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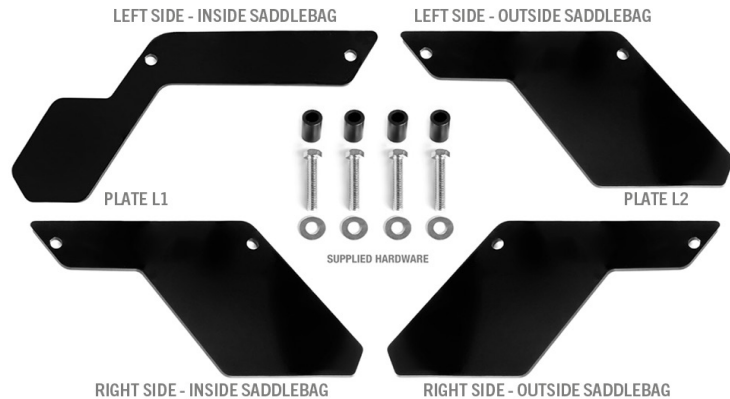
USER GUIDE & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

DESCRIPTION: DXT Rigid Mount Saddlebags
FITMENT: H-D® Softail® M8 models 2018+

PART NUMBER: Saddlemen #15338
Drag Specialties #3501-1913

CONTENTS / PARTS INCLUDED:

Qty	Item
2	Bracket, DXT rigid mount, left
2	Bracket, DXT rigid mount, right
4	Bolt, hex, 3/8-16 x 2-1/2
4	Spacer, 30mm
4	3/8 washers
1	Instruction set



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 are many different mounting options. You are responsible for the proper installation of these saddlebags on your motorcycle. Your attention to these installation instructions and recommendations will permit safe and proper use of this accessory. You must mount this accessory properly and securely before riding your motorcycle. If you lack the ability to safely and properly install these saddlebags, 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 saddlebags must be installed and securely fastened onto the frame or similar foundation on the motorcycle.
- Install the saddlebags securely so they will not shift or move while riding. Make sure the mounting hardware will not contact the wheels, suspension or any other moving parts of the motorcycle.
- If you do not understand the mounting instructions DO NOT mount the saddlebags. Remove any components you may have already installed on your motorcycle.
- Thoroughly inspect your motorcycle luggage before every ride. Do not use the saddlebags if the mounting system has been modified, has deteriorated, loosened or is beginning to fail.
- Before riding, secure your cargo inside the saddlebags and completely close the lids/flaps.
- Continually check the security of the saddlebags at each stop as you ride. 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 10 pounds of total weight, combined, of the saddlebag and its contents.
- Do not transport or store flammable or potentially explosive materials in your saddlebags.
- When using this accessory, do not exceed your vehicle's Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight as listed on your motorcycle or in the manufacturer's owner's manual.

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⚠ WARNING:

• If your saddlebags are ever damaged, do not use them until they have been inspected by your local professional motorcycle dealer. Replace the saddlebags immediately if they have damage that prevents them from being properly secured to your motorcycle or from securely holding their contents. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS ACCESSORY IF...**

- You do not understand the installation and use of its 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.

For your safety, and the protection of your motorcycle and saddlebags, it is essential that you install the saddlebags properly. The saddlebags must not interfere with any part of the motorcycle's operation, including the turn signals, tail or brake lights, exhaust system, suspension, or drive train. You (or your professional motorcycle technician) will need to determine the best mounting configuration for your motorcycle. 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, and so it will in no way interfere with the operation of your motorcycle.

To avoid injury, install while engine is cold.

INSTALLATION:

This kit is designed to fit several model motorcycles, and if installed incorrectly could interfere with the motorcycle's tire. When installing a stud 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 to fit, so as not to contact a wheel or tire. This can be done easily with a hacksaw.

TIP: To simplify the mounting of the saddlebags, Saddlemen recommends you work on one side of your motorcycle at a time, completing the full installation on the first side before beginning the second side. This will help you maintain fender and saddlebag alignment and make it easier to install the fender strut bolts and other mounting hardware that is exchanged during the installation.

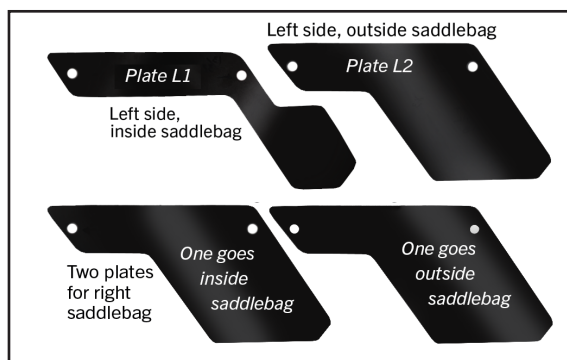
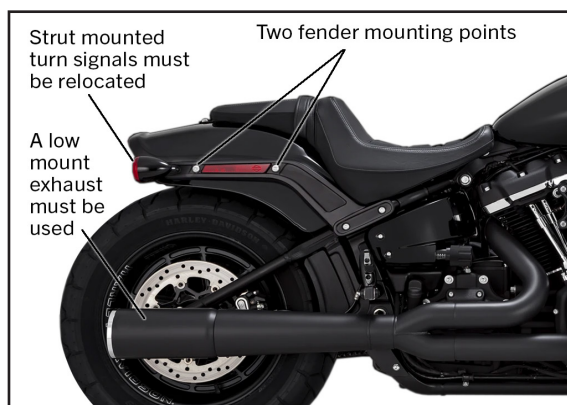
TIP: You can use blue painter's tape to protect painted and chromed items on your motorcycle during accessory installation.

Work slowly and carefully to avoid scratching the fender.

NOTE: Strut mounted turn signals will need to be relocated to clear these saddlebags.

NOTE: A lower, aftermarket exhaust system is required to install these saddlebags on your motorcycle. See *Exhaust Requirements* on page 3.

1. Lay the left side saddlebag down on a clean work surface, with the back side facing down. Open up the saddlebag.
2. Find the left side mounting plate L1, and fit it into the molded recess of the saddlebag back, as shown in Fig. A. Mark the two holes where you must drill into the bag's back side, to accept two 3/8" bolts. Drill the two holes into the saddlebag back.
3. Remove the two fender strut bolts from the left side of your motorcycle.
4. Install the saddlebag onto the fender strut. Mounting plate L1 will go inside the saddlebag, and mounting plate L2 will be outside and behind the saddlebag.
5. See Fig. C. Starting from the inside of the saddlebag, and using a 3/8" washer (D), insert the two new 3/8" x 2.5" bolts (C) into the two top holes of the inner metal plate L1 (B), then...
 - through the saddlebag (A),
 - through the outer metal plate L2,
 - through the spacer (E),
 - through the fender strut, and then thread it into the bike's fender.
 - Tighten both bolts.



Left side saddlebag interior, with mounting plate L1 in place

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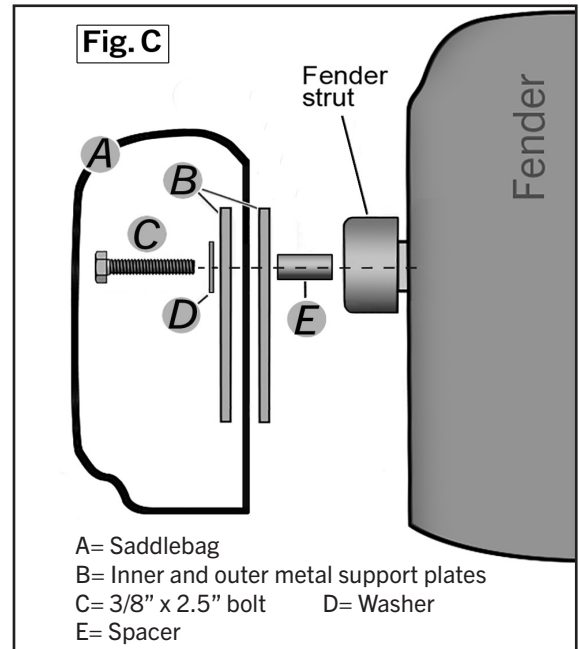
INSTALLATION *(continued)*

6. For the right side saddlebag, the inner and outer mounting plates are the same. See Fig. B. Lay the saddlebag down, fit one of the mounting plates into the molded recess, mark and drill the holes, and repeat the steps 1-5 above.

Verify that each mounting bolt is the proper length. When installing a bolt into the fender strut, check to be sure that it does not extend inside the fender further than the original fasteners. If it does, the excess length of the bolt must be cut off, or exchanged for a shorter bolt you obtain from the hardware store or a motorcycle shop.



Right side saddlebag interior, with mounting plate in place



⚠ WARNING:

EXHAUST REQUIREMENTS

To avoid heat damage, we recommend confirming there is a minimum of 2 inches of open space between your exhaust pipe and the saddlebag when installed.

Special attention should be given to upswept exhausts that may channel exhaust heat directly onto the bag. For best results, we recommend using the DXT saddlebags with an aftermarket exhaust system which is entirely located below the swing arm pivot point.



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CAUTION:

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 range of motion.

- It is vital that you verify that this accessory and/or any of its parts will not touch, or interfere with other components while the suspension moves through its entire range of motion. Make sure that neither saddlebag or the mounting hardware touch the exhaust or any other non-moving components, as they might be damaged from contact with the accessory.
- The configuration of this accessory with certain motorcycles may require relocation and/or adjustment of certain components on these vehicles. Check to be sure that all lights and safety reflectors are visible once the saddlebags are in place. If the saddlebag mounting hardware blocks or interferes with the turn signals, you will need to move the turn signals to a solid mounting point that permits their proper electrical function. If the saddlebags or mounting hardware blocks any side reflectors, place reflectors on the exterior sides of the saddlebags. Reflectors with self-adhesive backing are available from motorcycle or automobile supply stores. It is your responsibility to make sure that the installation of this accessory does not create an unsafe or illegal condition.
- Overloaded or overweight bags can move the supports inward. Before riding, visually check the clearance between the saddlebags and any moving parts that could impair normal operation of the motorcycle.

IMPORTANT:

After 50 miles (80 kilometers), recheck all of the mounting hardware and the saddlebags to make sure they are still tight and secure. Inspect the saddlebags and related hardware before, and during, each ride. A loose saddlebag 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 saddlebags or visit 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 luggage, please contact the Saddlemen support line at (310) 638-1222.

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