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## Standard Seat Installation Instructions

Congratulations on your purchase of this new custom replacement seat for your motorcycle! This seat is constructed with an ABS or heavy-duty fiberglass pan that is made to install in the same way as your stock seat. **In most cases**, you simply remove your stock seat (see your motorcycle's owner's manual) and replace it with the Saddlemen seat. For most Harley-Davidson models and many metric cruisers, you simply undo one screw that secures the back of your seat to your bike's rear fender, and take the seat off. When putting on the new Saddlemen seat, visually check the seat's front tab and the location under the gas tank where it will slide into. Once that tab is secure under your gas tank, align the rear tab with the threaded hole in the rear fender and put the screw back in.



**In some cases**, it may be necessary to remove mounting hardware and rubber bumpers from your original seat and re-install them on your new seat. If this is the case with your seat, the new Saddlemen seat will have threaded inserts in the bottom of the seat to relocate your stock seat's hardware into

**In some cases**, our seat base design may differ slightly from your original pan because your original brackets and hardware will be mounted on the new seat with 1/4 - 20 bolts, rather than the nut and studs used on your original seat. Because of manufacturing variances between different models and years, it may be necessary to slightly alter the bolt-hole size on the original brackets with a drill or file to fit the new bolts.

**Step 1** - Remove the original seat and place it bottom side up next to your new custom replacement seat.

**Step 2** - Remove each bracket from your original seat and install it in the corresponding location on your new seat, using the 1/4-20 bolts provided. Place the new bolts through the brackets and into the threaded jacknuts in the new seat bottom. Repeat until all hardware is transferred.

**Step 3** - Check all fasteners for tightness, 10-15 ft/lbs is recommended, do not over-tighten.

**Step 4** - Remove rubber bumpers from your original seat and move them to your new custom seat. In some instances we have already installed bumpers that are needed, but some models require the special specific bumpers from your original seat for proper tolerance and fit. The stock bumpers are easily removed by twisting and pulling at the same time. Reinstallation requires drilling a hole of the same diameter as the original into the new seat pan. Rubber bumpers are most easily installed using either water or silicone spray as a lubricant.

**Step 5** – Reinstall the seat on the motorcycle. Check to make sure the seat fits properly. The new seat will be more firm than the original seat and will break-in over time to provide greater comfort. During the break-in, the seat will also settle-in, or lower, about ½ to one inch. Older seats may seem substantially lower because of the worn-out, compressed foam that has deteriorated with time on your original seat.