

Saddlemen™

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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CRUSIN' DELUXE SADDLEBAGS

3501-0718
supplied with supports



FEATURES OF THE CRUSIN' DELUXE SADDLEBAG SET:

- Distinctively styled saddlebags look great on any style motorcycle with a layered lids and spacious zippered side pouches that flow together to create truly handsome luggage.
- Rugged SaddleHyde construction bags with strong internal reinforcement to hold their shape with lids that pivot forward when opening to provide excellent cargo access.
- Contents stay clean and dry with zippered openings covered by weather flaps fitted with ¼ turn hasps that accept mini padlocks for security.
- You can add Saddlemen quick-release mounting posts to the saddlebags set so they can be removed from your bike in seconds.
- Includes detailed installation instructions plus a pair of chrome saddlebag supports and a variety of standard and metric mounting hardware.

⚠ WARNING

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE INSTALLATION!

Because of the variety of motorcycle configurations, other accessories, and the features and intended use of this accessory, there are 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. You must mount the accessory properly and securely before riding your motorcycle. 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.

BE SURE TO THOROUGHLY READ AND CLOSELY FOLLOW THE MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS ACCESSORY:

- The bags must be installed and securely fastened to the motorcycle's chassis - best mounting onto the rear fender struts.
- 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.
- The supplied supports are required to keep the saddlebags from shifting and contacting the drive train, suspension, swingarm, brakes or wheel components.
- 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 mounting at each stop as you ride. Mounting hardware can loosen during operation, so be sure to check it 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 affects 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 hardware or 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 it has damage that will prevent them from being properly secured to your motorcycle or able to securely hold their contents.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS ACCESSORY IF:

- You do not understand these installation and use instructions,
- You do not understand any part of the accessory 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.

Remember: 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 accessory 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.

PARTS INCLUDED WITH THE SADDLEBAG SET:

| Part | Qty. | | |
|--|------|------------------------------------|---|
| Saddlebag set | 1 | 1-1/2" x 10mm washers | 8 |
| Saddlebag supports | 2 | 10-1.25 x 70mm hex-head bolt | 4 |
| Support clip & backing plate set | 2 | 8-1.25 x 70mm hex-head bolt | 4 |
| Screw & nut set (#10) | 4 | 6-1.50 x 70mm hex-head bolt | 4 |
| Grommets | 4 | 5/16-18 x 3.0" hex-head bolt | 4 |
| Mini-padlock & keys | 4 | 3/8-16 x 3.0" hex-head bolt | 4 |
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RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

Basic hand tools required to install (*specific SAE or metric tools will required to mount the necessary saddlebag supports*)

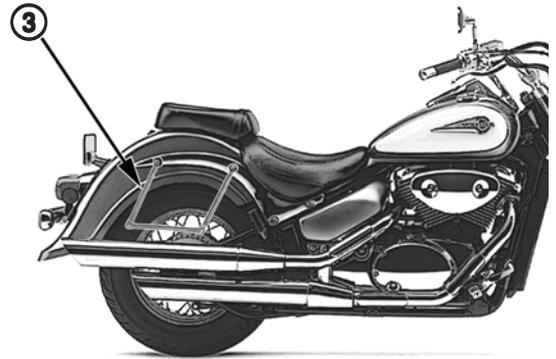
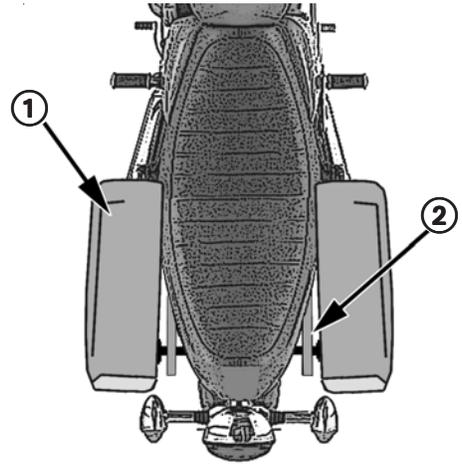


INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Your Saddlemen Crusin' Deluxe saddlebags mount over the back seat or rear fender of most motorcycles, with one saddlebag ① on each side of the motorcycle. The saddlebags must be mounted with the supplied, adjustable support set ② so the bags can be firmly attached to the chassis of the motorcycle.

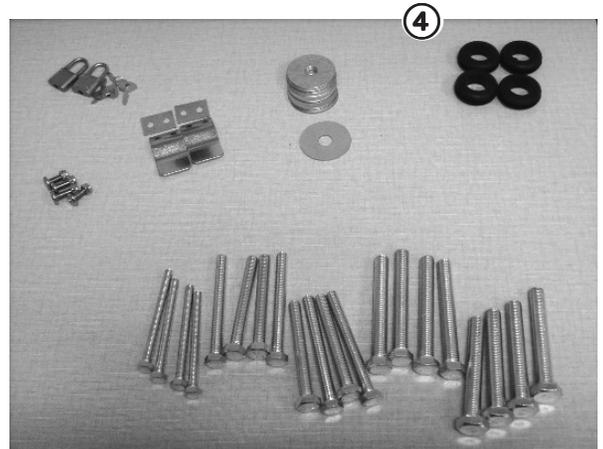
IMPORTANT:

For your safety, and the protection of your motorcycle and saddlebags, you must install supports that will prevent the bags from interfering with the rear wheel or other chassis components. Before final drilling of the bags and mounting be sure to verify there is adequate clearance between the bags and the exhaust and other items on the chassis. Both saddlebags must be securely placed on the vehicle with the supplied supports in a way that prevents the bags from interfering with any part of the motorcycle's operation, including turn signals, tail or brake lights, the exhaust system, or the suspension, or drive train. You (or your professional motorcycle technician) will need to determine the best mounting configuration for your motorcycle.



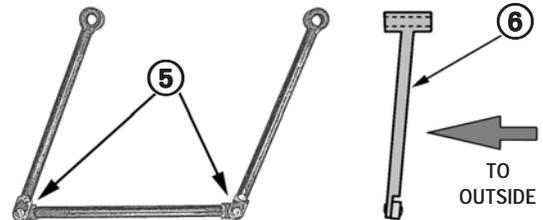
HARDWARE NOTE:

Your saddlebags are supplied with a base variety of hardware ④ for mounting. If you need additional bolts, washers or spacers please seek out the assistance of your local motorcycle dealer for parts and technical support.



SADDLEBAG SUPPORT FEATURES & ORIENTATION:

The saddlebag supports are hinged ⑤ at two points so they can adjust to various fender bolt locations (see the following pages for more information). While most support set are straight, your supplied supports may have an offset ⑥ (this offset angles the supports outward so they space the bags away from the motorcycle's chassis components, wheels, brakes, and moving parts) be sure to orient the supports properly when mounting the bags.



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BASIC SUPPORT MOUNTING:

Before removing or changing any hardware, hold the supports next to the motorcycle to help determine how they will be installed. Remove the original fender mounting bolts ⑦ from one side of the sub-frame to determine which hardware items from the support mounting parts you will need to use.

NOTE: This kit is designed to fit several motorcycle models, and contains bolts of various lengths, which if installed incorrectly, could interfere with the tire or other moving chassis parts.

When installing a bolt through the fender, check to be sure that it does not extend inside the fender further than the original fastener. If it does, it must be cut off, or exchanged for a shorter bolt from the hardware store or a motorcycle shop.

During basic support mounting, do not cut the hardware to its final length if you will be mounting the saddlebags through support grommets.

The supports use two hinges to permit them to match the spacing of the motorcycle's rear fender mounting bolt location on the sub-frame.

The slanted support shape ⑧ is a common support configuration, as is the square configuration ⑨.

For motorcycles that have the mounting bolts spaced close to one another, use a narrow configuration ⑩. For motorcycles which have the mounting bolts spaced farther apart, use a wider support configuration ⑪.

Install the supports ⑫ one at a time. Begin on one side of the motorcycle, affixing the arms of the first support, then move to the other side and install the other support.

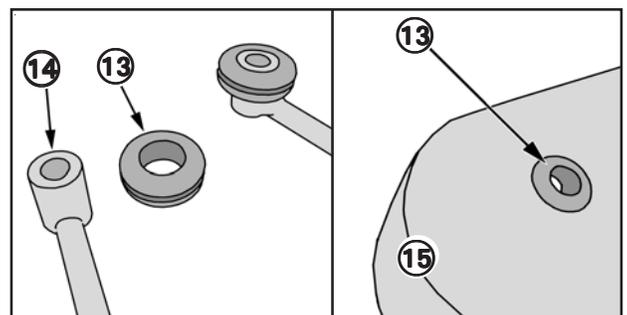
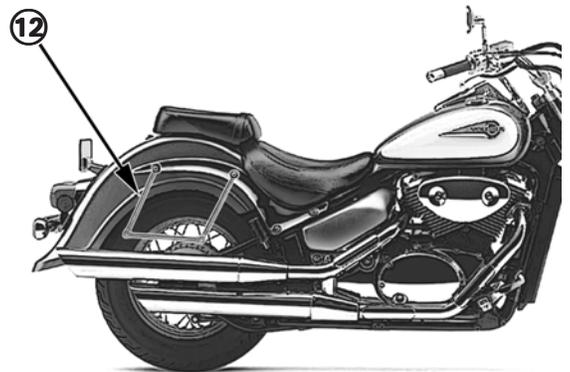
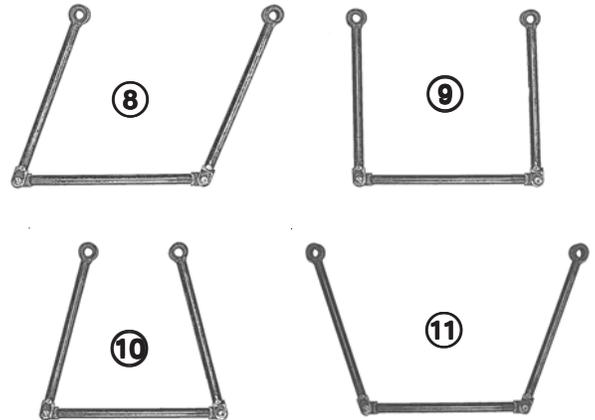
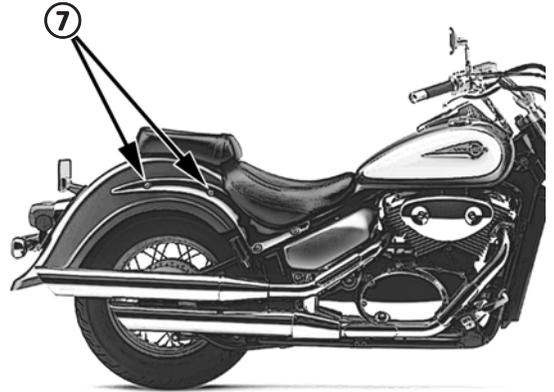
NOTE: On some motorcycles the support may attach to a shock-mount or another fastener related to the suspension. During installation, support the motorcycle with a suitable stand or lift so it will not tip over or be damaged if the chassis is upset.

Reuse the stock washers, making sure to use the proper diameter and thread-pitch bolts so you do not damage the motorcycle.

Check and adjust the alignment, and tighten all of the bolts securely. Use a thread locking agent (such as Loctite™) on the support mounting hardware during assembly.

SADDLEBAG MOUNTING TO THE SUPPORTS:

Grommets and other hardware is included with the supports so you can permanently mount the saddlebags to your motorcycle. The grommets ⑬ fit snugly on the top of the supports ⑭, providing a secure attachment that damps vibration. You will need to measure, mark, and then drill holes into your saddlebags ⑮ to insert the grommets ⑬ so you can permanently mount the bags to the supports (see page 5 of these instructions).



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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (continued):

Start with the supports loosely attached to the motorcycle per the BASIC SUPPORT MOUNTING instructions (on the previous page).

Hold a saddlebag in the desired position, against the supports on the motorcycle. Make sure that there is a minimum of 1-½ inches (60 mm) of clearance between the bag and the exhaust pipe and exhaust muffler. Check to see that the saddlebag is positioned in the best location front to back on the motorcycle. Mark the back of the saddlebag ⑳ with the location of the support's mounting bolts heads.

TIPS: Start with the right bag, or the bag that will be mounted on the same side as the exhaust. You can use a short piece of a 2 x 4 wooden stud on top of the exhaust muffler as a temporary spacer.

Remove the saddlebag support.

Place the support on the saddlebag so it aligns with the marks you made on the back of the bag. Make any fine adjustments to the location of the saddlebag support, and mark the exact location for the grommet holes ⑯.

Use a 1-inch hole saw to cut the grommet holes. Protect the interior of the bag with several layers of heavy cardboard, or a piece of wood as you drill the holes.

Install a grommet in each hole ⑰.

Place the support back onto the bag and press the posts on the top of the supports ⑱ into the grommets.

Place one of the support clips ⑲ over the center of the lower portion of the support, so that the two holes in the clip rest against the bag above the bar. Mark the position of the support clip holes on the bag.

Drill 3/16-inch diameter support clip holes in the marked positions. Protect the interior of the bag with several layers of heavy cardboard or a piece of wood as you drill the holes.

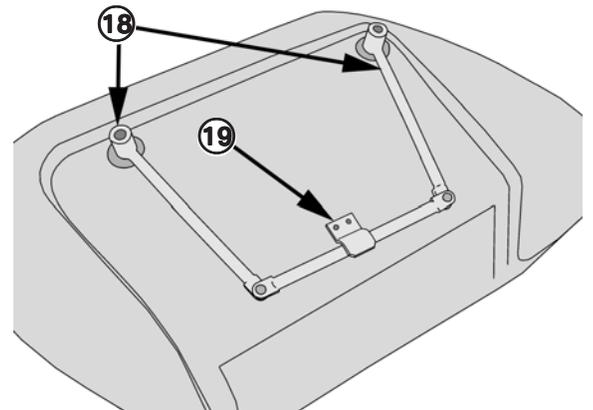
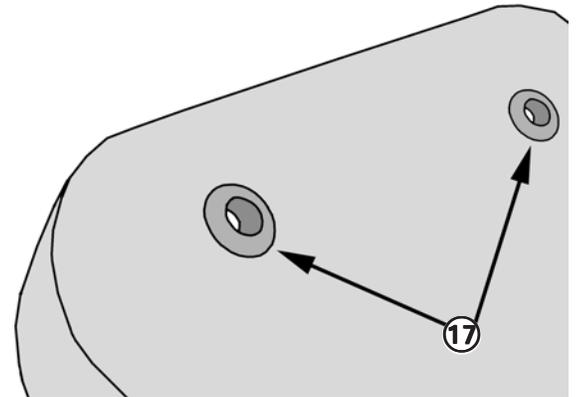
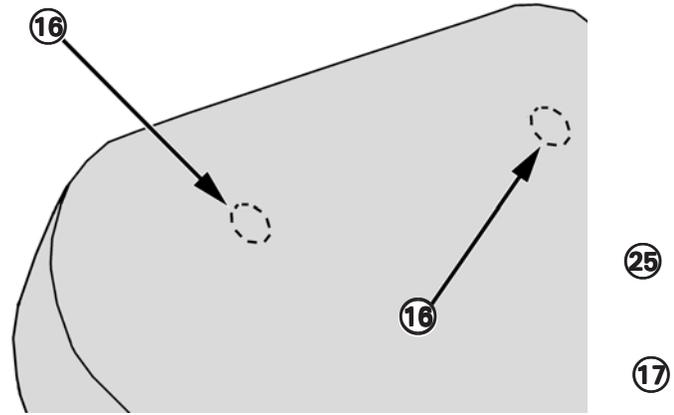
Use the #10 screws and nuts from the hardware kit to attach the support clip to the backup plate inside the bag. Place the nuts on the outside of the bag. Do not over-tighten the hardware as this may cause damage to the saddlebag.

Reinstall the support, with the saddlebag loosely attached to the support on the motorcycle. From the inside of the saddlebag, insert a proper size mounting bolt with one of the large fender washers through each support post into the motorcycle's sub-frame. Hand start each bolt, then tighten them down securely.

NOTE: When installing a bolt through the saddlebag, supports and fender, check to be sure that it does not extend inside the fender further than the original fastener. Additional large washers are included so you can fine tune the depth the mounting bolts threads into the fender stay. However, if the mounting bolt is too long, it must be cut off or exchanged for a shorter bolt you obtain from a hardware store or motorcycle shop.

Repeat the same steps on the other saddlebag. You can copy the hole location from the first saddlebag by measurement, or by making a paper template to transfer the hole locations.

NOTE: Review and follow the NOTES and IMPORTANT comments in this instruction sheet, especially checking for support and saddlebag clearance as the motorcycle's suspension moves through its entire stroke.



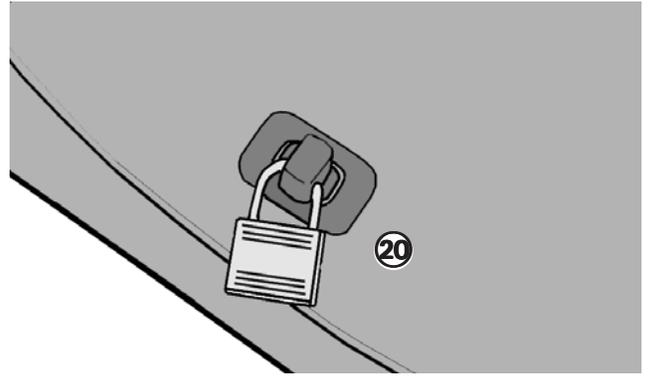
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LOCKING THE SADDLEBAGS:

The saddlebags are supplied with a pair of padlocks that can be used to secure the twist-lock closures ⑳ on the outer flaps.



IMPORTANT: Failure to install this accessory properly may allow the saddlebags (or the supports you must install) to contact the wheel or other moving parts.

It is vital that you verify that the saddlebags (or the supports you must install) will not touch, or interfere with other components as the suspension moves through its entire stroke.

You must also 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 (or the supports you must install) when bike is ridden.

Make sure that the saddlebags (or the supports you must install) do not touch the exhaust or other non-moving components, as well, as they may be damaged from contact with the accessory.

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 automobile 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 saddlebag mounting hardware. Inspect the saddlebags, the supports, and any related hardware before each ride. Loose accessories can interfere with the motorcycle's operation and cause an unsafe riding condition.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: For your safety, and the protection of your motorcycle and saddlebags, it is essential that you install your saddlebags with the supplied saddlebag supports.



CARE OF YOUR SADDLEMEN ACCESSORY:

Your Saddlemen saddlebags require almost no maintenance, other than periodic cleaning. Use Saddlemen Seat & Saddlebag Ultra Wash (#3101) for the best results while cleaning, or use mild soap and water. Protect the finish and enhance the appearance of your bag with Saddlemen's Seat & Saddlebag Fabric Conditioner (#3103).



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 or replacement of a damaged accessory will not be covered under this warranty. This warranty contains other provisions and conditions, so please visit www.saddlemen.com for additional information. Thank you for purchasing your new Saddlebag Set. You can count on Saddlemen's quality, innovation, service and style. We want you to be completely satisfied. If you have any comments, or are not satisfied with the performance of your Saddlemen accessory, please contact the Saddlemen support line at (310) 638-1222.

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