be removed from your bike in seconds.

CONTENTS / PARTS INCLUDED:

Qty	Item	Qty	Item
2	Saddlebags	1	Split yoke, w/ nylon strap with D-rings
2	Rubber Plugs (Installed)	2	Side release buckle keys (Drifter & Desperado)
1	Instructions		

IMPORTANT:

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE INSTALLATION. All "NOTE," "CAUTION" and "WARNING" notations are serious safety issues and should be read carefully. Possible injury to riders or damage to the motorcycle and/or accessory may result if improperly installed.

NOTICE TO DEALERS:

These instructions contain important information for future reference and should be given to the customer.

⚠ WARNING:

- Because of the variety of motorcycle configurations, other accessories, and the features and intended use of this accessory, there could be many different mounting options. You are responsible for the proper installation of this accessory on your motorcycle. Your attention to these installation instructions and recommendations will permit safe and proper use of this accessory.
- The bags must be installed and securely fastened onto the rear fender or seat. Saddlebag supports that bolt to your motorcycle are required to keep the saddlebags from shifting and contacting the drive train, suspension, swingarm, brakes or wheel components.
- Install the bags securely so that they will not shift or move while riding. Make sure the mounting straps and hardware will not contact the wheels, suspension or any other moving parts of the motorcycle.
- If you do not understand the mounting instructions DO NOT mount the bag. Remove all straps or components you may have already installed on your motorcycle.
- Thoroughly inspect your motorcycle luggage before every ride. Do not use the bags if the mounting system has been modified, deteriorated, loosened or are beginning to fail.
- Continually check the security of the bags and strap attachments at each stop as you ride. Straps can loosen during operation, so be sure to check them frequently.
- Do not use this accessory if you have any doubts as to whether it is properly mounted to your motorcycle.
- Do not exceed 5 pounds of total weight in each bag, its contents and attachments. Balance the weight equally per bag to minimize load effects on your motorcycle's handling.
- When using this luggage, do not exceed your vehicle's Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight as listed on your motorcycle or in the manufacturer's owner's manual.
- Once the bags are removed from your motorcycle, all loose mounting straps must be removed or secured so that they will not contact or interfere with any part of the drive train, suspension, brakes or wheels during riding.
- If your bags are ever damaged, do not use them until they have been inspected by your local professional motorcycle dealer. Replace them immediately if there is damage that will prevent them from being properly secured to your motorcycle or able to securely hold their contents.
- If you lack the ability to safely and properly install this accessory, seek out a qualified motorcycle technician for assistance.
- During installation, support the motorcycle with a suitable stand or lift so it will not tip over and injure you, or damage the vehicle.
- Using or mounting this accessory improperly could result in a loss of control of the motorcycle which could result in damage to your motorcycle or other personal property, the property of third parties, and/or personal injury to yourself or others, up to and including death.

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⚠ WARNING:

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS SADDLEBAG KIT IF:

- You do not understand these installation and use instructions;
- You do not understand any part of the saddlebag kit mounting system;
- You have any doubts as to the security of the mounting system.

If you have any concerns or questions, seek help at your qualified motorcycle dealer or call the Saddlemen support line at (310) 638-1222.

Motorcycling can be a dangerous activity. Installation of any accessory can increase your risk if it is not installed properly. You are responsible to install this saddlebag kit so it will not contact any portion of the drive train, suspension or steering, or if it will in any way interfere with the operation of your motorcycle.

To avoid injury, install while engine is cold. Disconnect the battery.

IMPORTANT:

Saddlebag supports (A) must first be installed on the motorcycle, to prevent the bags from interfering with the rear wheel or other chassis components. These saddlebags can also be mounted directly to Saddlemen saddlebag supports in a permanent fashion, eliminating the need for the split yoke set. Contact your dealer or Saddlemen for information about support brackets for your motorcycle.

INSTALLATION:

Your Saddlemen Express saddlebags mount over the back seat or rear fender of most motorcycles, with one saddlebag on each side of the bike. The saddlebags can be placed on the motorcycle in a “throw-over” fashion with the supplied, adjustable yoke, resting the bags on top of the fender or the back seat.

Carefully read and follow the installation recommendations provided with the saddlebag supports you chose to install on your motorcycle. Like all accessories, you are responsible for the proper and safe installation of the supports and saddlebags on your motorcycle. You (or your professional motorcycle technician) will need to determine the best mounting configuration for your motorcycle.

“THROW-OVER” MOUNTING CONFIGURATION

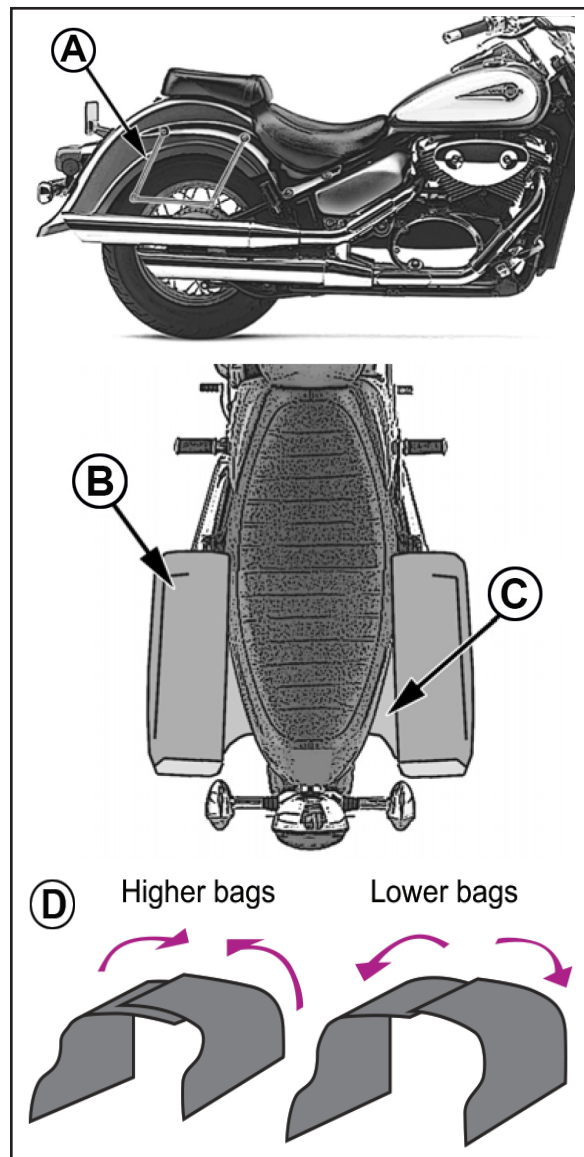
It is essential that you first install saddlebag supports (A) to protect your motorcycle and bags from potential damage.

With this “throw-over” mounting configuration, place the yoke set under or on top of the back seat (B). The saddlebags attach to the yoke on either side of your motorcycle (C) using a twist-lock mechanism (G).

SADDLEBAG MOUNTING ADJUSTMENTS

There are numerous ways to adjust the fit of your Express Saddlebags, for a perfect fit on your bike. When deciding the saddlebags' position, make sure the bags will clear any turn signals, shock absorbers, drivetrain components and exhaust.

1. Adjust the yoke hook-n-loop fastener. The two halves of the yoke can be positioned higher, lower, and even at an angle to help fit your bike. For saddlebag height adjustment, separate the two yoke halves and reposition them where you want them to be on the motorcycle (under the seat, above the seat, etc.). Adjust the yokes shorter for a higher saddlebag position, and longer for a lower saddlebag position (Fig. D). The yokes can also be attached together at an angle (Fig. F), which can be useful if your motorcycle's chassis is tapered.



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INSTALLATION *(continued)*

2. Turn yoke around 180 degrees (Fig. E), which adjusts the bags towards the front or the rear.

3. Position the yoke twist locks towards the front or rear of the bags (Fig. G). A rubber plug is included to seal the unused hole.

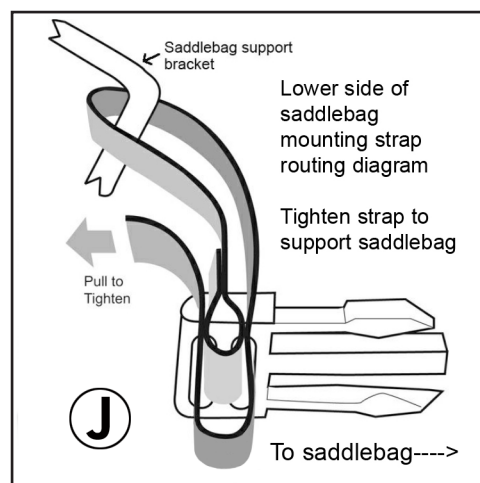
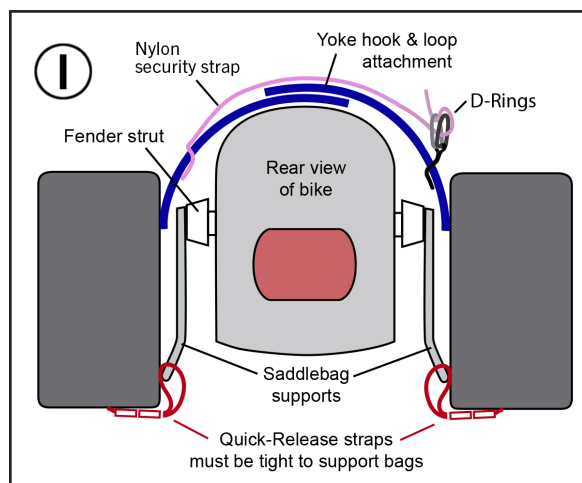
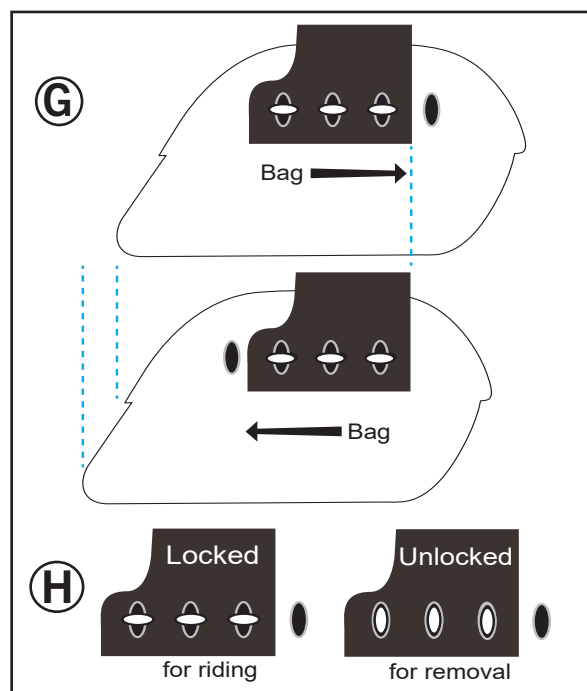
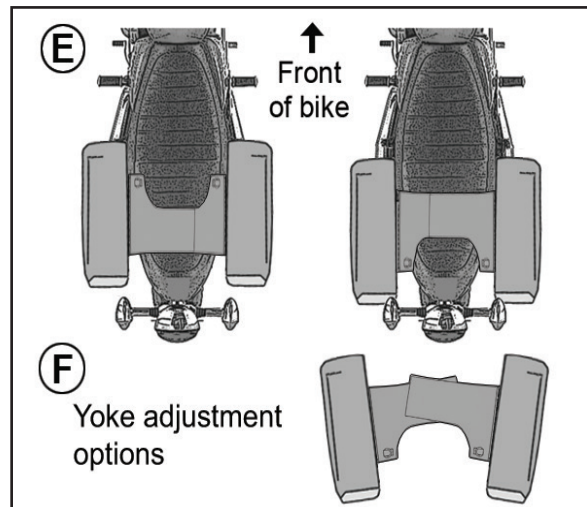
NOTE: If you feel the yoke length is excessive on your bike, you can cut each yoke end as long as you allow enough hook-and-loop to secure the two sides.

When you have the yoke in the correct position, run the nylon safety strap from one yoke side to the other, and secure the strap to the D-rings on the top of the yoke (Fig. I).

When you've placed the bag on your bike in the proper position, use the strap located on the bottom of each bag (Figs. I and J) to connect the bag to the saddlebag support. These lower straps are length-adjustable; wrap them around the support, buckle the ends together, then adjust the length so that straps are tight and they are supporting some of the saddlebags' weight.

IMPORTANT: Make sure the yoke set or the saddlebags are not touching any components such as the exhaust, the wheel, the shock absorbers or any moving or nonmoving part of the motorcycle which could cause damage or interfere with the vehicle's safe operation.

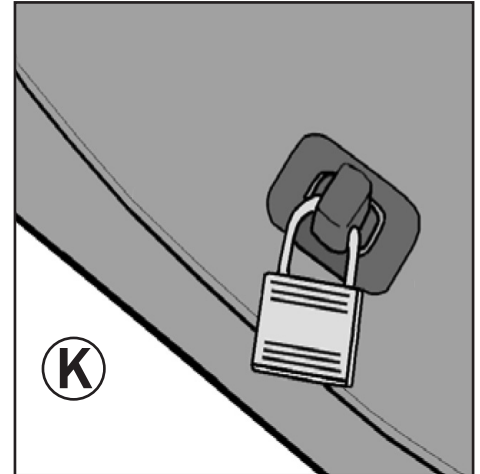
QUICK RELEASE FEATURE The backside of each saddlebag has four mounting holes, and each side of the mounting yoke has three twist locks. Align the twist locks in a vertical position, and insert them into the back of the saddlebag. Then, turn the twist locks into the horizontal locked position before riding (Fig. H). The mounting strap located on the bottom of each bag has two quick-release buckles (Fig. J) which allows you to leave the strap on the bike and still take the bag with you. Make sure all straps and buckles are secured before riding.



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INSTALLATION *(continued)*

LOCKING THE SADDLEBAGS: Cruis'n and FacePouch styles use twist-locks that are lockable with mini-padlocks (Fig. K), not included.



IMPORTANT:

Failure to install this accessory properly may allow the saddlebags, or the supports, to contact the wheel or other moving parts. It is vital that you verify that the saddlebags and supports will not touch, or interfere with other components as the suspension moves through its entire travel. Check the clearance of all of the components with the bike under load, to ensure that the swingarm, drive belt or chain guard, brake components, and turn signals all clear the saddlebags.

NOTE: DO NOT connect any straps to flexible or moving parts (rubber mounted turn signals, swing arm, shocks).

NOTE: You must tuck away, tie, or cut/shorten all loose mounting straps **BEFORE** you ride the motorcycle. See warning information above. Check to be sure that all lights and safety reflectors are visible once the saddlebags are in place. If the saddlebags block the motorcycle's reflectors, place reflectors on the exterior of the saddlebags (reflectors with self-adhesive backing are available from Saddlemen or your local motorcycle or automotive supply stores).

Occasionally, the configuration of this accessory with certain motorcycles, may require turn signal relocation and/or helmet lock removal. Overloaded or overweight saddlebags can damage the supports you may have installed. After loading cargo in the saddlebags, visually check the clearance between the supports and any moving parts on the motorcycle's chassis.

After 50 miles (80 kilometers), recheck the tightness of all of the saddlebags, mounting yoke, and any related hardware. Inspect the saddlebags, any supports you install, and any related hardware before each ride. Loose accessories can interfere with the motorcycle's operation and cause an unsafe riding condition.

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LIMITED WARRANTY POLICY

SADDLEMEN LIMITED ONE-YEAR WARRANTY Saddlemen warrants its products for defects in materials, design or workmanship for a period of one year after retail purchase. Items that are defective will be repaired or replaced by Saddlemen at its sole discretion. Damage caused by improper use or improper installation is not a defect; therefore repair, replacement or shipping of a damaged accessory will not be covered under this warranty. This limited warranty contains other provisions and conditions, so please refer to the Warranty Policy that was provided with your saddlebags or visit www.saddlemen.com for additional information. You can count on Saddlemen's quality, innovation, service and style. If for any reason you are not satisfied with the performance of your Saddlemen saddlebags, please contact the Saddlemen support line at (310) 638-1222.

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