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USER GUIDE & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

DESCRIPTION: Road Sofa™ Seats

PART NUMBER: 897- all

FITMENT: Harley-Davidson® Touring models 1997-2007

OVERVIEW:

Thank you for choosing a Saddlemen Road Sofa for your Harley-Davidson® Touring motorcycle. We hope you'll agree that this is the finest, most comfortable seat you'll ever ride on. It's Saddlemen's goal to make the best seat we can, using only top grade materials and carefully refined contours to provide the most comfortable ride possible.

Seat options that are covered by these instructions include: Removable, adjustable Driver's Backrest; Passenger Trunk Pad Cover; Seat Heater, Rain Cover.

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 ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE STARTING!

You are responsible for the correct installation and safe use of this product. Seek qualified instruction if you are uncertain about your capabilities and limitations or if you need help with installation. Use of this product in a manner other than its intended purpose or contradictory to the warnings and instruction provided could cause loss of control of your motorcycle, possibly resulting in personal injury or death.

- Do not use this product if any part of the mounting system has deteriorated, loosened or is beginning to fail. If you have any doubts as to the security of the installation, remove it immediately.
- After every stop check the security of your seat mounting, making sure that the mounting is secure.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS SEAT IF....

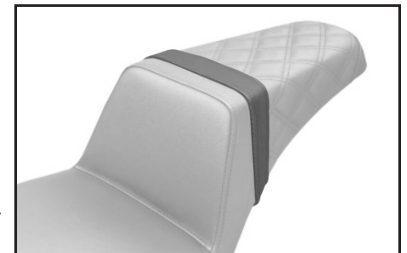
- you do not understand these instructions;
- you do not understand any part of the mounting system;
- you have any doubts as to the security of the mounting system;
- If you do not understand these instructions, how to safely and securely install this product or the warning label attached, please seek professional help at your qualified motorcycle dealer or by calling Saddlemen at 310-638-1222 .

To avoid injury, install while engine is cold.

PASSENGER GRAB STRAP: This accessory seat is provided without a passenger grab strap. Carrying a passenger without a grab strap in place on your motorcycle may be hazardous for the passenger. Grab straps, rear mounted foot pegs, sissy bars, passenger backrests and trunks aid in making a passenger more secure on the vehicle.

Laws in some jurisdictions require grab straps or other security devices when a passenger is transported. Do not transport a passenger if they are not secure. Do not disable grab straps or other safety features provided on your motorcycle and obey all traffic laws while riding.

Saddlemen offers a complimentary grab strap for this seat, part no. 15327. Call (310) 638-1222 for more information. Always ride responsibly and take precautions to be sure your passenger is secure and comfortable at all times.



CAUTION:

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 seat so it will not contact any portion of the drive train or suspension, and so it will in no way interfere with the operation of your motorcycle.

Seats with heaters require that the battery terminals be disconnected in advance, before working on the motorcycle's electrical circuit. When appropriate, the security codes (radio, navigation system, etc.) should be noted.

Seats with heaters must not be installed on motorcycles that will be used by riders who cannot sense heat or circulation and/or are sensory compromised. There is a high risk of thermal burns.

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INSTALLATION:

BASIC SEAT INSTALLATION

1. Remove your stock seat with a single screw, located on the rear fender behind the seat. If your bike is equipped with seat heaters, you may need to disconnect some wires as you pull the seat off your bike.
2. Some Saddlemen seats will have the rear metal seat tab installed backwards for shipping; using a 4mm Allen wrench, take off that tab and reinstall it in the correct position for mounting on the bike.
3. When installing your new Road Sofa, you may need to apply downward pressure as you slide the front of the seat towards the gas tank, engaging the front seat tabs under the bike's frame.
4. Once your new seat is in place, Saddlemen provides a protective washer to put between the metal seat tab and your fender, as you reinstall the seat screw.

OPTION: REMOVABLE BACKREST - ADJUSTMENT AND OPERATION

If your seat was ordered with the Driver's Backrest option, there will be hardware inside the seat to receive the backrest bar (note that this will not work with any fender-mounted backrest installation). Access is through a slot (sometimes covered by a flap) on the seat top behind the driver's lumbar support. The metal backrest bar will get inserted into this sleeve and can then be adjusted both vertically or fore and aft.

Your backrest may have come pre-assembled. If so, please skip ahead to #2.

1. **ASSEMBLY** Remove the loosely assembled bolt, washers and nut. Find the Backrest Bar and assemble it to the Backrest Pad by inserting the end of the bar with the welded tubing into the chrome "C" bracket found underneath the pouch on the rear of the backrest. Re-install the bolt, washers and nut. The fore/aft adjustment screw on the bar should be facing forward on the bike. Slide the soft vinyl backrest bar cover sleeve over the bar, bringing the thumb screw through the hole in the cover sleeve.

2. **INSTALLATION** Grasp the backrest bar and slide it into the hidden metal sleeve. You should feel it click into place. If backrest bar is "floppy" after insertion, it is not inside the metal sleeve. Remove and reinstall, making sure it is firmly in the correct position.

3. **ADJUST HEIGHT** The height of the backrest is adjustable to two or three positions, determined by detents on the backrest bar. Adjust height by firmly grasping the bar and lower or raise it to the desired height.

4. **ADJUST FORE/AFT POSITION** The fore/aft position of the backrest unit is adjusted by a thumb screw located under the backrest pad on the backrest bar. It is accessible through a hole in the backrest bar cover. Turning the screw in or out, will change the bar angle. This can slant the pad fore or aft by three inches. The most common and suggested starting position is with the backrest aligned directly above, and at the same angle as, the upward portion of the driver's lumbar support. When you have adjusted the backrest to the desired angle, using a separate open end wrench, tighten the included jam nut against the backrest bar to prevent the screw from backing out while riding.

5. **ANGLE** The backrest pad is designed to automatically conform to the angle of the driver's back during riding. No adjustment is necessary.

6. **REMOVAL** Grasp the backrest bar. Pull it firmly up and away from the seat.

7. **FOLDING** The backrest can be folded forward by pushing the top of the backrest forward. This will assist passenger boarding.

8. **TENSION** The tension of the folding process and the angle adjustment can be changed as desired. Tighten or loosen the two horizontal bolts passing through the backrest bar at the hinge and backrest pad attachment points.

OPTION: TRUNK MOUNTED BACKREST COVER

1. Open your Tour Pak trunk, and remove the bolts that hold on the passenger backrest pad.
2. Remove the original cover by extracting the staples holding the cover to the plastic baseplate, using an awl or pliers.
3. Replace it with the new Saddlemen matching cover. You must use an industrial grade staple gun to attach the new cover; if you do not own one, they may be inexpensively rented. Use short staples, 1/4 or 3/16" are recommended.
4. Reinstall the backrest pad using the stock hardware.



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INSTALLATION *(continued)*

OPTION: SEAT HEATER

The seat heater option will require you to connect wires from the seat to the motorcycle. You'll have two wires coming out from the bottom of your seat- one Ground (black) and one Positive (red). Connect the Positive wire to the power source on your motorcycle. This can be directly to your battery's Positive (+) terminal, or spliced into a wire or connection that is powered only when the motorcycle's ignition is turned on (preferred). Most motorcycles' owner's manuals have a wiring chart to refer to. Connect the Ground wire to your battery's Negative (-) terminal. Make sure that all connections are protected from shorting, and that any extra wire length is neatly wrapped and does not interfere with the seat installation to the motorcycle. If you have any doubts as to your abilities to install this seat and heating element, please see an authorized motorcycle mechanic for installation.

RAIN COVER

Slip the cover over the seat, using the elastic edging to keep it in place. The cover is designed to fit over the optional driver's backrest. The Rain Cover is only intended to be used when the motorcycle is parked.

BREAK IN AND MAINTENANCE

Allow a brief break in period for the Saddlemen seat to conform to your anatomy, and for you to become accustomed to a "new feel". This should be accomplished within your first 500 to 1200 miles. NOTE: Due to the firmer foam used in a Saddlemen, your new seat will feel slightly higher at first. Your Saddlemen seat will gradually break in to your anatomy and slightly compress as your mileage increases. It does not breakdown like a factory seat.

CARE OF YOUR SADDLEMEN SEAT

Your seat requires almost no maintenance, other than periodic cleaning with mild soap and water. Seats with genuine leather panels will need to be conditioned with a high quality leather conditioner product, to keep it looking good and prevent drying and cracking.



IMPORTANT:

It is your responsibility to make sure the seat installation does not create an unsafe or illegal situation. Remember that this seat is a custom accessory. It is your responsibility to check the installation to determine if it will be safe for you to operate the motorcycle and to properly and safely carry a passenger (this includes reinstalling the passenger grab strap or installing a suitable replacement). You must also ensure that the installation does not damage your vehicle in any way. After 50 miles (80 kilometers), recheck the seat's mounting to make sure it is still secure. Inspect all of your accessories and related hardware before and during each ride. An improperly mounted seat can interfere with the vehicle's operation and cause an unsafe riding condition.

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 Road Sofa 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 any Saddlemen product, please contact the Saddlemen support line at (310) 638-1222.

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