**FLT SERVICE INFORMATION**

**Shock Absorber Rubber Bushings**

Late 1981 FLT models are equipped with a new style SHOCK ABSORBER BUSHING, Part No. 54628-80A. This is a one-piece bushing with the rubber vulcanized to the metal sleeve. This new style bushing does not require the use of FLAT WASHER, Part No. 6653. Use the flat washers only with the two-piece bushings as instructed in SERVICE BULLETIN M-797.

When replacing old style bushings with the new style, replace all four bushings. Do not intermix new and old style bushings on the same vehicle.

**Front Chain Housing**

The 1981 style FRONT CHAIN HOUSINGS, Part No. 60600-81A for the FLT and 60634-81A for the FLT Classic, may be used on 1980 FLT models if the chain oiling conversion is made. The chain oiling conversion can be made using CHAIN OILER CONVERSION KIT, Part No. 60550-81. No conversion is required when these chain housings are installed on 1981 FLT models.

**Instrument Panel Housing**

Starting in November 1980, all FLT instrument panel housing vent holes are sealed with an RTV silicone sealant. This ensures greater accuracy of the voltmeter under riding conditions.

We recommend sealing the four shouldered vent holes on the back of the instrument panel housing on all 1980 and 1981 FLT Models built before November 1980.

1. Remove the instrument panel, speedometer cable and mounting bracket as described in FLT SERVICE MANUAL.

2. Apply several drops of silicone sealant to the four vent holes as shown in Figure 1.

3. Reassemble the instrument panel as described in the FLT SERVICE MANUAL making sure the trip knob seal is in place on the housing.

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![Figure 1. FLT Instrument Panel Housing](image-url)