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## USER GUIDE & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**DESCRIPTION:** Sissybar Replacement Pad

**PART NUMBER:** 0408\_\_ all

### OVERVIEW:

This is a Universal Sissy Bar Pad. Inside this pad is a plate with several threaded receiver holes, arranged in patterns that align with most Harley-Davidson® sissy bar brackets. A template is included that matches your sissy bar pad shape, to help you determine which hole pattern matches your sissy bar. Depending on your sissy bar configuration, it's possible not all brackets and screws will be used in your installation.

### CONTENTS / PARTS INCLUDED:

| <u>Qty</u> | <u>Item</u>                 | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Item</u>                      |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| 1          | Sissy Bar Pad               | 4          | 1/4" x 20 x 3/4" pan head screws |
| 2          | Universal mounting brackets | 1          | Template                         |
| 1          | Installation instructions   |            |                                  |

### IMPORTANT:

Please read these instructions completely before starting 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:

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE INSTALLATION!

Because of the variety of motorcycle configurations, other accessories, and the features and intended use of this Saddlemen accessory, there could be many different mounting options. You are responsible for the proper installation of this sissybar pad on your motorcycle. Your attention to these installation instructions and recommendations will permit safe and proper use of this accessory. You must mount this sissybar pad 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 sissybar pad 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.

- The sissybar pad must be installed and securely fastened onto the sissybar on the motorcycle.
- Install the sissybar pad securely so it will not shift or move while riding. Make sure the mounting hardware will not contact any other moving parts of the motorcycle.
- If you do not understand the mounting instructions DO NOT mount the sissybar or pad. Remove any components you may have already installed on your motorcycle.
- Do not use this accessory if you have any doubts as to whether it is properly mounted to your motorcycle.
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS PRODUCT IF ...
  - ... you do not understand these instructions;
  - ... you do not understand any part of the mounting system;
  - ... you have any doubts as to the security of the mounting system.

If you have any doubts or questions, seek professional help at your qualified mechanic or motorcycle dealer or call SADDLEMEN at 310-638-1222.

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## CAUTION:

Motorcycling is an inherently dangerous activity. Installation of any accessory, including this sissy bar pad, can add to the danger if it is not installed safely. You must install this product in a manner in which it will not contact any part of the drive train, suspension or steering, or interfere with any operation of the motorcycle. If you do not know how to do this, or have any doubts as to your ability, please see a qualified motorcycle mechanic.

To avoid injury, install while engine is cold.

## INSTALLATION:

This sissy bar pad is a universal design, meaning it will fit several different styles of sissy bars. See illustrations below to determine which hole pattern fits your sissy bar. Inside the pad, there's a plate with four different hole patterns, each with corresponding threaded inserts. You'll need to punch holes in the correct places to match your sissy bar's hole pattern, using the full scale template on the back page.

Hole pattern A (4 holes)  
Universal Mount installation requires:

1 - Saddlemen Sissybar Pad  
4 - 1/4" X 20 X 3/4" screws  
2 - Universal mounting brackets (included)

Hole pattern B (3 holes)  
Harley-Davidson Touring installation requires:

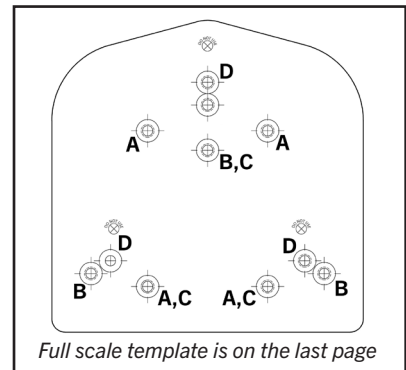
1 - Saddlemen Sissybar Pad  
3 - 1/4" X 20 X 3/4" screws  
1 - Factory triangle bracket

Hole pattern C (3 holes)  
Sissy bars with center medallion plate require:

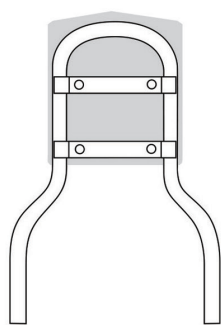
1 - Saddlemen Sissybar Pad  
3 - 1/4" X 20 X 3/4" screws  
1 - Universal mounting bracket (included)

Hole pattern D (3 holes)  
H-D Airwing sissy bar installation requires:

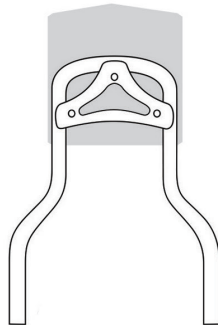
1 - Saddlemen Sissybar Pad  
3 - 1/4" X 20 X 3/4" screws



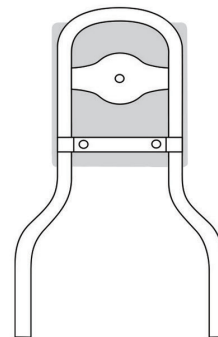
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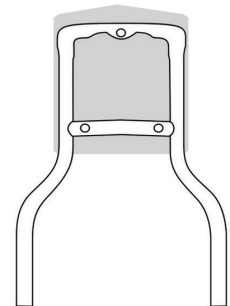
Hole pattern A  
Universal 2-bracket



Hole pattern B  
Triangle bracket



Hole pattern C  
Medallion  
Sissy Bar



Hole pattern D  
Airwing  
Sissy Bar

- Check to be sure that there is no interference with any moving parts, lighting or wiring.
- If replacing an existing sissy bar pad, remove the old pad, brackets and screws.
- A template matching the pad shape is included in these instructions. Based on your sissy bar's mounting system, choose one of the hole patterns (A, B, C or D) when creating the holes in your new Saddlemen sissy bar pad.

### Hole pattern A: Universal mounting for sissy bars without center plate

1. Note the hole pattern marked (A) on the template. These 4 holes will be used to secure the two mounting brackets supplied. The two brackets will clamp around the sissy bar upright bars to mount the pad. Before proceeding, measure the width of the inside dimension of the sissy bar. This mounting is designed for a 4" to 4-5/8" inside dimension only.
2. Transfer the position of the four template holes marked (A) to the back of the sissy bar pad (opposite side of the decorated face). This is done by aligning the template over the pad and feeling for depressions in the back of the pad which match up with the corresponding (A) circles on the template. Fine adjustment of the four circles on the template, to line up directly with the depressions below the pad cover, may be necessary. Use a sharp pointed tool (such as an awl or an icepick) and using the template as a guide, puncture the circles marked (A) for the four screws in the back of the pad. This will expose the threads for the screws.
3. Position the backrest on the sissy bar as desired. Insert one 1/4" x 20 pan head screw into the mounting brackets provided, and sandwich the sissy bar between the pad and the mounting bracket by aligning the holes in the pad back with the bracket and lightly tightening the pan head screw into the mounting plate of the sissy bar pad. Insert one 1/4" x 20 pan head screw in the remaining hole and tighten both screws securely. Repeat the process for the other mounting holes.

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## INSTALLATION *(continued)*

### Hole pattern B: Most Harley-Davidson® Touring models 1997 & later

1. Note the hole pattern marked (B) on the template. This 3 hole pattern lines up with most Harley-Davidson touring models, using three mounting holes and the original center triangular plate attached to the sissy bar.
2. Transfer the position of the three holes marked (B) to the back of the sissy bar pad (opposite side of the decorated face). First align the template over the pad, feeling for depressions in the back of the pad which match up with the corresponding (B) circles on the template. Fine adjustment of the three circles, to line up directly with the depressions below the pad cover, may be necessary. Use a sharp pointed tool (such as an awl or an icepick) and using the template as a guide, puncture the circles marked (B) for the three screws in the back of the pad. This will expose the threaded receivers for the three screws.

### Hole pattern C: Harley-Davidson sissy bars with center medallion plate

1. Note the hole pattern marked (C) on the template. This 3 hole pattern is designed is to fit most stock Harley-Davidson sissy bars that are equipped with a 'medallion' center plate with a single center hole. This center hole will be used, as well as one of the included universal mounting brackets, to mount the pad. Before proceeding, measure the width of the inside dimension of the sissy bar. This mounting is designed for a 4" to 4-5/8" inside dimension only.
2. Transfer the position of the three holes marked (C) to the back of the sissy bar pad (opposite side of the decorated face). First align the template over the pad, feeling for depressions in the back of the pad to line up with corresponding (C) circles on the template. Fine adjustment of the three circles, to line up directly with the depressions below the pad cover, may be necessary. Use a sharp pointed tool (such as an awl or an icepick) and using the template as a guide, puncture the circles marked (C) for the three screws in the back of the pad. This will expose the threaded receivers for the three screws.
3. Position and mount the Saddlemen sissy bar pad to the sissy bar by aligning the top hole in the back of the pad with hole in the centerplate. Insert one 1/4" x 20 pan screw and hand tighten.
4. Insert one 1/4" x 20 pan head screw into one of the supplied mounting brackets, and sandwich the sissy bar uprights between the pad and the mounting bracket. Hand tighten the pan head screw through the mounting plate and into the sissy bar pad. Insert a 1/4" x 20 pan head screw in the remaining hole and position the sissy bar pad so that the third, upper hole aligns with the sissy bar's center hole. Tighten all three screws securely.

### Hole pattern D: Harley-Davidson "Airwing" sissy bars

Some Harley-Davidson accessory sissy bars use a three-hole mounting system, with a hole pattern that matches (D) on the included template. No additional small brackets are used with this "Airwing" sissy bar setup. Check fitment by holding up the template and lining up the holes with your sissy bar. If the hole pattern is (D), transfer the position of the three holes marked (D) to the back of the sissy bar pad (opposite side of the decorated face). First align the template over the pad, feeling for depressions in the back of the pad which match up with the corresponding (D) circles on the template. Fine adjustment of the three circles might be needed, to line up the holes directly with the depressions below the pad cover. Use a sharp pointed tool (such as an awl or an icepick) and using the template as a guide, puncture the circles marked (D) to expose the threads for the three screws.

## IMPORTANT:

After 50 miles (80 kilometers), recheck the mounting hardware and the pad to make sure it's all still tight and secure. A loose sissybar, pad or hardware can interfere with the vehicle's operation and can cause an unsafe riding condition. After that, check fastener tightness during each regular maintenance check.

## 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 sissy bar pad, or visit [www.saddlemen.com](http://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 product, please contact the Saddlemen support line at (310) 638-1222.

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# TEMPLATE:

