# SERVICE BULLETIN



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# M1485: 2000 - 2017 SOFTAIL - FUEL TANK GASKET

# **Purpose for Service Bulletin**

Service fuel tanks for Softail motorcycles are now being updated to include a top plate gasket (Part No. 61381-02A) with all **new** replacement tanks. Harley-Davidson strongly recommends using the **new** gasket when servicing the fuel tank.

The **updated** gasket has improved sealing of fuel vapors and improved compatibility with fuel that contains ethanol alcohol additives.

# **Motorcycles Affected**

2000 - 2017 Softails, all models excluding FXSTD, FXSTDSE, FXSTDSE2, FXCW and FXCWC.

## **Markets Affected**

All markets are affected.

## **Part Number**

Refer to Figure 1. 61381-02A

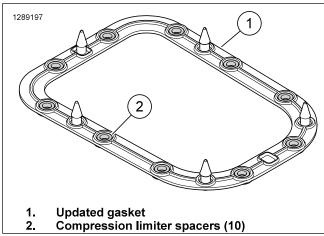


Figure 1, 61381-02A - Top Plate Gasket

## **Required Dealer Action**

When replacing a fuel tank on models listed in Section Motorcycles Affected, use **new** gasket (P/N 61381-02A) that comes in the kit with the fuel tank.

Remove top plate gasket and discard.

- 2. Clean gasket area.
  - Clean with a 50:50 isopropyl alcohol/water solution, thoroughly clean gasket surfaces. Allow to dry completely.

#### NOTE

Do not apply any type of sealant to gasket.

- 3. Install new gasket under top plate.
- 4. Install top plate assembly on fuel tank.

### NOTE

New screws are not part of the new replacement tanks.

5. Refer to Figure 2. Install **new** screws. Tighten per sequence.

Torque: 2-2.7 N·m (18-24 in-lbs)

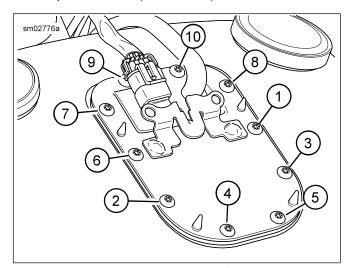


Figure 2. Top Plate Torque Sequence

#### NOTE

In the interest of preserving customer safety and satisfaction, always check for outstanding recalls whenever any motorcycle is brought into your dealership for either maintenance or service.

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