Committed to a policy of continuous improvement, Harley-Davidson Motor Company has implemented the following changes during the course of the 1996 model year.

**883/1200 XLH Clutch Outer Ramp**

To prevent the clutch cable end coupling from contacting the clutch inspection (derby) cover during clutch actuation, a new outer ramp (Part No. 25409-94A) is provided. The ramp design allows the coupling to be reversed (rounded side inboard) for greater clearance and easier assembly. **Production change was implemented on 1-8-96.**

**1200 XLH “Fire Ring” Head Gasket**

To improve head gasket lifespan as well as the quality of the clamp load on the cylinder base gasket, the new 1200 head gasket (Part No. 16770-84C) is provided with a “fire ring,” a steel band crimped onto the gasket I.D. **Production change was implemented on 11-29-95.**

**1200 XLH “Black” Coated Piston**

Like the improvement implemented on the 883 Sportster pistons and described in Service Bulletin M-1047, the Sportster 1200 motorcycles are now provided with new Teflon® coated pistons (Part No. 22243-88) to facilitate break-in and prevent early piston scuffing. The coating is applied on both thrust faces in the area under the piston rings. **Production change was implemented on 3-31-95.**

**1340 Oil Filter Mount Adapter**

To ensure a tight fit with the proper torque and clamp load, the new 1340 Oil Filter Mount Adapter (Part No. 26352-95A) replaces the pipe nipple with a hex fitting for positive stop. New hex fittings are supplied with a lockpatch and are tightened to 8-12 ft-lbs torque. To reuse the hex fitting, apply a small quantity of Loctite 242 to the threads and tighten to the same torque specification. **Production change was implemented on 1-18-96.**

**1340 “Fire Ring” Head Gasket**

To improve head gasket lifespan as well as the quality of the clamp load on the cylinder base gasket, the new 1340 head gasket (Part No. 16770-84C) is provided with a “fire ring,” a steel band crimped onto the gasket I.D. **Production change was implemented on 12-14-95.**

**FL Rear Brake Line Clamps**

To ensure positive location and routing of the rear brake line, two reusable clamps (Part No. 10108) are now attached to T-studs on the rear swing arm bracket of all FL model vehicles. **Production change was implemented on 1-26-96.**

**FL VIN Stamp Location**

The 17-digit VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) stamp has been moved from the left side of the vehicle to the right side. As in the previous location, the stamp is on the frame backbone to the rear of the steering head. **Production change was implemented on 1-5-96.**

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**NOTE**

While piston and cylinder assemblies (Part No. 16447-88) also have the coated pistons, oversize pistons are **NOT** Teflon® coated.