

Saddlebag Location On 2004 Models

The orientation of the two front saddlebag brackets, part number 47449-97, was recently changed on standard production 2004 FLT family motorcycles. The brackets were rotated 90° (see Figure 2) to move the front of the saddlebags up and rearward. This provides additional clearance with the side covers.

If you have an earlier vehicle with contact between saddlebag and side cover this same modification can be easily done.

1. Remove the saddlebag and loosen both front and rear saddlebag bracket bolts.
2. Rotate the front bracket 90°, from the position in Figure 1 to the new position shown in Figure 2. The top of the "U" now faces forward.
3. Move the saddlebags rearward as far as the support will allow.
4. Insert the bail head studs to align the saddlebags
5. Without disturbing the bracket positions remove the saddlebags and tighten the bracket bolts.

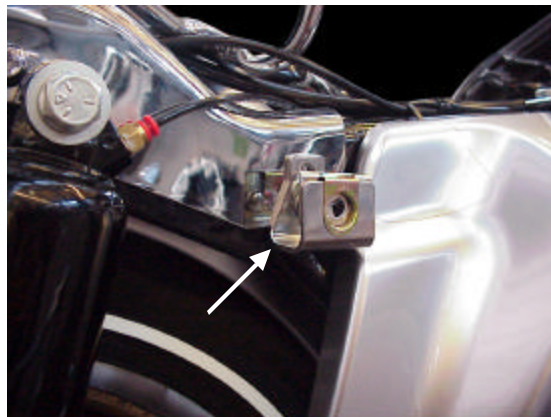


Figure 1: Bracket in its former position.

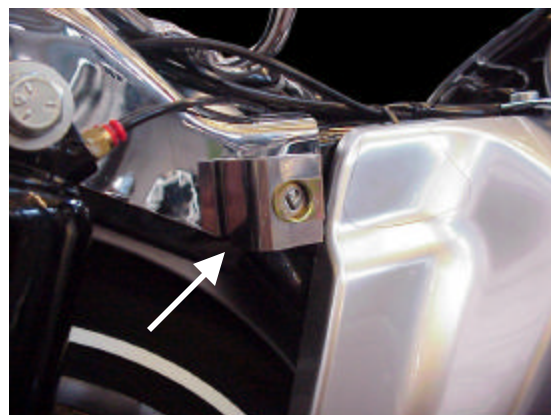


Figure 2: Bracket in its new position.

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Another saddlebag location difference can be seen on all 2000 and later CVO Touring models. The saddlebag grommets on this custom vehicle are gray and thicker to provide additional inboard saddlebag clearance for accessories. This thicker grommet, part number 11468, also requires a longer bail head stud, part number 90400-00. Do not mix either of them with the black grommets and shorter pins used on standard production models. See Figure 3.



Figure 3: FLHTCSE parts are on the left. Standard production is shown on the right.