

14+ Harley Davidson Saddlebag Kit Installation Instructions

Fit

This kit fits both standard factory bags, extended bags, as well as aftermarket stretched bags. The kit is designed to dramatically lower the resonant characteristics of saddlebags which makes them much better speaker enclosures and reduces unwanted noises. It kit can be used alone, but it is intended to be covered by a custom bag liner. Bag liners are common and readily available from many sources. Multi sectioned liner should be used so that the thickness of the sound deadener can be accounted for. Pre-molded bag liners may have fitting issues and may need to be modified.

Preparation

Plan ahead for other items installed in the bags. If you have speakers or amplifiers mounted inside your bags, you will need to account for them when installing this kit.

For example: American Hard Bag amplifier mounting racks have a plastic puck that needs to be epoxied into the bag prior to installation of this kit. The panels can then be cut to fit around the amp rack mounting puck. American Hard Bag 8 inch and 10 inch woofer kits work well with this kit, but you must fully install the woofer kit before installing the SoundSkins kit into the bags. Do not install the speaker grills or the foam gasket that comes in your American hard bag woofer kit.

Once you have installed the woofer kit and fitted the woofers (less the grills), unscrew and remove both the woofers and the woofer mount as a single item. Then, install the kit and cut around the speaker grill holes in the bag. Next, use the double sided speaker grill mounting tape to mount the speaker grills to the woofer mount. Then, re-install the woofer kit with woofers into the bag. The SoundSkins material will act as a sealing gasket between the woofer mount and the bag.

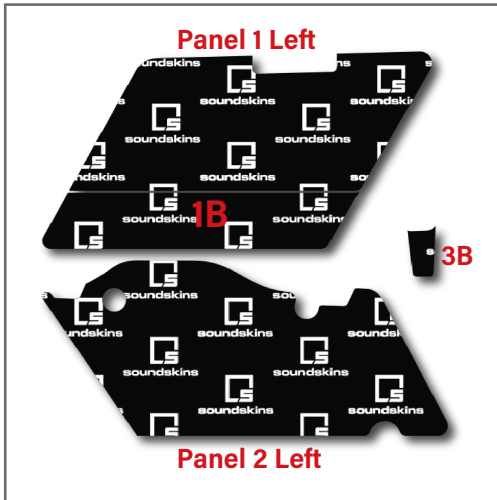
Installation

Step 1

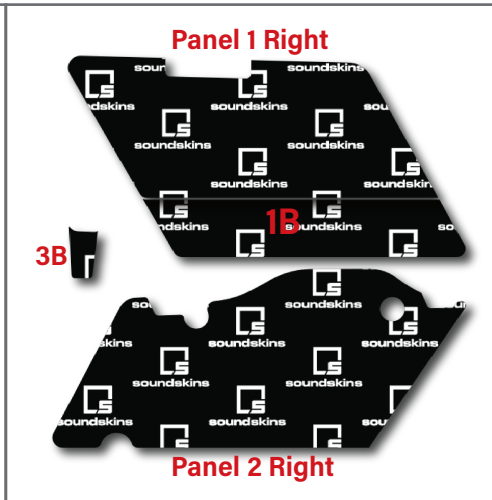
Thoroughly clean and degrease the inside of both bags. SoundSkins material has a self adhesive backing that will permanently bond to the bag once in place, so be careful when you position the material, as it may be difficult to get it back off once in place. Generally, the material can be repositioned if it is not pressed in place. Care must be taken not to tear the material when repositioning.



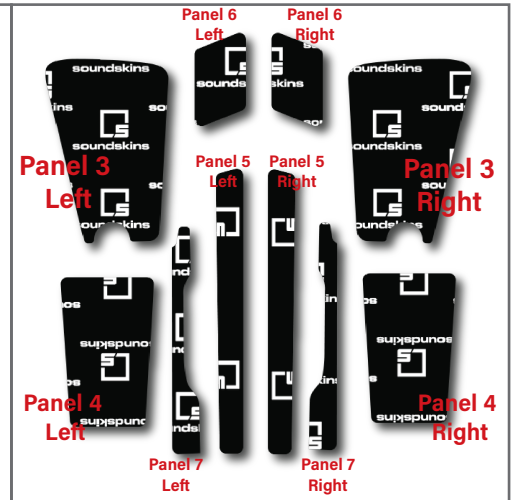
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Sheet 2



Sheet 3



Step 2

Remove the backing from Panel #2. This panel will cover the inside wall of the bag that faces the wheel of the bike. Position panel #2 so that the hole for the front bag mounting point lines up. Be aware of the shock hump inside the bag and line up the rear bag mounting point with the provision in the panel.

Once the panel has been positioned both vertically and horizontally, lightly press the panel in place. Once you are satisfied with the positioning, firmly press the entire panel in place for a permanent bond.

Step 3

Remove the backing from panel 1B. This panel will cover the lower part of the inside wall of the bag that faces out, away from the bike (the hinge side of the bag).

Then, remove the backing from panel #1 and place the panel above 1B. Panel 1 may overlap panel 1B depending on your style of bag.

Position this panel so that the notch on the top of the panel clears the hinge mounting area of the bag and so that the front and rear of the panel is evenly positioned in the bag.

The panel should come right up to the underside of the lip/rim of the bag. Be sure that the SoundSkins material does not overhang the top of the bag. If it does, the material will interfere with the lid gasket when the lid is opened and closed.

Step 4

Remove the backing from Panel #3 and position the panel on the front wall of the bag. Be aware of the panels position relative to panels #1 and #2. Position it evenly between the two. Panel 3B is only used on aftermarket stretched bags and is not used on factory extended bags or standard bags



Step 5

Remove the backing from panel #4 and position the panel on the rear wall of the bag. Pay attention to the position of this panel relative to panels #1 and #2.

Step 6

Remove the backing and position panel #5 at the bottom of the bag nearest the outside wall of the bag

Step 7

Remove the backing from panel #6 and place it at the bottom/rear of the bag on aftermarket stretched bags only. This part is not used on factory standard or extended bags.

Step 8

Remove the backing of panel #7 and place it at the bottom of the bag nearest the wheel side of the bag.

You're ready to hit the road!



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