

INSTRUCTIONS

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SOFTAIL DETACHABLE SIDEPLATE KIT

GENERAL

Kit Number

53815-00

Models

For model fitment information, please see the P&A Retail Catalog or the Parts and Accessories section of www.harley -davidson.com (English only).

Additional Parts Required

This kit is designed to be installed only with Genuine Harley-Davidson Sissy Bar Uprights. Please see the P&A Retail Catalog or the Parts and Accessories section of www.harley-davidson.com (English only) for a selection of Sissy Bar Uprights for your model motorcycle.

Appropriate docking hardware as listed in the fitment chart below (available separately) must be installed prior to installation of this sideplate kit. In addition, on FLSTS models, a directional relocation kit (also available separately) must be installed. These kits can be purchased from any Harley-Davidson Dealer.

Loctite 243 Threadlocker and Sealant - Blue (99642-97) is required to complete this installation. Loctite can be purchased from any harley-Davidson Dealer.

NOTE

A Service Manual for your model motorcycle is available from a Harley-Davidson Dealer.

Table 1. Required Docking Point Kits

Year/Model		Directional Relocation Kit
2000-2002 FLSTC	53822-00	Not required
2003 and later FLSTC	53931-03	Not required
2000-2001 FLSTS	53822-00	53820-00
2002 FLSTS	53822-00	53933-03
2003 and later FLSTS	53931-03	53933-03

Kit Contents

Table 2. Kit Contents

Discription/QTY	Part Number	
Detachable sideplate (2)	Not sold separately	
Button head screw (4)	94592-98	

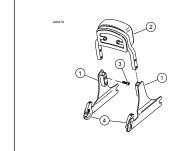
SISSY BAR INSTALLATION

See Figure 1. Install the new or existing sissy bar (2) to the detachable sideplates (1) using four buttonhead screws (3) from the kit. Apply Loctite 243 (blue) to the screw threads before installation. Tighten the screws to 11–14 N·m (96–120 in-lbs).

NOTE

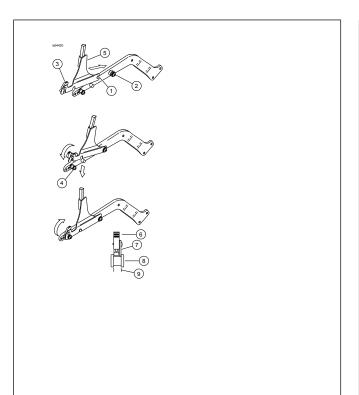
Check alignment as shown in Figure 3. Properly align the docking points and sideplates to prevent damaging the rear docking points.

- See Figure 2. While standing behind the motorcycle, place the front sideplate notches (1) into the front docking points (2) as shown in the top side plate view. See Figure 3 for views of correct and incorrect sideplate engagement.
- 3. See Figure 2. Pull the rotary latches (3) back into their rearmost position as shown in center side plate view. Position the rotary latches over the rear docking points (4), making certain the latches and sideplates fit into the neck of the rear docking points as shown in the bottom latch view. This may require some gentle squeezing or spreading of the sideplates.



- 1. Sideplate
- 2. Sissybar
- 3. Buttonhead screw
- 4. Rotary latch

Figure 1. Detachable Sissybar Sideplate Assembly



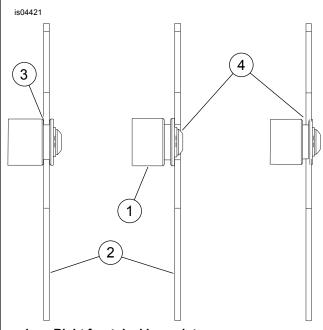
- 1. Front sideplate notch
- 2. Front docking point
- 3. Rotary latch
- 4. Rear docking point
- 5. Sideplate
- 6. Latch
- 7. Sideplate
- 8. Rear docking point
- 9. Neck

Figure 2. Attaching Sideplates Sissy Bar Assembly

▲ WARNING

After installing sissy bar/sideplate assembly, pull upward to be sure it is locked in position. While riding, a loose sissy bar/sideplate assembly can shift causing loss of control, which could result in death or serious injury. (00388a)

4. Push downward on the sideplates, and close the rotary latches by pressing the latch lever as far forward as it will go as shown in the lower sideplate view. You will hear a click when the latch is in place. If the latch does not easily close, do not force it. Recheck alignment as described in Step 2 and Figure 3.



- 1. Right front docking point
- 2. Right sideplate
- 3. Correct installation: side plate is fully engaged in docking point
- 4. Incorrect Installation: side plate is not fully engaged in docking point

Figure 3. Correct/Incorrect Docking Point Examples