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Front Wheel Bearing Lock Nut Retainer

A number of 1972 Super Glide and Sportster models were produced with the front wheel bearing lock ring (11035) installed backwards which can result in the front wheel to be loose or the bearing (9009) to lock up. The retaining ring is flat on one side and beveled on the other and used on wheel hubs from 1964-1972 to hold the bearing in the hub. Affected Sportster VINs were (3A or 4A) 39624H2 to 50531H2. Some of the motorcycles affected were caught and corrected at the factory and affected dealers were notified also. But in case some of these motorcycles were already sold to customers, the MoCo treated it as a safety defect in accordance with the National Motor Vehicle Safety laws. The dealers were to remove all suspect front wheels and inspect the retaining ring and bearing for damages at a reimbursed cost of \$2.10 for labor and handling each and reinstall the retainer with the flat side toward the bearing (beveled side out).¹⁾

Rear Wheel Rim, Tire and Tube Flap

- From September 20, 1966 through the 1969 model season, a rubber tube flap (43148-67) was installed on the rear (steel wheel only) of Sportsters before the tube and tire were installed.²⁾
- This new tube flap was also recommended as a retro fit to earlier model Sportsters. Consequently, the '59-'69 FSM includes the installation of this flap with no specification of year model used on. However, this new flap did not make it into the 57-67 Parts Catalog or the 68 Supplement Catalog. It first appeared in the 1969 supplement Catalog.
- This is a wider rubber piece than the standard rim strip that extended from bead to bead and all the way around the rim. It rode between the tube and the tire at the bead area and between the tube and the rim at the spoke areas. This change was made as a safety precaution to provide greater protection against tube wear caused by the tire bead edge rubbing on the tube at this point under heavy operating conditions such as off rode or maximum accel / braking conditions.
- The use this rubber flap was ended with the 1969 year models with the introduction of the 1970 year model taper beaded rims and tires.

Wheel Spokes

1979

The procedure for lacing 16 inch wheels changed to make them easier to lace in production. The relationship of the spoke flanges on the wheel hubs changed to match the new lacing pattern. Rims, spokes and nipples did not change. ³⁾

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- With the new style wheels:
 - The inner spoke pairs on opposite sides of the wheel cross each other. The outer spokes on opposite sides of the wheel cross each other.
 - Pick any outside spoke hole and sight straight across the hub. The first spoke hole to the right of the line of sight is an outside spoke hole.
- With the old style wheels:
 - $\circ\,$ The inner spokes on both sides of the wheel angle in the same direction. All outer spokes angle in the opposite direction.
 - Pick any outside spoke hole and sight straight across the hub. The first spoke hole to the right of the line of sight is an inside spoke hole.

Wheel Hub

ar Hubs (by year	and part num	ber)						
FRONT								
Model(s)	Hub Position	Rim Size	Hub and Brake Shell w/ bearings					
K/KH/XL/XLH/XLCH	Front	18",19"	43600-52 ⁴⁾					
XLH/XLCH	Front	18",19"	43600-64 ⁵⁾					
Model(s)	Hub Position	Rim Size	Hub Assembly w/ bearings and seals)					
XLH/XLCH	Front	19"	43600-73 ⁶⁾					
XLH/XLCH	Front	19"	43600-74 ⁷⁾					
XLH/XLCH	Front	19"	43600-78 ⁸⁾					
XL/XLS	Front	19"	43600-78 ⁹⁾					
XL	Front	19"	43619-84 ¹⁰⁾					
Model(s)	Hub Position	Rim Size	Hub Assembly w/ bearings					
K/KH	Rear	19"	41017-52 ¹¹⁾					
KH/XL/XLH/XLCH	Rear	18"	41017-55B ¹²⁾					
KH/XL/XLH/XLCH	Rear	18″	41017-66A ¹³⁾					
XL	Rear	16"	43457-79 ¹⁴⁾					
XL/XLS/XLX	Rear	16″	40952-82A ¹⁵⁾					
	Model(s) K/KH/XL/XLH/XLCH XLH/XLCH Model(s) XLH/XLCH XLH/XLCH XLH/XLCH XL/XLS XL Model(s) K/KH KH/XL/XLH/XLCH KH/XL/XLH/XLCH XL	Model(s)Hub PositionK/KH/XL/XLH/XLCHFrontXLH/XLCHFrontModel(s)Hub PositionXLH/XLCHFrontXLH/XLCHFrontXLH/XLCHFrontXLH/XLCHFrontXLH/XLCHFrontXLXFrontXLM/XLCHRearK/KHRearKH/XL/XLH/XLCHRearXL/XLXRear	K/KH/XL/XLH/XLCHFront18",19"XLH/XLCHFront18",19"Model(s)Hub PositionRim SizeXLH/XLCHFront19"XLH/XLCHFront19"XLH/XLCHFront19"XLH/XLCHFront19"XL/XLSFront19"XLFront19"XLRear19"XLKH/XL/XLH/XLCHRearKH/XL/XLH/XLCHRear18"KH/XL/XLH/XLCHRear18"XLRear16"					

• Rim / Hub Dimension Chart - PDF

Rear Wheel Hubs

Sub-Documents

* . . . Problems Associated with Drum Brake Rear Hubs

Rear Wheel Hub Internal Parts



Axles & Wheel Bearings

Specs For Cast Wheels

Front Bearing Info								
Model/Year	Bearing ID/Type	OD*	Width*	AxleType/Threads/WrenchSize				
	3/4" Timken (9052)	1.781"	.655"					
1979-85	Hub Spacer = ID=????" OD=????" Length=????"							
1979-05	*=Specs from Timken LM11910 / LM11949							
Hub depth for bearing (expected to be .820) accommodates .400 width								
Part Numbers For	1979-1985 Wheel Be	earings &	Spacers					

(Based on Ronnie's Microfiche) unless noted otherwise

FRONT AXLE

1979-1985 - 3/4" Front Axle 43623-78 - Sleeve, bearing spacer - 4.564" (Violet) 43624-78 - Sleeve, bearing spacer - 4.550" (Pink) 43625-78 - Sleeve, bearing spacer - 4.536" (Gold)

REAR AXLE

1979-1985 - 3/4" Rear Axle 41563-77 - 3/4" Axle shank, with 5/8"-18 Nut ¹⁷⁾ — Lock Washer, Washer) 9052 — Bearing (Timken Tapered Roller)

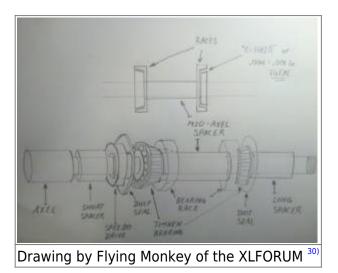
• 1979 to 1981

43620-78 Spacer - between bearings - $3.937'' (\text{Red})^{18}$ 43621-78 Spacer - between bearings - $3.951'' (\text{Green})^{19}$ 43622-78 Spacer - between bearings - $3.923'' (\text{Blue})^{20}$

Cast o	or Laced W	heels	27) 28) 29)	
Ref #	Part #	<u>Şiz</u> e	Kit Includes techtalk:ih:wheels01 https://sportsterpedia.com/doku.php/techtalk:ih	wheels01
• A01	43871-52 ⊉9\\$419872		Axle Only . Also required are (7067) lock washer (43886-52) shoulder nut.	
43601			ଞ୍ଚିକୋଷାଟ୍ଟ ଅନ୍ୟୁର୍ମ ଅନୁକ୍ର ମଧ୍ୟ ଅନ୍ଦର୍ଭ ଅନ୍ଥା (with flanges) () ସେହି ଅନ୍ୟୁର୍ମ ଅନ୍ୟୁର୍ମ ଅନ୍ୟୁର୍ମ ଅନ୍ୟୁର୍ମ ଅନ୍ୟ	
43602 43603	78 Spacer - 43871c23 -	betwo B94 wo	Axie Ohly : Also required are (6653) axle washer (5/8" x 1-5/16" x 3/32") (9022) (5023) (5023) (5023) (5023) (5023) (5023)	
A01	1973-1977 ate <u>1982-19</u> Additional	85	(7813) nut (5/8" x 18 x 9/16" x 15/16" Hex)	
43604 43605 43606	Information 78 Sleeve, t 48882-77, k 7979e2983 k	earin 3/4 earin	g spacer - 4.420" (without flanges) (Orange) ²⁴⁾ Axle Only , Also, required are (6653) axle washer (5/8" x 1-5/16" x 3/32") g spacer y 434, (without flanges) (Yellow) (7022) lock washer (5/8") (7613) (White) ²⁶⁾ (7613) (Without flanges) (White) ²⁶⁾	
F	Additional Information			
FTOT A01	IL AXIE 43883-84 1984-1987	7/11 3/4"	Axle Only . Also required are (6653) axle washer (5/8" x 1-5/16" x 3/32") (7022) lock washer (5/8") (7813) nut (5/8" x 18 x 9/16" x 15/16" Hex)	
	Additional Information			

Drawing of '73 Front Axle

Click on drawing to enlarge:



Front Axle Bearings

Fact	Factory Information - Front, Cast or Laced Rear Wheels								
	HD Part #	1957-1963 Sportster - 1952-1956 K Models - Model Year Front Bearing Info							
B01	9009 (1)	Bearing ID/Type: Ball Bearings (shielded single row)	OD:	Width:					
1	9008 (1) (brake side)	Bearing ID/Type: Ball Bearings (open single row)	OD:	Width:					

Fact	tory Informati	ion - Front, Cast or Lac	ed Rear V	Vheels				
	HD Part #	1964-1972 Sportster - Model Year Front Bearing Info Retro fit to 1957-63 Sportster - 1954-1956 K Model						
B02	9009 (2)	Bearing ID/Type: Ball Bearings (shielded single row)	OD:	Width:				
	HD Part #	1973-1999 Sportster Model - Year Front Bearing Info						
	9052 (2)	Bearing ID/Type:	OD:	Width:				
		3/4" Timken	1.781″	.655"	Solid - 5/8-18UNF - 15/16Nut&Head			
B03		Hub Spacer = ID=????" OD=????" Length=????"						
		Hub depth for bearing (e	accommodates .400 width Oil Seal					
		*=Specs taken from Timken LM11910 / LM11949 Bearing Components						
	47519-83A (2)	Wheel Bearing Oil Seal -	Fits in hub	after bea	ring installed			

Front Hub Spacers

HD PART #	CENTER HUB BEARING SPACER (with flange)
	-
	Bearing Washer (shim)
	Bearing Locknut
	3740-52 for previous year models
	CENTER HUB BEARING SPACER (with flange)
43740-64	Length ??
	973 single spacer (43745-73) y variable length spacers below
HD PART #	CENTER HUB BEARING SPACER (no flange)
43745-73	Replaced by spacers below
43633-74	Length - 2.162" (White / Red) 38)
43634-74	Length - 2.177" (Orange / Green) 39)
43635-74	Length - 2.148" (Violet / Gold) 40)
HD PART #	CENTER HUB BEARING SPACER (no flange)
43469-77	
-	·
	HD PART # 43740-64 Original 19 replaced b HD PART # 43745-73 43633-74 43634-74 43635-74 HD PART #

		CENTER HUB BEARING SPACER (no flange)
1979-1991 XL/XLH/XLCH/XLCR 19" Cast 7 / 9 Spoke or Laced	43623-78	Length - 2.564" (Violet) 42 43 44
Dual Disc Brake	43624-78	Length - 2.550" (Pink) 45 46 47
	43625-78	Length - 2.536" (Gold) 48 49 50

Measuring / Sizing Wheel Hub Spacers

If your unsure of which hub spacer you need , the best way to find out is to mock up your wheel / hub and do some measuring: ⁵¹⁾

Wheel bearing endplay should be.004"-.018" with the axle nut torqued to 60-70 ft/lbs. ⁵²⁾

- 1. Install outer races into the hub, make sure they're fully seated. Don't install any seals yet.
- 2. Clamp the axle in a vise vertically, threaded end up.
- 3. Put axle spacer onto axle. (doesn't really matter which one)
- 4. Slide 1 bearing onto the axle. (no grease or oil in the bearing)
- 5. Put hub/wheel onto the axle.
- 6. Slide bearing spacer onto the axle.
- 7. Slide the other cone onto the axle.
- 8. Put a spacer onto the axle that's long enough to reach the axle threads and still leave enough room to put the axle nut on.
- 9. Put the axle nut on and snug it up. (not too tight yet)
- 10. Lift the rim/hub and see if you have any end play.
 - 1. If you have too much, the spacer is too long and a shorter spacer is needed. You can try and find a shorter spacer or shorten the one you have. (a lathe is the best way to shorten it).
 - 2. If you don't have any play, the spacer is too short. Add shims until you get just a little play.
- 11. Once you have a little end play, torque the axle nut to 60ft/lbs and check end play again. Use shims to get your desired end play (shown in the FSM).
- 12. When you have the correct end play you can either: use with the spacer and shims that you have in there, or have a single spacer machined to the combined length of the spacer and shims.

	Against Left Bearing	Against Right Bearing	Year Model Info
BS01	43636-52 Grease Retainer ID: OD: Width:	41201-52 Bearing Locknut ID: OD: Width:	1957-1972 Sportster 1952-1956 K Models Laced Front Wheel
BS01	? ID: OD: Width:	? ID: OD: Width:	Laced Front Wheel
BS01	? ID: OD: Width:	? ID: OD: Width:	Laced Front Wheel

Front Outside Bearing Spacers

	Against Left Bearing	Against Right Bearing	Year Model Info
	?	?	
BS01	ID:	ID:	Laced Front Wheel
	OD:	OD:	
	Width:	Width:	

Right Side Bearing Spacer Washer (between the bearings) 1963-1978

- On 1963-1978 XLH/XLCH Models, a bearing spacer washer HD part #41195-63 (or V-Twin part number 44-0395⁵³) is placed between the two bearings on the right hub (brake side). This spacer washer is reportedly not installed at the factory but is a service part for alignment where the aluminum back plate butts to the bearing inner race due to wear. The race will plow right into the soft back plate when the axle flexes⁵⁴.
 - \circ This is not a grease shield for the bearing. The grease shield used on the brake side →'62 was no longer in use by '63 and up models.
- This small washer has a lip, its very thin, and is not a regular flat washer. It goes in between the right side bearings in the hub, and pushes/holds the outer bearing flush with the hub where it goes up against the inside of the brake backing plate. Others have also said it is OK to use a second one in between the backing pate and the outer bearing if you need a little clearance so the backing plate wont rub, but if you need more than those 2, you should look inside your hub for issues... ⁵⁵⁾



Wheels

Front

See also Factory Tire Information All front wheels are the same from '74-'77 $^{61)}$

Front Wheel 1957-1985

Sportster Model	Year	Size	Wheel and Position	HD Wheel Assembly <mark>without</mark> bearings & bearing spacer	Wheel Assembly includes brake shell
XLC 900 (883)	1958	19"	Front Laced (chrome)	43506-52 62) 63)	(drum brakes)
XLH 900 (883)	1957-1959	18"	Front Laced (chrome)	43507-53 ^{64) 65)}	(drum brakes)
XLCH 900 (883)	1958-1963	19"	Front Laced (chrome)	43506-52 ⁶⁶⁾⁶⁷⁾	(drum brakes)
		Fr	ont Wheel		Notes
Sportster Model	Year	Size	Wheel and Position	HD Wheel Assembly w/ bearings & bearing spacer	Wheel Assembly includes brake shell
XLH 900 (883)	1960-1963	18"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43496-60 ⁶⁸⁾	(drum brakes)
	1960-1963	19"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43497-60 ⁶⁹⁾	(drum brakes)
	1964-1967	18"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43496-64 ⁷⁰⁾	(drum brakes)
	1967-1969	19″	Front Laced (aluminum)	43497-64 ⁷¹⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1972	18"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43496-64 ⁷²⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1972	19″	Front Laced (aluminum)	43495-70 ⁷³⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1972	19"	Front Laced (chrome)	43505-70 ⁷⁴⁾	(drum brakes)
Also used on '73 FX	1973	19"	Front Laced (chrome)	43509-73 ⁷⁵⁾	(single disc brake)
Also used on FX/FXE	1974-1977	19"	Front Cast 7 Spoke (black)	43522-77 ⁷⁶⁾	(single disc brake)
	1974-1977	19″	Front Cast 9 Spoke (black)	43615-74 ⁷⁷⁾	(single disc brake)
	1974-1977	19"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43508-74 ⁷⁸⁾	(single disc brake)
Also used on '74-'77 FX	1974-1977	19"	Front Laced (chrome)	43509-74 ⁷⁹⁾	(single disc brake)
	1978	19"	Front Cast 7 Spoke	43461-78 ⁸⁰⁾	(dual disc brake)

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	1978	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke	43617-83 ⁸¹⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1978	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke (black)	43320-80 ⁸²⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1978	19"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43351-78 ⁸³⁾	(dual disc brake)
Also used on '78-'81 FX,FXE FXEF, FXEF-80 FXE-80 models ⁸⁴⁾	1978	19"	Front Laced (steel)	43341-78 ⁸⁵⁾	(dual disc brake)
XLCH 900 (883)	1960-1963	18"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43496-60 ⁸⁶⁾	(drum brakes)
	1960-1963	19"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43497-60 ⁸⁷⁾	(drum brakes)
	1964-1969	19"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43497-64 ⁸⁸⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1972	19"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43495-70 ⁸⁹⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1972	19"	Front Laced (chrome)	43505-70 ⁹⁰⁾	(drum brakes)
	1973	19"	Front Laced (chrome)	43509-73 ⁹¹⁾	(single disc brake)
43522-77 also on FX/FXE	1974-1977	19"	Front Cast 7 Spoke (black)	43522-77 ⁹²⁾	(single disc brake)
	1974-1977	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke (black)	43615-74 ⁹³⁾	(single disc brake)
	1974-1977	19"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43508-74 ⁹⁴⁾	(single disc brake)
	1974-1977	19"	Front Laced (chrome)	43509-74 ⁹⁵⁾	(single disc brake)
	1978	19"	Front Cast 7 Spoke	43461-78 ⁹⁶⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1978	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke	43617-83 ⁹⁷⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1978	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke (black)	43320-80 ⁹⁸⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1978	19"	Front Laced (aluminum)	43351-78 ⁹⁹⁾	(dual disc brake)
43341-78 also on '78-'81 FX,FXE FXEF, FXEF-80 FXE-80 models ¹⁰⁰⁾	1978	19"	Front Laced (steel)	43341-78 ¹⁰¹⁾	(dual disc brakes)
XLH 1000	1979	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke	43311-78 ¹⁰²⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1979-1983	19"	Front Cast (black)	43617-83) ¹⁰³⁾	(dual disc brake)
	(L) 1979-1983	19"	Front Laced	43321-79 ¹⁰⁴⁾	(dual disc brake)
43312-84 also on '84 FXE ¹⁰⁵⁾	1984-1985	19"	Front Laced	43312-84 106)	(single disc brake)
XLCH 1000					
Also used on '77 FXS 78-80 FX/FXEF FXS-80/FXEF-80	1979	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke	43311-78 ¹⁰⁷⁾	(dual disc brake)
XLCR 1000	1977	19"	Front Cast 7 Spoke	43499-77 108)	without bearings/ sleeve (dual disc brakes)
	1978	19"	Front Cast 7 Spoke	43499-78 ¹⁰⁹⁾	without bearings/ sleeve (dual disc brakes)
XLS 1000	1979	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke	43311-78 ¹¹⁰⁾	(dual disc brake)
				43617-83) ¹¹¹⁾	(dual disc brake)

	(L) 1979-1983	19"	Front Laced	43321-79 ¹¹²⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1983 19"		Front Cast 9 Spoke	43309-83 ¹¹³⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1984-1985	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke (black- tubeless)	43626-84 ¹¹⁴⁾	First use of tubeless tires (single disc brake)
Also used on '84 FXE ¹¹⁵⁾	1984-1985	19"	Front Laced	43312-84 116)	(single disc brake)
XLX-61 (1000)	1983	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke (black)	43617-83) ¹¹⁷⁾	(dual disc brake)
	1984-1985	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke (black- tubeless)	43626-84 ¹¹⁸⁾	First use of tubeless tires (single disc brake)
	1984-1985	19"	Front Cast 9 Spoke (silver- tubeless)	43338-83A ¹¹⁹⁾	(single disc brake)

Rear

See also Factory Tire Information All rear wheels 55-78 will interchange. ¹²⁰⁾

Rear Wheel 1957 - 1985

Sportster Model	Year	Size	Wheel and Position	HD Wheel Assembly w/ bearings & bearing spacer	
XL 900 (883)	1957	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-53B ¹²¹⁾	(drum brakes) also fits '53-56 K models
	1957-1959	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-53A ^{122) 123)}	(drum brakes) also fits '53-56 K models
	1957-1959	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-53C ¹²⁴⁾	(drum brakes)
	1957-1959	18"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke (black)	41037-77 ¹²⁵⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1957-1959	16"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke	41035-77A ¹²⁶⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1957-1959	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40999-78 ¹²⁷⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1957-1959	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (gold)	41002-78 ¹²⁸⁾	XLH 75th Anniversary - option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)

XLH 900 (883)	1958-1959	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-53A 129) 130)	(drum brakes) also fits '53-56 K models
	1958-1963	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-53C ¹³¹⁾	(drum brakes)
	1960-1963	18"	Rear Laced (aluminum)	40990-60A ¹³²⁾	(drum brakes)
	1960-1969	18"	Rear Laced (aluminum)	40990-60C ¹³³⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1971	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-70 ¹³⁴⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1971	18"	Rear Laced (aluminum) Low Road Clearance	40990-60C ¹³⁵⁾	(drum brakes)
	1958-1971	18"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke (black)	41037-77 ¹³⁶⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1958-1971	16"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke	41035-77A ¹³⁷⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1958-1971	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40999-78 ¹³⁸⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1958-1978	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (gold) 41002-78 ¹³⁹⁾		XLH 75th Anniversary - option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
XLCH 900 (883)	1958-1959	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-53A ^{140) 141)}	(drum brakes) also fits '53-56 K models
	1958-1963	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-53C ¹⁴²⁾	(drum brakes)
	1960-1963	18"	Rear Laced (aluminum)	40990-60A ¹⁴³⁾	(drum brakes)
	1960-1969	18"	Rear Laced (aluminum)	40990-60C ¹⁴⁴⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1971	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-70 ¹⁴⁵⁾	(drum brakes)
	1970-1971	18"	Rear Laced (aluminum)	40991-70A ¹⁴⁶⁾	(drum brakes)
	1958-1971	18"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke (black)	41037-77 147)	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1958-1971	16"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke	41035-77A ¹⁴⁸⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1958-1971	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40999-78 ¹⁴⁹⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1958-1978	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (gold)	41002-78 ¹⁵⁰⁾	XLH 75th Anniversary - option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
XLH 1000	1972-1977	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-70 ¹⁵¹⁾	(drum brakes)
	1973-1978	18"	Rear Laced (aluminum)	40991-70A ¹⁵²⁾	(drum brakes)

	1972-1978	18"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke (black)	41037-77 ¹⁵³⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1972-1978	16"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke	41035-77A ¹⁵⁴⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1972-1978	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40999-78 ¹⁵⁵⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	(E)1979	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	40962-79 ¹⁵⁶⁾ 40952-79 ¹⁵⁷⁾	(disc brake - this year & all future models)
	(L) 1979-1980	16"	Rear Laced (chrome)	43720-79 ¹⁵⁸⁾	
	1980	16"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40953-79A ¹⁵⁹⁾	
	1981	16"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40955-81 160)	
	1981	16"	Rear Laced (chrome)	43720-81 ¹⁶¹⁾	
	1982-1985	16″	Rear Laced (chrome)	40951-82 162)	
	1982-1985	16"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	41015-82A ¹⁶³⁾	
	1958-1978	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (gold)	41002-78 ¹⁶⁴⁾	XLH 75th Anniversary - option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
XLCH 1000	1972-1977	18"	Rear Laced (chrome)	40989-70 ¹⁶⁵⁾	(drum brakes)
	1972-1978	18"	Rear Laced (aluminum)	40991-70A ¹⁶⁶⁾	(drum brakes)
	1972-1978	18"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke (black)	41037-77 167)	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1972-1978	16"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke	41035-77A ¹⁶⁸⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1972-1978	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40999-78 ¹⁶⁹⁾	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
	1979	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	40962-79 ¹⁷⁰⁾ 40952-79 ¹⁷¹⁾	
	1958-1978	18"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (gold)	41002-78 ¹⁷²⁾	XLH 75th Anniversary - option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
XLCR 1000	1977	18"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke	40995-77 ¹⁷³⁾	without bearings/ sleeve (disc brake)
	1978	18"	Rear Cast 7 Spoke	40995-78 ¹⁷⁴⁾	without bearings/ sleeve (disc brake)

XLS 1000	1979	16″	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	40963-79 ¹⁷⁵⁾	
	1979-1980	16"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40953-79A ¹⁷⁶⁾	
	(L)1979-1980	16″	Rear Laced (chrome)	43720-79 ¹⁷⁷⁾	
	1981	16"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke (black)	40955-81 178)	
	1981	16″	Rear Laced (chrome)	43720-81 ¹⁷⁹⁾	
	1982	16"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	41015-82A ¹⁸⁰⁾	
	1982-1985	16″	Rear Laced (chrome)	40951-82 181)	
	1983-1985	16"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	40983-83A ¹⁸²⁾	
	1984-1985	16″	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	41015-82A ¹⁸³⁾	
XLT 1000	1977-1978	18"	Rear 7 Spoke (black)	41037-77 184)	Option retro'd for prior years (drum brakes)
XLX-61 (1000)	1983-1985	16"	Rear Laced (chrome)40951-82 ¹⁸⁵⁾		
	1983-1985	16"	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	41015-82A ¹⁸⁶⁾	
	1983-1985	16″	Rear Cast 9 Spoke	40983-83A ¹⁸⁷⁾	

Tapered Bead Rims

The "special" tapered wheels that were paired to the "special" tapered bead rims were known as "C-section" rims.¹⁸⁸⁾

"C-section" rims can be positively identified after the tire is removed from the rim by the part numbers stamped in rim.

The taper was at the 'normally flat' area from the inside bead seat corner and the shelf edge at the drop towards the drop center.

The metal 'shelf' tapered toward the center with a safety hump just before the drop down.

This was a "special package" buy from Goodyear with the rim included since you couldn't buy the tires to properly fit the rims anywhere else but them.

- "C-section" Rim Part#s for "High Ground Clearance" Sportsters:
 - Steel Rims:
 - Front (43003-70) 19 x 2.50C
 - Rear (43004-70) 18 x 2.50C
 - Aluminum Rims:
 - Front (43010-70) 2.50C-19
 - Rear (43008-70) 2.50C-18

Standard low clearance models did not have the "special" rims and use standard tires.

- Other notes:
 - $\,\circ\,$ 43005-70 steel 18" steel spool rear drum
 - $\circ~$ 43008-70 (250 C) aluminum 18" steel spool rear drum
 - $\circ~$ 43002-70 steel 19" '64-72 style front drum
 - 43010-70 aluminum 19" '64-72 style front drum
 - 42998-74 (250 C) aluminum 19" aluminum hub front disc (made in Italy)

• 43018-73 steel 19" aluminum hub front disc

Factory Wheels Pics

Click on a picture to enlarge it.





Tires

Tire Fitment Chart

- HD issued a bulletin in June of 1978 regarding tire fitment on 1000cc, 1200cc and 1340CC models for proper matching of tires and rims.¹⁹²⁾
 - "For the personal safety of the motorcycle rider, tires and inner tubes must be correctly matched to the wheel rims. Mismatching tires, tubes and rims may result in damage to the tire bead during mounting or may allow the tire to slip on the rim damaging the tube and causing rapid tire deflation. In addition, using tires and tubes other than those specified may adversely affect motorcycle stability".
 - Tires:
 - Use only tube type tires with inner tubes on all Harley-Davidson wheels. Tubeless type tires will not seat properly. Protective rubber rim strips must be used on laced (wire spoke) wheels.
 - 16" (seven spoke cast) wheel requires a center valve tube (40553-78) while all other 16" wheels use a side valve tube (40550-77). Tires were interchangeable between cast and laced (wire spoke) wheels.
 - 18" tires and tubes were not interchangeable between cast and laced (wire spoke) wheels. The bead <u>diameter</u> of the MN90-18 tire was app. 0.075" (app. the thickness of a nickel) larger than the 4.25-18T tire.
 - 19" used the same size tube for both cast and laced (wire spoke) wheels but the tires were not interchangeable. The MJ90-19 tire also had a larger bead diameter.

June 1978 ¹⁹³⁾							
Wheel Size	Wheel Description	Models	Tube Size (Goodyear)	Tire Size			
	Rear Cast 7 Spoke	FX/FXE/FXS	MT-90-16cv (center valve)	5.00-16T			
16"	Front & Rear Laced 16 Spoke			5.10-16T MT-90-16T			
	Rear Laced & Cast 9 Spoke	FX/FXE/FXS	G5.10-16T (side valve)				
1.0"	Rear Laced		W18 / W19	4.25-18T			
18"	Rear Cast 7 or 9 Spoke	XL/XLH/XLCH/XLT/XLCR	V18 / V19	MN90-18			
19"	Front Laced	XL/XLH/XLCH/XLT/XLCR	V19 / V19	3.75-19T MM90-19T			
	Front Cast 7 or 9 Spoke	FX/FXE/FXS		MJ-90-19			

Factory Tire Information

- Rim size and contour are cast or stamped into exterior surface of rim.
- Example: T19x2.50 CO DOT. "T" indicates the rim conforms to 'Tire and Rim Association' standards, 19 is the nominal diameter of the rim in inches measured at the bead center diameter, 2.5 is the width of the bead seat measured in inches, CO designates the rim contour, DOT means the rim meets Dept. of Motor Vehicle Standards.¹⁹⁴⁾
- See also Factory Rear Rims and Factory Front Rims
- See Tire 101 for decoding sizes, conversion, cross reference charts, etc.

	18" Rear Wheel	4.0 x 18	18 psi	Tire Size (Goodyear or		
	19" Front	3.25/3.50×19	14 psi			
1959-1969 XLCH	Wheel Size and Position	Tire Size				
	18" Rear	4.00×18"	20 psi			
	19" front	3.25/3.5×19	16 psi			
1967-1969 XLH	Wheel Size and Position					
	18" Front and Rear	3.50×18	14 psi Front, 18 psi Rear			
Wheel 1958-1966 XLH Size and Tire Size Position						
	18" Front and Rear	3.50×18	14 psi Fro	nt, 18 psi Rear		
1957-1959 XL	Wheel Size and Position	Tire Size	Recommended Tire Pressure			

XLH-XLCH-XLT	19" Front	Cast, 7 or 9 spoke	T 19 2.15 TL ¹⁹⁶⁾	MJ90-19	9 * (XLT use	* (XLT use Yokohama Y-980 only)		
XLH-XLCH-XLT	19" Front	Laced		(Taper	-19T or MM90-19 ¹⁹⁷⁾ er base bead tire size, on taper base bead rim		18 psi ¹⁹⁹⁾	
XLH-XLCH-XLT	18" Rear	Cast, 7 or 9 spoke	T 18 2.50 TL ²⁰⁰⁾	MN90-18 Tire obsolete, accept replacement 120/90-18 * (XLT Y-622 only)				
XLH/XLCH/XLT	18" Rear	Laced		4.25-18T (Taper base bead tire size, use on taper base bead rim only) ²⁰¹⁾		30 psi ²⁰²⁾		
XLH-XLCH	16" Rear (accessory)	Cast 7 spoke		MT90-1	6 / 5.00-16	「∕5.10-16T		
1979 XLH-XLCH- XLS ²⁰³⁾	Wheel Size and Position	Wheel Type	Rim Contour	HD Tire Series			Goodyear Tire Size 4 Ply	
	19" Front	Laced Early '79	2.50 CM	NA	V 18/19	Sport Rib (Tapered Bead) ²⁰⁴⁾	MM90-19T	
	19" Front	Laced Late '79	2.50 TLA	YYY	V 19/19	Eagle A/T	MJ90-19	
	19" Front	Cast	2.15 TL	YYY	V 18/19	Eagle A/T	MJ90-19	
	18" Rear	Laced Early '79	2.50 CM	NA	W 18/19	All Traction (Tapered Bead) ²⁰⁵⁾	4.25-18T	
	18" Rear	Cast	2.50 TL	NA	V 18/19	Eagle A/T	MN90-18 Tire obsolete, Acceptable replacement 120/90-18 ²⁰⁶⁾	
	16" Rear	Laced	3.00 D	WWW	G5.10-16	Eagle A/T	MT90-16	
	16" Rear	Cast	3.00 D	www	G5.10-16	Eagle A/T	MT90-16	
1980-1985 XLH- XLS-XLX ²⁰⁷⁾	Wheel size and Position	Wheel Type	Rim Contour				Goodyear Eagle 1lop K181 4 Ply	
	19" Front	Laced	2.50×19 TLA	YYY	MJ90-19 Rubber (center pos.)		d MIQO 10	
	19" Front	Cast	2.15×19 TL	YYY			u MJ90-19	



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