

## **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE STARTING!**

It is the customers' responsibility to correctly install the saddlebags safely. It is imperative that you inquire about the instructions if you are doubtful about the installation instructions and if you require assistance with installation.

Warning: The use of these saddlebags in a way other than its intended purpose or differing from the warnings and instruction may cause the loss of control of your motorcycle, consequences may result in personal injury or death.

- Avoid usage of the any mounting part that is impaired or is not working properly. If you are not secure about the installation of the saddlebags, do not use them.
- It is important to note that if you do not mount these saddlebags properly damage will be caused to the saddlebags and/or motorcycle. If bags are securely installed, no part of the mounting system or bags should touch the motorcycle while in operation.
- It is highly recommended that you use additional support to keep the bags securely fastened while bike is in operation.
- The saddlebags must be securely tied down to the motorcycle to avoid any movement during operation.
- Do not go beyond 10 pounds total weight of each saddlebag.
- Sporadically check for shifting of the bags and verify that no part of the mounting system is interfering with any part of the motorcycle while riding. This includes the drive train, suspension, brakes or wheels.
- Remember to remove all straps when the bags are removed in order to avoid any accident while riding.
- Do not attempt to use these saddlebags if the mounting instructions are unclear. It is important that you seek professional assistance from a qualified mechanic or dealer.
- **It is highly dangerous to operate a motorcycle if the saddlebags are not installed correctly. It is vital that no part of these saddlebags including the mounting system touches or interferes with the operation of the motorcycle. We suggest you find a motorcycle mechanic for further assistance in the event you have doubts about your abilities to install this product securely.**

## **PARTS LIST**

2-Saddlebags 1- Split yoke, includes nylon strap with D-rings 2- Saddlebag support Brackets 2- Rubber Plugs (*Installed*) 1-Instructions

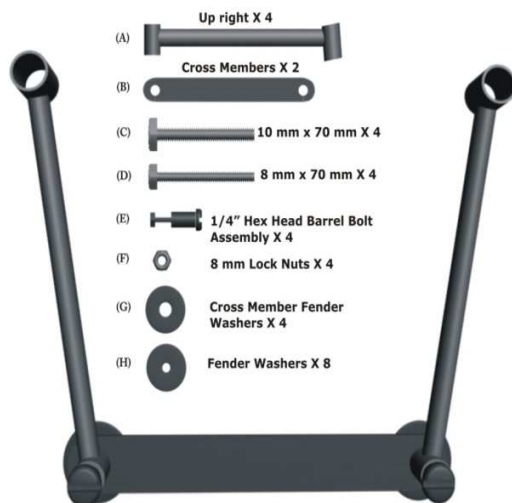
### Throw Over Installation

#### Tools required for proper installation:

- Adjustable wrench
- Flathead Screwdriver

1. Saddlebags mount over the back seat or rear fender of most motorcycles, with one saddlebag on each side of the motorcycle and the mounting yoke resting on the fender or seat. It is imperative that both saddlebags are mounted and tied down securely. No part of this product is to interfere with any part of the motorcycle while in operation.

2. Assemble the saddlebags support



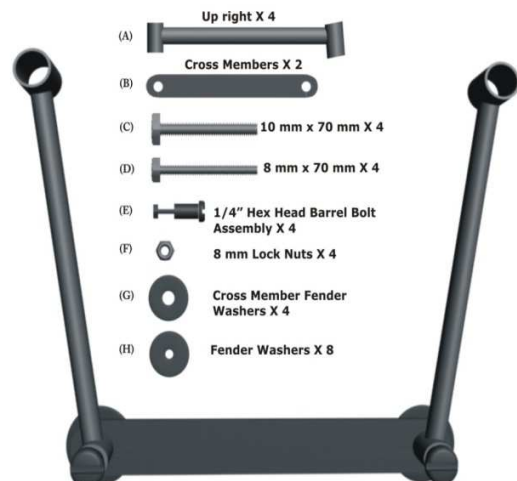
### Hard mount installation

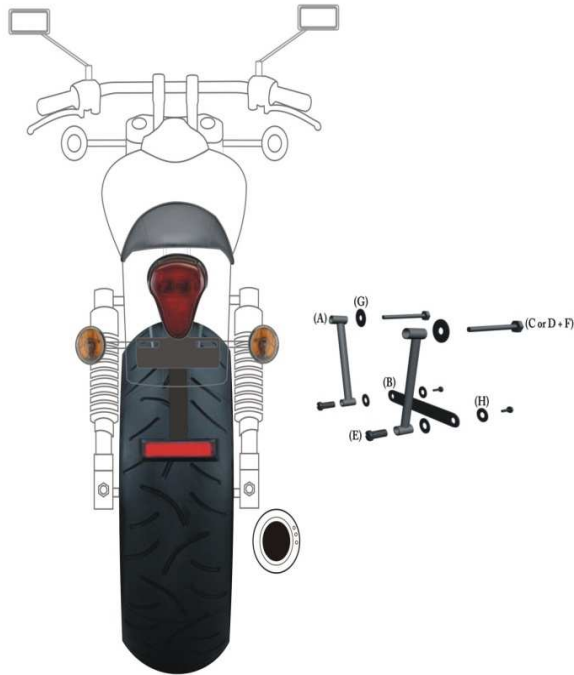
#### Tools required for proper installation:

- Power drill with 3/8ths inch drill bit
- Adjustable wrench
- Flathead Screwdriver

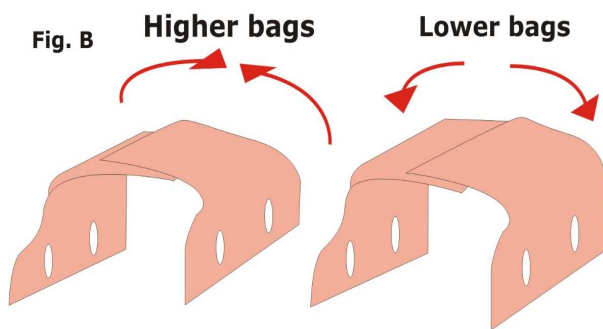
1. It is recommended that you create a template from cardboard or heavy paper (not included) of the back of the bag to assist in proper placement on the motorcycle. The template can be used for both bags simply by flipping it over horizontally 180 degree for slant style bags. For all other saddlebags transfer template to other bag making sure that the hole pattern corresponds with the bolts pattern on the opposite fender strut.

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3. Your saddlebags must be at least two inches clear of any exhaust pipe, while stationary and moving. For height adjustment of the bags, separate the two yoke halves and reposition them. Adjust the yoke shorter for higher saddlebags, and vice versa. See Fig. B. When you have the yoke in the correct position, tighten the nylon safety strap using the adjustable D-rings (Fig. C) on the top of the yoke.



2. Remove your existing fender strut mounting bolts.

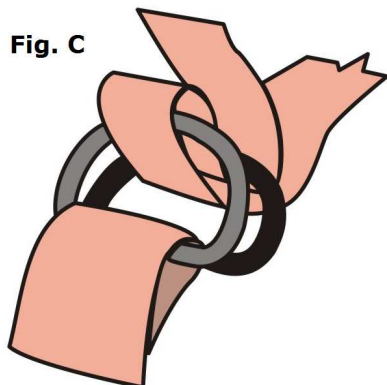
3. (A\*) Install replacement 8mm x 70mm or 10mm x 70mm bolts. (Most Harley-Davidson models will utilize the 8mm bolts. Please determine which bolts will fit your specific application prior to assembly. Your make and model of motorcycle may require additional hardware. (See your motorcycle owner's manual).

4. Install 2 upright and secure tight enough to maintain position and secure with the lock nuts (Metric applications do not require lock nuts). Ensure that bracket angles are away from the bike.

5. Lightly apply a dab of engine oil and lightly coat the exposed bolts (C or D) and barrel bolt Hex-head (E) assemblies (Mark at 4 points for each saddlebag). You can also use a marker or pen to mark. Take the template or bag and place against the brackets. Hold and press firmly to transfer the oil to the bag or template. The oil will leave a mark on the bag or template. If you are not satisfied with the position of the bag wipe the oil off and repeat as many times as necessary.

Note: Position according to your specific setup, ensure the bag will not contact hot engine or exhaust components. If planning on carrying a passenger, ensure that there is enough clearance for the passenger's legs between the bags and the foot pegs. Make sure that the uprights DO NOT contact moving parts, including but not limited to suspension components.

6. Place the Saddlebag on a firm surface and drill 4 holes (make sure you drill holes according to the size of the bolt to be passed) into the back of the bag only, according to your oil drop pattern. Also be careful not to damage the large mesh pocket inside the saddlebag. If a

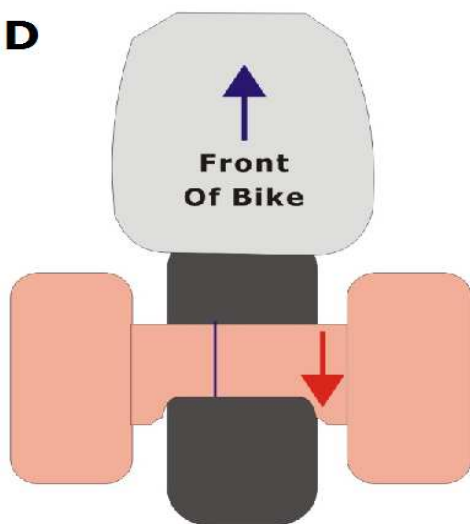


4. Saddlebags are adjustable towards the front/rear of the bike for clearing turn signals and shock absorbers. See Figs. D and E for options.

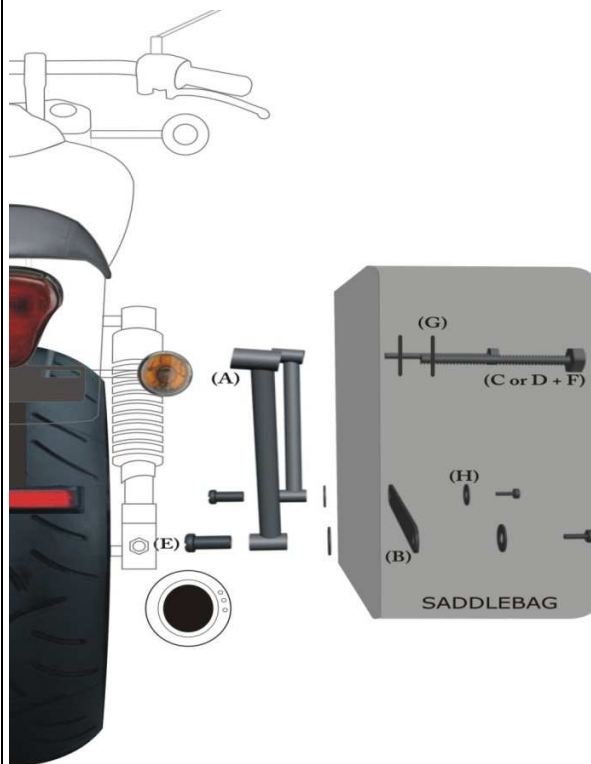
- Turn yoke around 180 degrees;
- Position twist locks towards the front or rear of bags (use the included plug to fill the fourth, unused hole)
- Place two yoke halves together at an angle to adjust bag position

**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 them.

**Fig. D**

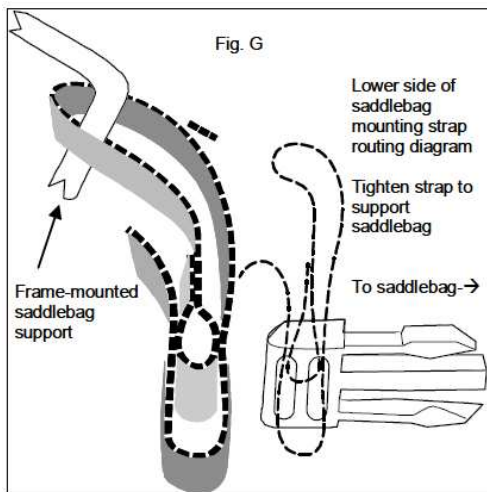


template was utilized cut the corresponding holes into the template and place template on the back of the bag and drill following above directions. The template can be utilized for both sides of the bag.

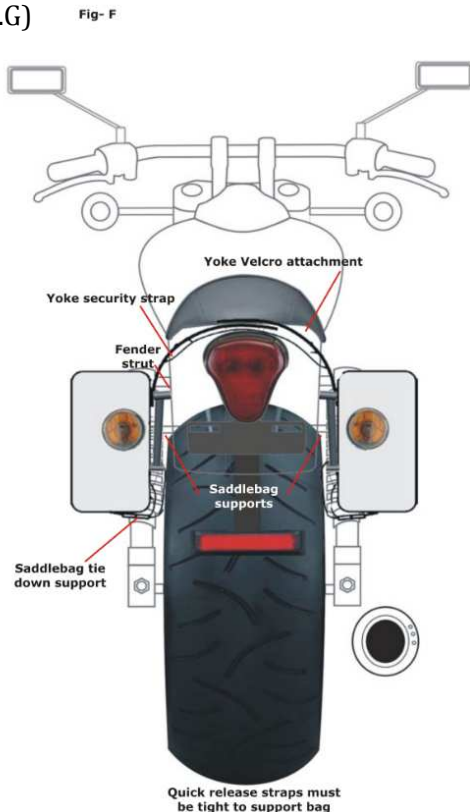


7. Remove the bracket assembly and dismantle.  
8. On the inside of the bag, mount the cross member to the barrel bolts on the bottom of each of the uprights. (2 per side). Use the supplied cross member washers and hex head bolts. (2 per side). Do not over tighten.

9. Installation on Harley-Davidson Models Only:  
a. Align top portion of the upright to correspond with the holes that have been drilled in the back of the bag. Place the uprights over the replacement bolts, through the bag and then secure with the fender washers (2 per side) and lock nuts (2 per side). (Use an extra fender washer between the bolt head and fender on the inside of the wheel well if required).



5. When you have placed the bag on your bike in the proper position, use the strap located on the bottom of each bag (Fig. F) 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. (Fig.G)



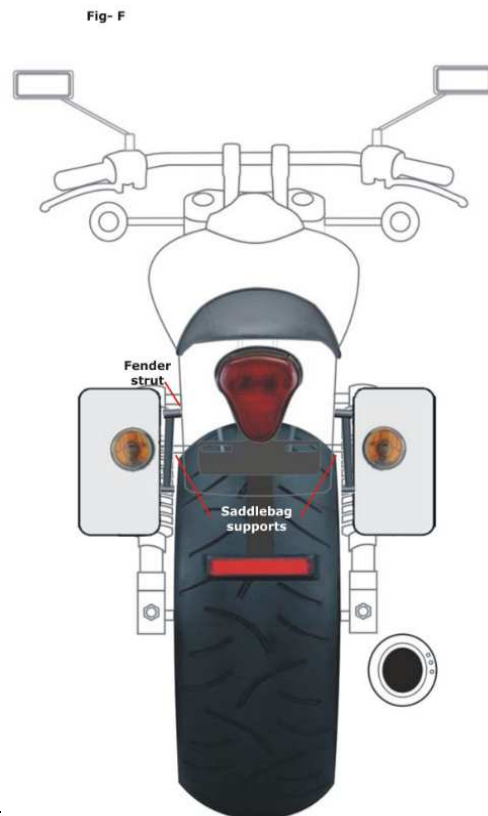
b. Installation on metric models only: Align top portion of the upright to correspond with the holes that have been drilled into the back of the bag. Insert the replacement bolts through the fender washers (2 per side) and the bag into the fender strut holes and secure.

10. Snug all bolts into position then tighten all of the bolts so that the bags and the brackets are secure to the motorcycle.

**CAUTION**

Check the amount of bolt protrusion into the wheel well and ensure that there is no contact with the rear tire. Harley-Davidson Dyna and Sportster models may require turn signal relocation kits. Available through Viking bags hardware department, installation for Softail models are above.

Some metric cruiser models require turn signal relocation kits. These are also available through Viking bags. Install with above instructions and paragraph 9 b.



**6. 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. E). The mounting strap located on the bottom of each bag has two quick-release buckles; one of them allows you to leave the strap on the bike and still take the bag with you. Make sure both are secured before riding.

