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Covingtons Customs

Black Dimpled Upper Fork Slider Covers Installation

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Stock Baggers feature raw aluminum fork sliders, stainless steel upper slider covers, and chrome nacelle or lower outer fairing. A popular way to customize those components is with chrome, paint, or powdercoat. An even better way is to add some style when making these improvements. Covingtons Customs has several styles of upper fork slider covers, available in black or chrome, which will add the right amount of style to the standard front end. The Upper Fork Slider Covers are just one of the hundreds of custom parts available for your Bagger from Covingtons. See the complete product line available from Covingtons at www.CovingtonsCustoms.com. Difficulty Level: 3/5 Estimated Time to Complete: 2.5 hours

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Covingtons Fork Leg Bells in Black Dimpled with included hardware.

TOOLS & SUPPLIES NEEDED

1. Allen Wrenches

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- 2. SAE Wrench Set
- 3. SAE Socket Set
- 4. 10mm 12 Point Socket
- 5. 3/8" Ratchet Wrench With Extensions
- 6. Phillips Screwdrivers
- 7. Rubber Mallet
- 8. Hammer
- 9. Punch Drift
- 10. Torque Wrench
- 11. Bungee Cords (2)
- 12. Center Jack
- 13. Removable (Blue) Thread Locker



From the back of the nacelle, disconnect the wiring for the front fender tip light.



Support the frame with a center jack. Loosen the front axle nut using a 3/4" wrench.

The 2000 Road King with stock Upper Fork Slider Covers in black.



Use a 10mm 12-point socket to remove the caliper mounting hardware. Remove the calipers from the rotors. Use bungee cords to support the weight of the calipers



With a 1/2" wrench, loosen the axle clamp hardware on the right fork slider.

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Slide the axle out from the fork sliders and hub. Maintain control of the wheel spacers and wheel while doing so.



With a 1/2" socket, loosen the four front fender-mounting bolts. Remove the front fender from the fork sliders.



Disconnect the wiring for the passing lamps and turn signals. Cut any zip ties holding the wiring in place.



Finish removing the acorn nuts from each side of the nacelle. Remove the nacelle halves from the triple trees.



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Roll out the front wheel from between the fork legs.



Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the single screw at the bottom of the trim ring. Lift the trim ring off the nacelle.



Use a 1/2" socket to loosen the two acorn nuts on each side of the nacelle. Slide the passing lamp assembly out from the studs of the nacelle.



Disconnect the air lines from the fittings on the fork cap bolts. Use a 1 3/8" wrench to remove the fork cap bolt from the fork leg.



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Use the hammer and punch to bend back the locking tabs on the front fender mounting hardware.



Remove the seven screws holding the headlamp bucket to the nacelle. Unplug the wiring from the back of the headlamp.

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Loosen the 5/16" nut holding the nacelle top cover. Remove the plastic cover on the handlebar riser cover. Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the two screws under the plastic cover.



With a 5/8" socket, loosen the fork leg pinch bolt. Maintain control of the fork leg while doing so.

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Slide the fork leg out from the triple trees.



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Use a 3/8" socket to loosen the bolts holding the stock upper fork slider cover to the lower triple tree.



Bring the fork leg back into position. Install the fork stop bumper over the fork leg before inserting the leg into the top triple tree.



Install the fork cap bolt into the fork cap. Final torque to 11-22 foot/lbs.



Apply blue thread locker to the supplied hardware. Use a 3/16" Allen to install the Covingtons Fork Leg Bell on the lower triple tree.



Apply blue thread locker to the pinch bolt. Final torque the pinch bolt to 40 foot/lbs.



Repeat the process for the second Covington Fork Leg Bell.



Reinstall the nacelle. Leave the acorn nuts loose for now.



Use a 5/16" socket to tighten the nut holding the top cover to the nacelle.



Reinstall the passing lamp assembly. Plug in the wiring. Final tighten the acorn nuts with a 1/2" wrench.



Install the handlebar riser cover. Use a Phillips screwdriver to tighten the two screws at the fork lock. Push the plastic cover over the fork lock.



Plug in the connector to the back of the headlamp. Position the headlamp assembly in the nacelle. Install the screws using a Phillips screwdriver.

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Reinstall the trim ring with single screw at the 6 o'clock position.



Holding the front axle in place, final torque the front axle nut to 50-55 foot/lbs.



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Apply blue thread locker to the front fender bolts. Position the front fender between the fork sliders. Use a 1/2" socket to tighten the hardware. Bend over the locking tabs.



Use a 1/2" wrench to tighten the axle clamp nuts. Final torque to 9-13 foot/lbs.



Reinstall the front wheel, spacers, and front axle.



Reinstall the front brake calipers. Use blue thread locker on the bolts. Final torque the hardware to 28-38 foot/lbs.

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The 2000 Road King with Covingtons Black Dimpled Fork Leg Bells installed.

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