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1974-1977 Front Pie Slice Caliper Pics

Clebrake Caliper: (pie slice caliper)

These have a history of rattling while riding.

Here is one fix by Hopper of the XLFORUM to stop the rattle. ¹⁾

The fix I have used on this one and my old Shovel that had the same woeful brake was this:

Get a big rubber grommet. I use one that is commonly used to rubber mount air-con and refrigeration compressors.

It is black rubber, about 1" long and 1" in diameter with a hole down the center about 3/8".

Undo the top caliper mounting bolt and pivot the whole caliper about an inch forward.

Place the rubber grommet, with hole vertical, between the caliper and the fork leg.

Use a big G clamp to squeeze the caliper back into position and put the top caliper mounting bolt back in position and tighten up the nut.

This works. I have used it for years on two bikes. It stops the rattle, yet lets the caliper move enough to work properly.

It might be possible to use a smaller piece of rubber to make it less noticeable, but it is down behind the caliper so I don't worry.

I have never seen one of those retro-fix springs that is in the parts book.

But it looks like it would just hook from the caliper mounting pin to the anchor bolt, or somewhere, and do about the same thing.





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