

**SILVER GAS TANK TRIM
AERMACCHI HARLEY-DAVIDSON MODELS**

Initial production of 1973 Aermacchi Harley-Davidson models with Blue tanks have silver color trim strips which are not completely resistant to gasoline because of a material problem encountered by the supplier. This results in the silver pigment becoming dissolved by gasoline and coming off the white vinyl tape.

Correctly processed silver trim strips are now being used in production. Until such time as these later motorcycle shipments reach your dealership we recommend that you remove the silver color on earlier 1973 shipments to expose the white color on the trim strips. This should be done when setting up 1973 lightweight motorcycles--before selling to the customers to prevent any customer complaints. Use the following procedure.

Dampen a small, soft cloth in gasoline and apply liberally to the silver trim avoiding contact with the black and white AMF/Harley-Davidson decal. (When using gasoline, observe normal safety precautions for flammable solvents). Allow to stand a few moments. With the same gasoline dampened cloth, lightly rub the silver trim until all of the silver pigment is removed from the white vinyl tape. Apply a coat of Harley-Davidson cleaner polish, allow to dry and then finish by lightly buffing with a soft dry cloth.

This will produce an entirely satisfactory appearing tank trim and should not affect customer acceptance.

We will let you know when to discontinue this procedure in a future bulletin, which will give starting V.I.N. 's for the lightweight models having corrected tank trim.

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