

# INSTALLING YOUR LEATHER LID INSERTS

## Step 1.

Remove your saddlebags from bike  
For Better Control during Install.

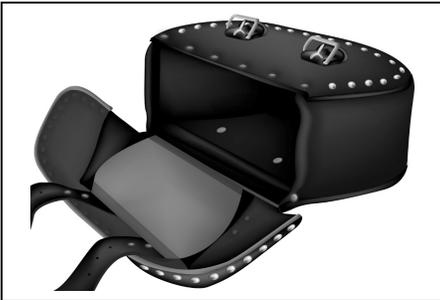
Mandatory, remove your bags from the bike for better control during Install. Next is Bag-Get-Ready. Printable Illustration of Install Guide Can Be Found On-Line @ [www.L LeatherLidInserts.com](http://www.L LeatherLidInserts.com)

## Step 2.

Bag-Get-Ready Liquid Conditioner  
Relaxed Leather Yields A Better Install.

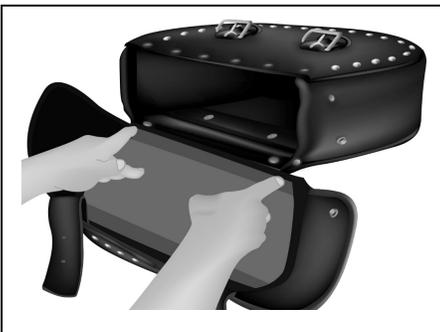
Apply (more than once) Liquid Conditioner to the Inside & Out of the Saddlebag (mostly inside) @ the Sew-Seams & Raw Leather. This will allow the Leather to Relax & Accept the Inserts for a better Install. Let the Conditioner Wick-In Good Inside until dry to the touch.

## Step 3.



After your SaddleBag-Get-Ready and Preparation Is Completed. Lay the Saddlebag facing up on a flat surface of your choice. Open the Bag-Lid toward you making sure the Lid is Laying Flat on your work surface.

## Step 4.



Place the Lid Insert into your Bag-Lid with the Curve & Indention facing out toward you and the belt-straps. Line-Up the Indentation with the Bag Lid Sew-Seam while Centering the Rear Angle Support between the two existing bag rivets, leaving an approx. 1/2 to 3/4 in. of the Raw Bag-Lid Leather Showing @ The Hinge Area.

Except: Springer - FatBoy - Sportster – Deuce or Any Flat Lid Type.

See Lid-Note Below.

## Step 5.



With Lid Insert in place, Hold Down Firmly with your Hand & Score to Draw a Line around the Lid Insert onto the Bag Lid indicating your glue area. Using a Wire-Brush, Nap-Up the Leather within the Lines. This Will Give The Glue Something Extra To Adhere To.

**Note:** Bring your Bag-Lid flush to the outside of your work bench. Leaning forward, Push the outside Curve & Belt Apron Area against your lap and stomach area while scoring or drawing a line. This will give you a more solid surface to draw your score line.

**Lid-Note:** Springer – FatBoy – Sportster etc... or Any Flat Lid Type. Holding back 1/8 in. From the Bag Plastic. Place the Lid Insert into your Bag-Lid while tucking the Insert under the Sew-Seam.

**Note:** The Springer Lid Hasn't Any Sew-Seam. Trim To Fit If Needed.

**Before Glue:** Wire-Brush the Glue Area marked between the lines.

**After Lid Install:** Drill & Rivet the Lid if needed. Use 5-Rivets & Backers. 1 @ each Corner. 1 in the Center & 1 in the Middle of those on Hinge Side.

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6.) Carefully apply the Contact Cement to your Bag Lid while staying within the Glue Area Lines. Contact Cement Info Below @ #10.

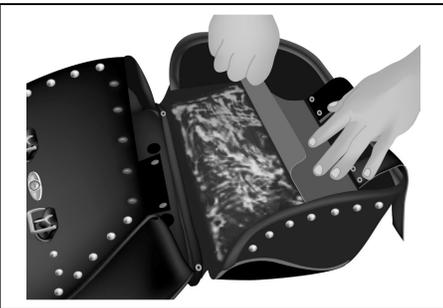
7.) Carefully apply the Contact Cement to the Top of Lid Insert. Glue-Side Is On The Smooth Side Except The Rear Support Lip.

Note: Contact Cement works better in 70 degree or above weather. In Cold Weather Areas. Use a Hair-Dryer to warm for a better cure.



8.) Let the Glue Dry a little on Both Parts until there is a Thin Film (semi-cure) on Top of the Glue. (There will be no more wet glue)

Note: When Ready, The Glue Will Be Dry & Tacky To The Touch.



9.) Carefully place the Lid Insert (starting @ the top apron line) & attach the Front Curve to the Apron and Roll the Insert into the Bag-Lid staying within the Glue Line Area. You should still have 1/2 to 3/4 in. of Bag-Lid-Leather Showing @ The Hinge Area.



10.) Allow Proper Drying Time for the Contact Cement To Cure. We Recommend Using DAP/Weldwood Contact Cement. Need: 2 – Brown Bottles w/Brush Applicator attached to the Screw-cap. Flammable Type. Look for a White w/ Red & Black Label. Found in the Paint Section of Hm. Depot / Lowes or Wal-Mart etc...

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**NOTE:** We recommend applying Leather Softeners & Conditioners before & after Installation. Your Saddlebags need a drink every 6-Wks. no matter how good you're surrounding weather conditions. It will help preserve & keep your bags from cracking, warping & drying-out. Keep your Bags Clean, Maintained & Well Preserved @ all times.

**SIDE SUPPORTS:** Are cut to fit last... Side Supports are Only Necessary when the Side of the Bag is still Caved-In after your Lid & Bag Insert Install. Bend to Shape of the Inside-Bag where the Belt-Straps & Buckles ride on the Saddlebag. Install as a Dry-Run to Fit Inside @ the Bottom Sew-Seam and Tuck Under The Existing Upper Rail Support. After the Dry-Run is in place. Score-Draw a line along either side of the Support. Remove and Glue for Install.

# INSTALLING YOUR LEATHER BAG INSERTS



Note: In Cold Weather Areas Use A Hair-Dryer To Warm Your Bag Insert Parts Before Bending. While Shaping, Bend the Bag Insert A Little At A Time According To The Shape Of The Saddlebag.

When Installing, the Hair-Cell Finish Will Be Facing-Out with the Smooth Unfinished Side Facing-In Toward The Leather. Please be sure to Read the Labels on Back Of Inserts for Proper Placement.



## Step 2.) Front Inserts

After Bending Your Saddlebag Inserts to the Shape of your Bag. Slide Your Front Insert Downward while trapping it between the Sew-Seam and the Closest Flat-Part of the Bag Leather.



## Step 3.) Rear Inserts

After Shaping, put the complete Rear Insert down inside the Bag. While holding down the Insert into position with 1 hand. Using the other hand on the outside, bend the tips of your fingers into a claw-like-fashion. Use the tips of your fingers (starting @ the bottom)

Push the Piping & Sew-Seam Inward & Upward allowing the Sew-Seam to Stand-Up on the Inside. This will allow the Insert to push past the Sew-Seam for a Flat-Fit against Your Bag Leather. Repeat this method until the Insert Is Trapped under the Sew-Seam.



## Step 4.) Last-Step

After Trapping Your Saddlebag Inserts the Last-Step will be to Line-Up the Top of the Insert With The 2 Top Existing Bag-Rivets. Cover The Top of the Insert with the Top-Flap of your Saddlebag using an Oyster-Knife or Med. Flat-Blade Screwdriver.

When covered, the Inserts will not be able to raise upward. This will cause the Insert to become completely trapped in place.

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Note: We have found that Most Saddlebags generally do not need any Side-Supports after Normal Install of the Combo-Kit Inserts. **SIDE SUPPORTS:** Are Cut To Fit Last... And are only necessary when the Side of Bag is still Caved-In after the Lid & Bag Install. Bend your Support to the shape of the Bag where the Belts & Buckles ride on the Bag. Dry-Run to Fit Inside @ the Bottom Sew-Seam and Tuck-Under the existing Upper Rail Support. After Dry-Run Is In Place. Score Draw a Line on either side of Support. Remove & Glue for Install.

## INSTALLING YOUR UPPER-RAIL SUPPORT



### **Step 1.**

Note: Dry-Fit you're Upper-Rail First. Cut and File If Needed.

In the event the Rail feels or fits loose during the Dry-Fit. Apply Adhesive to the Top of Existing Bag-Rail as shown. Our Upper or Top-Rails are of a Pinch-Type System. No Glue Necessary when the Upper-Rail Fits Snug & Tight.



### **Step 2.**

After The Upper-Rail Prep. Decision Has Been Made. Take the Rail Support & place it (long side in, short side out) Over top of the Existing Bag Rail Area as shown.



### **Step 3.**

Push Your Upper Top Rail Down Over The Existing Bag-Rail & Leather as shown, making sure of a Snug Fit. Note: Use a Rubber Mallet if there is an Issue by hand.

Enjoy your Bags when done and bolted back on.

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