# FORK CLAMPS, UPPER AND LOWER

# **REMOVAL**

- Place a scissor jack under jacking point and raise front wheel off ground. For location of jacking point see 2.28 EXHAUST SYSTEM.
- 2. Remove handlebars. See 2.27 HANDLEBARS.
- Remove cable straps securing wiring harnesses to the upper fork clamp.
- 4. Remove front fork assemblies. See 2.16 FRONT FORK.
- See Figure 2-75. Remove steering stem pinch fastener (2).
- Under right side of front fairing, cut cable strap holding ignition switch, fuse block and right handlebar switch wires. See 7.3 IGNITION/HEADLIGHT KEY SWITCH.

- Unplug the ignition switch. See 7.3 IGNITION/HEAD-LIGHT KEY SWITCH.
- 8. See Figure 2-75. Hold or brace the lower fork clamp and remove steering stem cap (1).
- Remove the upper fork clamp (4).
- 10. Remove the lower fork clamp (8).
- Remove ignition switch. See 7.3 IGNITION/HEADLIGHT KEY SWITCH.
- If steering head bearings need replacing, see 2.18 STEERING HEAD BEARINGS.

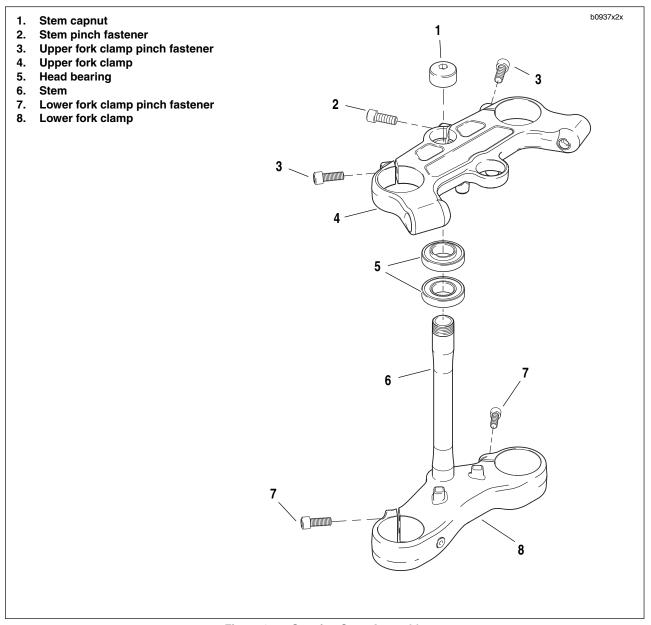


Figure 2-75. Steering Stem Assembly

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# **INSTALLATION**

- 1. See Figure 2-75. Install the lower fork clamp (8) into the steering stem bore and install the upper fork clamp (4).
- Install steering stem cap (1). Thread on by hand but do not torque.

## **A**WARNING

Carefully install the fork into the upper fork clamp. Forcing the fork into the upper fork clamp could move the stopper ring out of the groove which will not allow the correct clamp load causing a possible loss of control of the motorcycle which could result in death or serious injury.

- 3. Install one front fork assembly into lower fork clamp (8).
- 4. See Figure 2-69. Slide the stopper ring (19) over top of fork assembly and into groove.
- 5. Install upper clamp on fork assembly. Tighten but do not torque lower fork clamp pinch fasteners.
- 6. Repeat previous two steps on second fork assembly.
- 7. Tighten steering stem cap to 38-42 ft-lbs (52-57 Nm).
- 8. Install steering stem pinch bolt applying LOCTITE 272 and tightening to 17-19 ft-lbs (23-26 Nm).

# **A**WARNING

Both forks should display the same number of alignment lines. Forks that are not properly aligned may lead to a loss of control which could result in death or serious injury.

- See Figure 2-74. Position both forks with same number alignment lines (4) visible and reflectors facing to the sides. Do not tighten.
- 10. Use LOCTITE 272 on upper fork clamp fasteners and tighten to 17-19 ft-lbs (23-26 Nm).
- 11. Use LOCTITE 272 on lower fork clamp fasteners and tighten to 13-15 ft-lbs (18-20 Nm).
- 12. Repeat torque sequence in steps 10 and 11.
- 13. Install handlebars. See 2.27 HANDLEBARS.
- 14. See Figure 2-96. Install cable straps.
  - Install cable strap to the right of ignition switch securing right hand switch and brake line wires to upper fork clamp.
  - Install cable strap to the left of ignition switch securing left hand switch and clutch cable wires to upper fork clamp.

# STEERING HEAD BEARINGS

## **REMOVAL**

- Place a scissor jack under jacking point and raise front wheel off ground. For location of jacking point see Figure 2-104.
- Remove brake lever housing. See 2.10 FRONT BRAKE MASTER CYLINDER AND HAND LEVER.
- 3. Remove headlight assembly and support See 2.25 HEADLIGHT ASSEMBLY AND SUPPORT BRACKET.
- Remove front forks, lower fork clamp, brake and wheel as front-end assembly.
  - See Figure 2-75. Loosen steering stem pinch fastener (2) and upper and lower fork clamp pinch fasteners (3, 7).
  - Brace wheel while removing steering stem cap fastener (1).
  - Remove upper fork clamp (4) and front-end assembly which includes front wheel, steering stem/lower fork clamp.
- 5. Remove upper and lower steering head bearings (5).
  - See Figure 2-76. Locate notches inside steering head stem bore (upper bearing removed for clarity).
  - Place a suitable tool in the notches of the steering stem bore and remove upper and lower steering head bearings.

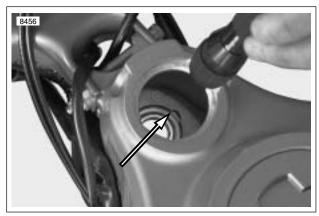


Figure 2-76. Lower Steering Head Bearing Notches (upper bearing removed for clarity)

#### NOTE

Discard steering head bearings and replace with new. Steering head bearings are not reusable.

## **INSTALLATION**

#### NOTE

For easier installation of bearing, lubricate the outer bearing with engine oil prior to installing into steering stem bore.

 See Figure 2-77. Install new upper and lower steering head bearings into the steering stem using STEERING HEAD BEARING RACE INSTALLER (Part No. HD-39302). and the STEERING HEAD BEARING INSTALLER (Part No. B-45521).

- a. See Figure 2-78. Place the upper bearing squarely in the steering stem bore with the inner race lip pointing away from the steering head.
- b. See Figure 2-77. Insert the steering head bearing installation tool into the upper bearing, with the shoulder into the bearing bore.
- Insert the forcing screw from the steering head bearing race installer through the steering head bearing installation tool.

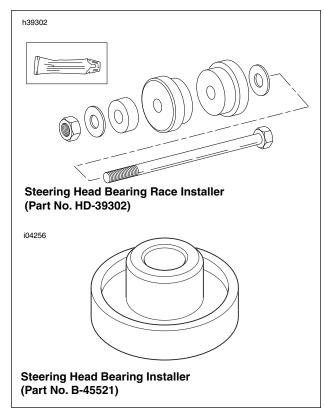


Figure 2-77. Steering Head Bearings Installation Tools

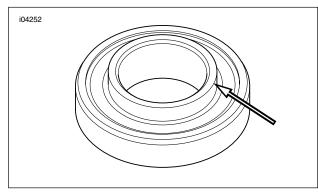


Figure 2-78. Steering Head Bearing Lip

 See Figure 2-79. Sparingly apply Extreme Pressure Lubricant (J-23444-A) to the threads of the forcing screw (1) from the Steering Head Bearing Race Installer (HD-39302), to prolong service life and ensure smooth operation. Insert the forcing screw (1) through the Steering Head Bearing Installation Tool (B-45521) (2).

#### NOTE

For ease of steering head bearing installation, lubricate the outside of the steering head bearings.

- 3. See Figure 79. Place the lower bearing (3) onto the forcing screw (1), with the inner race lip pointing away from the steering head.
- Place the Steering Head Bearing Installation Tool (B-45521) (2) onto the forcing screw, with the shoulder into the bearing bore.
- 5. Install the bearing (4), washer (5) and nut (6) from the Steering Head Bearing Race Installer (HD-39302) onto the forcing screw (1).
- 6. Tighten the nut (6) by hand, until both bearings are started into the bores in the steering head.

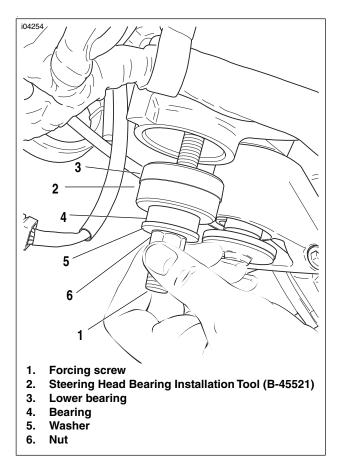


Figure 2-79. Lower Bearing

- See Figure 2-80. Hold the forcing screw while tightening the nut to draw the bearings into the steering head. Continue tightening until both bearings are fully seated.
- 8. Visually check to make sure the bearings are completely seated against the shoulders in the steering head.

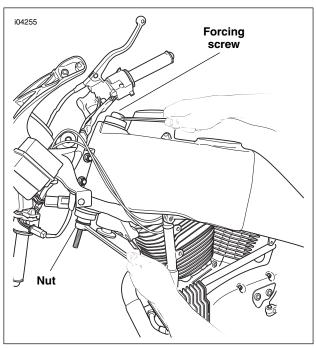


Figure 2-80. Install Bearings

- Install forks, front wheel, and lower fork clamp/steering stem as an assembly.
- 10. Install upper fork clamp.
- 11. Tighten steering stem cap to 38-42 ft-lbs (52-57 Nm).
- 12. Use LOCTITE 272 on steering stem pinch fastener and tighten to 17-19 ft-lbs (23-26 Nm).
- 13. Install headlight assembly and support See 2.25 HEAD-LIGHT ASSEMBLY AND SUPPORT BRACKET.

# SWINGARM AND BRACE

# **GENERAL**

The swingarm also serves as the oil tank. For information on the swingarm function as the oil tank, see 3.8 LUBRICATION SYSTEM.

The swingarm features a removable brace on the right side to allow drive belt replacement. Sealed bearings eliminate the need for preload adjustment.

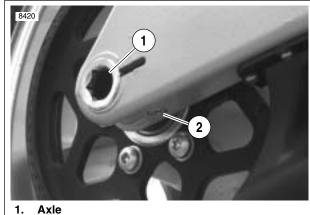
## REMOVAL

#### **Brace**

#### **CAUTION**

Before removing swingarm brace, always relieve belt tension first. Removing swingarm brace without releasing tension will cause swingarm brace damage.

- Remove left side rider footpeg mount. See 2.29 FOOT-PEG, HEEL GUARD AND MOUNT.
- 2. See Figure 2-81. Loosen rear axle pinch fastener (2).
- 3. Loosen rear axle (1) approximately 15 rotations to allow partial tension to be removed from rear drive system.



- Pinch bolt fastener

Figure 2-81. Rear Wheel Mounting, Right Side

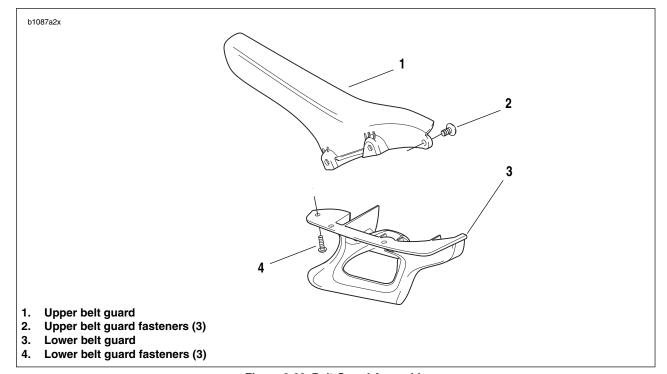


Figure 2-82. Belt Guard Assembly

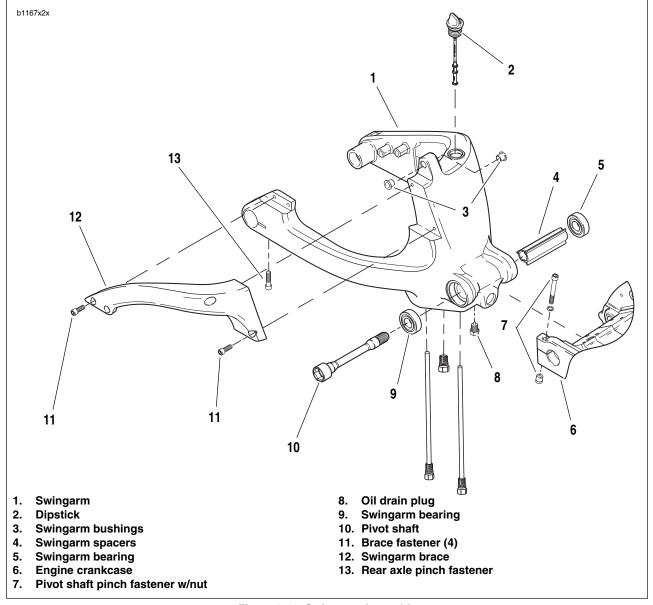


Figure 2-83. Swingarm Assembly

- See Figure 2-83. Remove swingarm brace mounting fasteners (11, 12).
- 5. Remove swingarm brace (13).

# **Swingarm**

Remove seat. See 2.38 SEAT.

### **A**WARNING

To protect against accidental start-up of vehicle and possible personal injury, disconnect the negative battery cable before proceeding. Inadequate safety precautions could cause a battery explosion, which could result in death or serious injury.

Disconnect battery by unthreading fasteners removing negative cable (black) from battery first. See 1.5 BAT-TERY MAINTENANCE.

- See Figure 2-83. Remove oil drain plug (8) and drain oil from swingarm. See 1.6 ENGINE LUBRICATION SYS-TEM.
- 4. Remove rear wheel. See 2.6 REAR WHEEL.
- Remove three oil lines from swingarm fittings. See 3.9 OIL HOSE ROUTING AND OIL RESERVOIR.
- 6. Remove p-clamp and washer that secures rear brake line to swingarm.
- See Figure 2-89. Remove lower shock absorber mounting fastener (7) and spacer from shock absorber and swingarm.
- 8. See Figure 2-83. Loosen pivot shaft pinch fastener (7).
- Remove pivot shaft (10) with a special 7/8 in. hex tool located in tool kit.

## **DISASSEMBLY**

### CAUTION

Carefully mark all bearing components as they are removed so that they may be returned to their original locations. Do not intermix bearing components.

### **Swingarm**

 See Figure 2-84. Remove oil line fittings from swingarm. See Table 2-13.

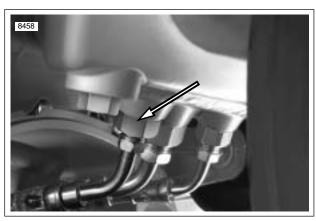


Figure 2-84. Oil Line Fittings

# Table 2-13. Oil line Fittings

FITTINGS (FUNCTION)	HEX SIZE (SWINGARM)	HEX SIZE (HOSE)
Right/Small (Vent)	5/8"	7/16"
Center/Large (Supply)	13/16"	5/8"
Left/Medium (Return)	3/4"	1/2"

- See Figure 2-83. Remove swingarm bearings (5, 9) using slide hammer (SNAP-ON Part No. CJ1275 or equivalent) and 3/4 in. bearing remover and spacer.
- 3. Remove shock mount bushings (3) and sleeve.
- Remove rear fender. See 2.31 FENDERS.

#### NOTE

See Figure 2-83. Remove swingarm bearings (5, 9) only if replacement is required. The complete bearing assembly must be replaced as a unit when replacement is necessary. Do not intermix bearing components.

## CLEANING AND INSPECTION

### **A**WARNING

Compressed air can pierce the skin and cause injury. Never use your hand to check for leaks or to determine air flow rates. Wear safety glasses to shield your eyes from flying dirt and debris. Failure to comply could result in death or serious injury.

- Thoroughly clean all components in solvent. Blow dry with compressed air.
- Carefully inspect all bearing components for wear and/or corrosion. Replace complete bearing assembly if any component is damaged.
- Check that swingarm is not bent or twisted. Replace if damaged.

### **ASSEMBLY**

# **Swingarm**

- 1. See Figure 2-83. Install **new** shock mount bushings (3).
- Install new bearings (5, 9) and spacer (4) with BEARING INSTALLER (Part No. HD44060) by lightly seating spacer.

#### NOTE

Swingarm bearings should be replaced as a unit. Do not intermix components. Mark all components so they may be correctly installed.

- See Figure 2-84. Install oil line fittings on swingarm. Tighten to 29-31 ft-lbs (39-42 Nm). See 3.9 OIL HOSE ROUTING AND OIL RESERVOIR.
- See Figure 2-83. Install drain plug (8). Tighten to 29-31 ft-lbs (39-42 Nm).

# **INSTALLATION**

# **Swingarm**

- See Figure 2-83. Align swingarm (1) in pivot of engine crankcase (6).
- Install pivot shaft (10) with a special 7/8 in. hex tool located in tool kit, ANTI-SEIZE and tighten to 24-26 ft-lbs (32-35 Nm).
- Apply LOCKTITE 272 and tighten pivot shaft pinch fastener (7) to 17-19 ft-lbs (23-26 Nm).
- See Figure 2-89. Install lower shock absorber mounting fastener (7) and spacer from shock absorber and swingarm and tighten to 15-17 ft-lbs (20.3-23 Nm).
- 5. Install p-clamp and washer that secures rear brake line to swingarm and tighten to 36-60 **in-lbs** (4-7 Nm).
- Install three oil lines from swingarm fittings. See 3.9 OIL HOSE ROUTING AND OIL RESERVOIR.
- 7. Install rear wheel. See 2.6 REAR WHEEL.

#### NOTE

Installing the rear wheel will include installation of the belt drive system. See 6.6 DRIVE BELT SYSTEM.

 Fill motorcycle with recommended oil. See 1.6 ENGINE LUBRICATION SYSTEM.

#### **Brace**

- 1. See Figure 2-82. Install the upper belt guard (1) and fasteners (2, 4).
- 2. Install the belt drive. See 6.6 DRIVE BELT SYSTEM.
- See Figure 2-83. Install swingarm brace (12) with swingarm brace mounting fasteners (11) loosely. Do not tighten.
- Tighten swingarm brace fasteners (11) to 25-27 ft-lbs (34-37 Nm).
- Tighten rear axle to 48-52 ft-lbs (65-70 Nm).
- Tighten rear axle pinch fastener (13) to 40-45 ft-lbs (54-61 Nm).
- Install left and right side passenger footpeg mounts. Tighten fasteners to 25-28 ft-lbs (34-37 Nm). See 2.29 FOOTPEG, HEEL GUARD AND MOUNT.
- Install right side rider footpeg mount. Tighten fasteners to 108-132 in-lbs (12-15 Nm). See 2.29 FOOTPEG, HEEL GUARD AND MOUNT.
- Install heel guard. See 2.29 FOOTPEG, HEEL GUARD AND MOUNT.
- 10. Remove rear wheel support stand.

## **AWARNING**

Always connect the positive battery cable first. If the positive cable should contact ground with the negative cable installed, the resulting sparks may cause a battery explosion which could result in death or serious injury.

 Install battery by threading positive cable (red) into threaded hole first tightening to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm).
 See 1.5 BATTERY MAINTENANCE.

## **A**WARNING

After completing repairs or bleeding the system, always test motorcycle brakes at low speed. If brakes are not operating properly or braking efficiency is poor, testing at high speeds could result in death or serious injury.

# **A**WARNING

After installing seat, pull upward on front of seat to be sure it is locked in position. If seat is loose, it could shift during vehicle operation and startle the rider, causing loss of control which could result in death or serious injury.

12. Install seat. See 2.38 SEAT.

## **Final Swingarm Inspection**

- Check oil level after starting motorcycle and allowing it to reach operating temperature.
- Check rear brake operation.

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# FRONT AND REAR ISOLATORS

## FRONT ISOLATOR

#### Removal

#### **CAUTION**

Avoid cross-threading front isolator bolt or insert. Keep weight of motorcycle off front isolator by alternately loosening front isolator bolt and raising scissor jack to support engine.

- 1. Place a scissor jack under jacking point for supporting engine only. For location of jacking point see Figure 2-104.
- 2. See Figure 2-85. Remove clutch cable wire form.

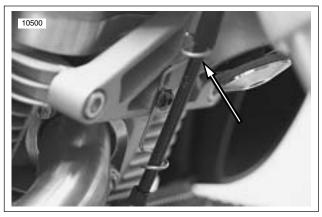


Figure 2-85. Clutch Cable Wire Form

- See Figure 2-86. Remove front isolator bolt (6).
- Remove front isolator mount fasteners (5).
- 5. Remove front isolator bracket (4).
- Remove upper snubber fastener (2) and remove upper snubber (1).

#### Installation

- 1. See Figure 2-86. Install upper snubber (1) tightening snubber fastener (2) to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).
- 2. See Figure 2-87. Lubricate front isolator bolt with ANTI-SEIZE and loosely install.
- 3. See Figure 2-86. Use LOCTITE 272 on front isolator bracket (4) and install. Tightening fastener (5) to 49-51 ftlbs (66-69 Nm).

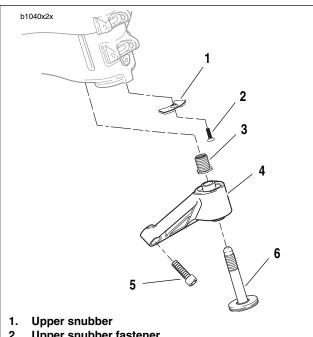
#### CAUTION

Avoid cross-threading front isolator bolt or insert. Keep weight of motorcycle off front isolator by alternately tightening front isolator bolt and raising scissor jack to support engine.

- Tighten front isolator bolt (6) to 49-51 ft-lbs (66-69 Nm).
- See Figure 2-85. Install clutch cable wire form. Tighten fastener to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).

#### NOTE

See Figure 2-86. If the threaded insert (3) is damaged and needs to be replaced, install new insert with LOCTITE 272 and tighten to 49-51 ft-Lbs (66.4-69.1 Nm).



- Upper snubber fastener 2.
- 3. Insert
- 4. Front isolator bracket
- Front isolator bracket fastener to engine
- Front isolator bolt

Figure 2-86. Front Isolator

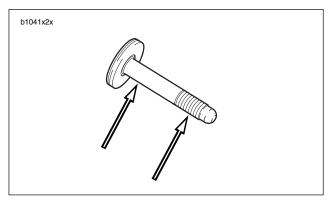


Figure 2-87. Lubrication Points on Front Isolator Bolt

### REAR ISOLATOR

#### NOTE

It is necessary to remove engine to access rear isolator.

See 3.4 STRIPPING MOTORCYCLE FOR ENGINE SER-VICE to access the rear isolator.

FRAME 2.21

## **REMOVAL**

- Remove fuel from frame. See DRAINING FUEL TANK in 4.25 FUEL PUMP.
- Rotate engine. See 3.3 ENGINE ROTATION FOR SER-VICE.
- 3. Remove exhaust header, See 2.28 EXHAUST SYSTEM.
- Remove subframe tail assembly. See 2.36 SUBFRAME TAIL ASSEMBLY AND BODY WORK.
- Remove rear shock. See 2.22 REAR SHOCK ABSORBER.
- Remove upper and lower fork clamps. See 2.17 FORK CLAMPS, UPPER AND LOWER.
- Remove main wire harness. See 7.23 MAIN WIRE HAR-NESS.
- Remove rear isolator fastener. See 2.20 FRONT AND REAR ISOLATORS.
- 9. Lift and remove frame from the motorcycle.

### INSTALLATION

- 1. Place frame over the motorcycle.
- Install rear isolator fastener. See 2.20 FRONT AND REAR ISOLATORS.
- Install main wire harness. See 7.23 MAIN WIRE HARNESS.
- Install upper and lower fork clamps. See 2.17 FORK CLAMPS, UPPER AND LOWER.
- 5. Install rear shock. See 2.22 REAR SHOCK ABSORBER.
- Install subframe tail assembly. See 2.36 SUBFRAME TAIL ASSEMBLY AND BODY WORK.
- 7. Install exhaust header. See 2.28 EXHAUST SYSTEM.
- 8. Rotate engine. See 3.3 ENGINE ROTATION FOR SER-VICE.

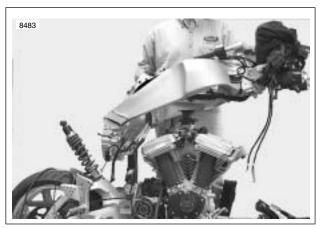


Figure 2-88. Lift Frame Off Motorcycle

# **REAR SHOCK ABSORBER**

# **GENERAL**

The rear suspension is controlled by the shock absorber. The shock allows adjustment of rear compression and rebound damping and spring preload.

The most important rear shock adjustment is the preload setting. Before making any damping adjustments, set the proper preload. See 1.12 SUSPENSION DAMPING ADJUST-MENTS.

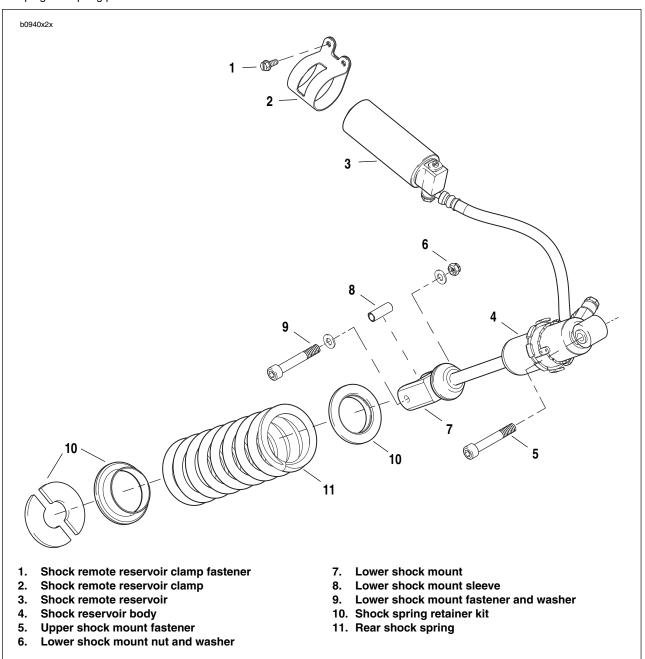


Figure 2-89. Rear Shock Absorber Assembly

## REMOVAL

Remove seat. See 2.38 SEAT.

## **WARNING**

Always disconnect the negative battery cable first. If the positive cable should contact ground with the negative cable installed, the resulting sparks may cause a battery explosion which could result in death or serious injury.

- Disconnect and remove battery. See 1.5 BATTERY MAINTENANCE.
- Remove tail body work. See 2.36 SUBFRAME TAIL ASSEMBLY AND BODY WORK.
- Place a scissor jack under jacking point and raise rear wheel off ground. For location of jacking point see Figure
- See Figure 2-89. Remove upper shock (5) and lower shock mount fasteners (6 and 9) and lower shock mount sleeve (8).
- Remove rear shock reservoir clamp (2).
- See Figure 2-90. Cut cable strap. 7.
- Feed rear shock reservoir through tail section.
- Remove rear shock.
  - Raise motorcycle up approximately 2 more inches (51 mm).
  - Remove shock through the top of the tail section (opening underneath rider seat).

### INSTALLATION

- See Figure 2-89. Install upper shock mount and tighten fastener (5) to 49-51 ft-lbs (66-69 Nm).
- Install lower shock mount with fasteners (6, 9) and lower shock mount sleeve (8) and tighten to 15-17 ft-lbs (20.3-23 Nm).
- Feed rear shock reservoir through tail section. D.1 HOSE AND WIRE ROUTING for correct routing.
  - a. Loosely install reservoir in clamp.
  - See Figure 2-91. Temporarily place upper body work onto tail section and adjust reservoir placement so dial aligns with bodywork.
  - Tighten clamp on reservoir to 96-120 in-lbs (11-14 Nm).
- See Figure 2-90. Install cable strap.

#### NOTE

See Figure 2-89. Verify compression dial is facing up.

Install upper body work. See 2.36 SUBFRAME TAIL ASSEMBLY AND BODY WORK.

# **A**WARNING

Always connect the positive battery cable first. If the positive cable should contact ground with the negative cable installed, the resulting sparks may cause a battery explosion which could result in death or serious injury.

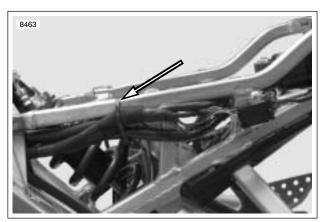
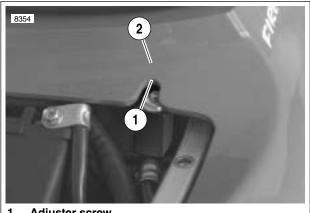


Figure 2-90. Cable Strap, Left Side Subframe **Tail Assembly** 



- **Adjuster screw**
- Adjuster screw alignment hole

Figure 2-91. Adjuster Screw Alignment

Install battery by threading positive cable (red) into threaded hole first tightening to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm). See 1.5 BATTERY MAINTENANCE.

## WARNING

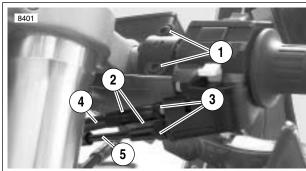
After installing seat, pull upward on front of seat to be sure it is locked in position. If seat is loose, it could shift during vehicle operation and startle the rider, causing loss of control which could result in death or serious injury.

Install seat. See 2.38 SEAT.

# THROTTLE CONTROL

### REMOVAL/DISASSEMBLY

- See Figure 2-92. Loosen cable adjuster lock (thick disc)
  on each cable.
- Turn adjusters (thin disc) (3) in direction which will shorten cable housings to minimum length.
- Remove fasteners (1) on right switch housing and separate housing from handlebar.
- 4. See Figure 2-93. Remove cables (2, 3) from notches in front housing (4).
- 5. Remove ferrules (6) from throttle (7).
- 6. Remove airbox cover and base plate. See 4.30 AIRBOX.
- 7. Disconnect cables from throttle body manifold to remove.
- 8. Cut cable straps and remove cables.



- 1. Right switch housing fasteners
- 2. Adjusters
- 3. Cable adjuster lock
- 4. Throttle control cable
- 5. Idle control cable

Figure 2-92. Throttle Control Cables

# **CLEANING AND INSPECTION**

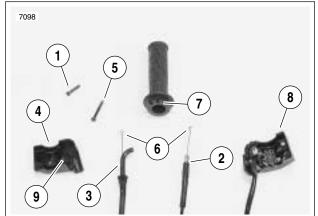
# **A**WARNING

Compressed air can pierce the skin and cause injury. Never use your hand to check for leaks or to determine air flow rates. Wear safety glasses to shield your eyes from flying dirt and debris. Failure to comply could result in death or serious injury.

Clean all parts except cables in a non-flammable cleaning solvent. Blow dry with compressed air. Replace cables if frayed, kinked or bent.

# ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION

- Route cable as shown in D.1 HOSE AND WIRE ROUT-ING.
- Add cable straps as shown in the throttle cable routing in D.1 HOSE AND WIRE ROUTING.
- Install throttle grip and position ferrules (6) into cable wheel (7).
- 4. Insert idle control into front switch housing.
- 5. Slide switch housing over throttle.
- 6. Insert throttle cable into front switch housing.
- See Figure 2-92. Attach rear switch housing and position housings on right handlebar by engaging locating pin on front housing with hole in handlebar. Attach housings with two fasteners, installing longer fastener on bottom. Tighten to 25-33 in-lbs (3-4 Nm).
- Adjust cables. See 1.16 THROTTLE CABLE AND IDLE SPEED ADJUSTMENT.
- Install airbox assembly. See 4.30 AIRBOX.



- 1. Screw (short, top)
- 2. Idle control cable
- 3. Throttle control cable with molded end
- 4. Front housing
- 5. Screw (long, bottom)
- 6. Ferrules
- 7. Cable wheel
- 8. Rear housing
- 9. Locating pin

Figure 2-93. Cable Connections

# **CLUTCH HAND LEVER**

# REMOVAL/DISASSEMBLY

#### NOTE

For clutch adjustment, see 1.9 CLUTCH.

- 1. See Figure 2-94. Remove wire form from front isolator.
- 2. See Figure 2-95. Slide clutch cable adjuster boot (8) up to access clutch adjuster (7).
- 3. Loosen clutch adjuster (7) to release tension from hand lever (4).
- 4. Remove clutch cable ferrule (9) from hand lever (4).
- 5. Remove hand lever pinch bolt (3).
- 6. Remove hand lever (4) from hand lever clamp (2).
- 7. Remove safety interlock switch (5).
  - a. Remove hand lever clamp fastener (1) and spin clamp (2) to access safety interlock switch (5).
  - b. Disconnect safety interlock switch connector (5) and remove switch fastener (6) and switch (5).

#### NOTE

The individual parts of the clutch switch are not serviceable. Replace switch upon failure.

- See Figure 2-96. Cut cable strap from left side of upper fork clamp.
- 9. Remove left clip-on. See 2.27 HANDLEBARS.
- 10. Remove clutch assembly from clip-on.

## **ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION**

- See Figure 2-95. Slide hand lever clutch clamp (2) over left clip-on. Loosely tighten hand lever pinch fastener and nut (3).
- 2. Install left clip-on. See 2.27 HANDLEBARS.
- 3. Connect safety interlock connector and switch (5).
- 4. Install safety interlock switch (5) with fastener (6) tightening to 7-10 **in-lbs** (0.8-1.0 Nm).

#### NOTE

Apply small amount of LOCTITE ANTI-SEIZE LUBRICANT to bolt (3).

- Install clutch hand lever (4) in hand lever clamp (2) and tighten hand lever pinch fastener (3) to 39-48 in-lbs (4-5 Nm).
- Position hand lever (4) to rider preference and tighten hand lever clamp pivot fastener (1) to 36-60 in-lbs (4-7 Nm).
- 7. Connect clutch cable ferrule (9) to hand lever clamp (2).
- See Figure 2-96. Install cable strap holding safety interlock switch and left switch housing on left upper fork. Do not over tighten cable strap.
- If not yet performed, route clutch cable to primary cover.
  D.1 HOSE AND WIRE ROUTING for clutch cable routing.
- With clutch cable lower section connected to primary cover, adjust clutch. See 1.9 CLUTCH.

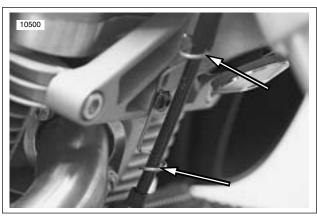
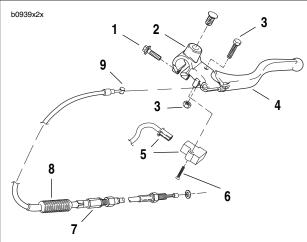


Figure 2-94. Clutch Cable Wire Form



- 1. Hand lever clamp pinch fastener
- 2. Hand lever clamp
- 3. Hand lever pinch fastener and nut
- 4. Clutch hand lever
- 5. Safety interlock connector and switch
- 6. Safety interlock switch fastener
- 7. Clutch adjuster
- 3. Clutch cable adjuster boot
- 9. Clutch cable ferrule

Figure 2-95. Clutch Hand Control Assembly

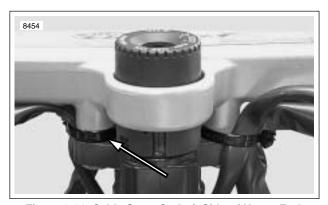


Figure 2-96. Cable Strap On Left Side of Upper Fork Clamp

# HEADLIGHT ASSEMBLY AND SUPPORT BRACKET

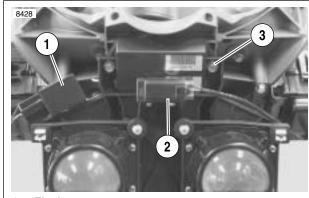
# **REMOVAL**

1. Remove seat. See 2.38 SEAT.

### **A**WARNING

To protect against accidental start-up of vehicle and possible personal injury, disconnect the negative battery cable before proceeding. Inadequate safety precautions could cause a battery explosion, which could result in death or serious injury.

- Disconnect battery by unthreading fastener removing negative cable (black) from battery first. See 1.5 BAT-TERY MAINTENANCE.
- 3. Remove front fairing. See 2.37 FRONT FAIRING, WIND-SHIELD, AND MIRRORS.
- See Figure 2-97. Disconnect flasher (1) and bank angle sensor (2). Remove electronic control module fasteners (3).
- 5. See Figure 2-99. Rotate headlamp support bracket.
  - a. Loosen headlamp pivot fasteners (1).
  - b. Rotate headlight bracket (2) down.
- 6. See Figure 2-98. Disconnect headlight connection.
- Disconnect and remove electronic control module. See 4.16 ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE.
- 8. See Figure 2-99. Remove headlight support bracket (2).



- 1. Flasher
- 2. Bank angle sensor
- 3. Electronic control module

Figure 2-97. Headlight Support Bracket

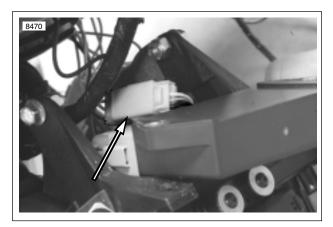


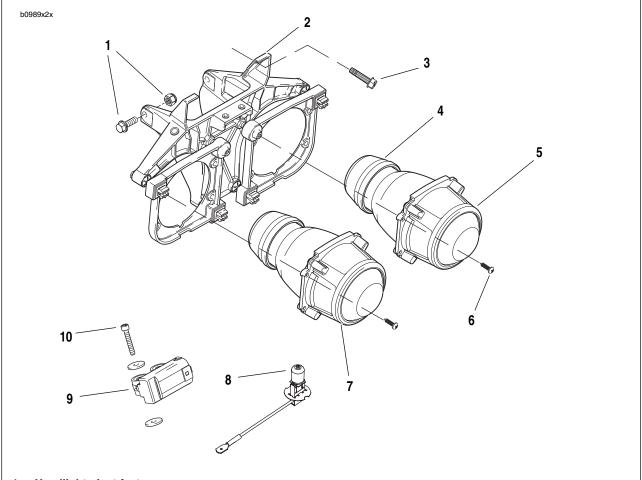
Figure 2-98. Headlight Connector

# **DISASSEMBLY**

- 1. See Figure 2-97. Remove bank angle sensor (2).
- 2. Remove flasher.
- 3. See Figure 2-99. Remove black rubber cover (4) from rear of headlights.
- 4. Disconnect black connector from headlights.
- 5. Disconnect headlight bulb (8) connector (white) from wire harness.
- 6. Remove headlights (5, 7) from headlight support bracket (2) by removing headlight fasteners (6).
- 7. Remove headlights (5, 7).

# **ASSEMBLY**

- See Figure 2-99. Align headlights (5, 7) into headlight support bracket (2). Tighten headlight fasteners (6) to 20-25 in lbs (2.3-2.8 Nm).
- Connect headlight bulb (8) connector (white) into wireharness.
- 3. Connect black headlight connector.
- 4. Install black rubber cover (4).
- 5. See Figure 2-97. Install bank angle sensor connector case (2). Tighten to 12-36 **in-lbs** (1-4 Nm).
- 6. Install flasher (1) and tighten to 30-40 in-lbs (3-5 Nm).



- 1. Headlight pivot fasteners
- 2. Headlight support bracket
- 3. Electronic control module fasteners
- 4. Black rubber cover
- 5. Low beam headlight
- 6. Headlight fastener
- 7. High beam headlight
- 8. Headlight bulb
- 9. Bank angle sensor
- 10. Bank angle sensor fastener

# **INSTALLATION**

 See Figure 2-100. Position headlight pivot fasteners into groove of the headlight support bracket, flat side of nut lined up with groove.

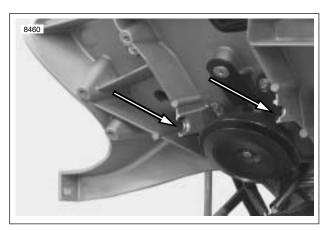


Figure 2-100. Headlamp Pivot Groove

- See Figure 2-99. Install headlight pivot fasteners (1) but do not tighten.
- Connect electronic control module. See 4.16 ELEC-TRONIC CONTROL MODULE.
- See Figure 2-98. Attach headlight connector to headlight support bracket.
- Connect headlight connections. See 7.12 HEADLIGHT.
- See Figure 2-99. Rotate headlight support bracket up (2) and tighten pivot fasteners (1) to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm).
- 7. See Figure 2-97. Install electric control module.
  - Figure 2-99. Align electronic control module and headlight support bracket with fairing support bracket.
  - b. Tighten electronic control module fasteners (3) to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm).

- 8. See Figure 2-97. Connect flasher (1) and bank angle sensor (2).
- Install front fairing. See 2.37 FRONT FAIRING, WIND-SHIELD, AND MIRRORS.

### **A**WARNING

Always connect the positive battery cable first. If the positive cable should contact ground with the negative cable installed, the resulting sparks may cause a battery explosion which could result in death or serious injury.

 Install battery by threading positive cable (red) into threaded hole first tightening to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm).
 See 1.5 BATTERY MAINTENANCE.

## **A**WARNING

After installing seat, pull upward on front of seat to be sure it is locked in position. If seat is loose, it could shift during vehicle operation and startle the rider, causing loss of control which could result in death or serious injury.

11. Install seat. See 2.38 SEAT.

# FAIRING SUPPORT BRACKET

#### REMOVAL

Remove seat, See 2.38 SEAT.

## **A**WARNING

To protect against accidental start-up of vehicle and possible personal injury, disconnect the negative battery cable before proceeding. Inadequate safety precautions could cause a battery explosion, which could result in death or serious injury.

- Disconnect battery by unthreading fastener removing negative cable (black) from battery first. See 1.5 BAT-TERY MAINTENANCE.
- Remove front fairing. See 2.37 FRONT FAIRING, WIND-SHIELD, AND MIRRORS.
- Remove headlight support bracket. See 2.25 HEAD-LIGHT ASSEMBLY AND SUPPORT BRACKET.
- Remove fuse block (1) and relay block (4) and p-clamp. See 7.22 MAIN FUSE AND FUSES.
- Disconnect and remove horn (5). See 7.20 HORN.
- Disconnect and remove instrument cluster (2, 3). See 7.18 INSTRUMENT MODULE.
- 8. See Figure 2-101. Remove fairing support bracket fasteners and washers (4), p-clamp (7) to remove fairing support bracket (5).

## **INSTALLATION**

- Route the wire harness. See D.1 HOSE AND WIRE ROUTING for wire harness routing.
- See Figure 2-101. Install fairing support bracket with fasteners and washers (4). Tightening to 16-18 ft-lbs (22-26 Nm).
- 3. Install p-clamp (7) with p-clamp fasteners and washers (8).
- Connect instrument cluster connector and install instrument cluster. Tightening to 36-48 in-lbs (4-5 Nm). See 7.18 INSTRUMENT MODULE.
- Install horn and tighten fasteners to 72-96 in-lbs (8-10 Nm). See 7.20 HORN.
- Install fuse block, relay and p-clamp tightening fasteners to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm). See 7.22 MAIN FUSE AND FUSES.
- Install lower headlight support bracket. See 2.25 HEAD-LIGHT ASSEMBLY AND SUPPORT BRACKET.
- Install front fairing. See 2.37 FRONT FAIRING, WIND-SHIELD, AND MIRRORS.

### **A**WARNING

Always connect the positive battery cable first. If the positive cable should contact ground with the negative cable installed, the resulting sparks may cause a battery explosion which could result in death or serious injury.

 Install battery by threading positive cable (red) into threaded hole first tightening to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm).
 See 1.5 BATTERY MAINTENANCE.

### **A**WARNING

After installing seat, pull upward on front of seat to be sure it is locked in position. If seat is loose, it could shift during vehicle operation and startle the rider, causing loss of control which could result in death or serious injury.

10. Install seat. See 2.38 SEAT.

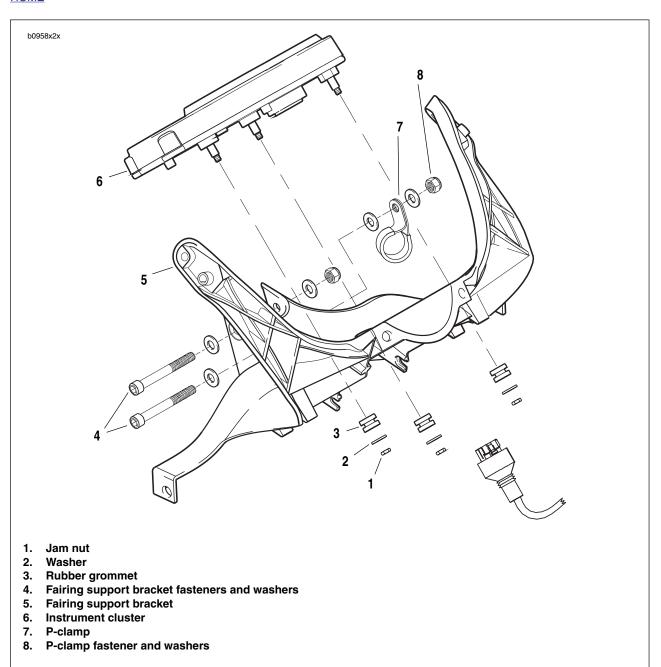


Figure 2-101. Fairing Support Bracket Assembly

#### GENERAL

Firebolt handlebars are a clip-on assembly and are not adjustable.

# **REMOVAL**

# **Right Clip-on**

- Remove right switch gear housing. See 7.16 HANDLE-BAR SWITCHES.
- Remove front brake master cylinder and grip. See 2.10 FRONT BRAKE MASTER CYLINDER AND HAND LEVER.
- 3. See Figure 2-103. Remove right clip-on assembly.
  - a. Partially loosen clip-on mounting fastener (5).
  - b. Using a rubber mallet, tap the partially loosened fastener (5) to push the clip-on (3) from the upper right fork clamp (4). Repeat this procedure until fastener and clip-on has been removed from fork clamp (4).
- 4. Remove clip-on endcap (1).

# Left Clip-on

- Remove left switch gear housing. See 7.16 HANDLE-BAR SWITCHES.
- See Figure 2-102. Remove clip-on assembly.
  - See Figure 2-103. Partially loosen clip-on mounting fastener.
  - Using a rubber mallet, tap the partially loosened fastener to push the clip-on (3) from the upper left fork clamp (4). Repeat this procedure until fastener (5) and clip-on (3) has been removed from fork clamp (4).
- Remove clutch lever assembly. See 2.24 CLUTCH HAND LEVER.
- 4. Remove clip-on endcap (1).

# **INSTALLATION**

# **Right Clip-on**

- Install right switch gear housing.
- Install right clip-on into right fork clamp using LOCTITE 272 and tighten fastener to 24-26 ft-lbs (33-35 Nm).
- Install front brake master cylinder. Tighten but do not torque.
- Install throttle and grip onto right clip-on. See 2.23 THROTTLE CONTROL.
- 5. Install endcap onto right clip-on.
- See Figure 2-37. Position brake hand lever to rider preferences and tighten fastener (5) to 80-90 in-lbs (9-10 Nm). See 2.10 FRONT BRAKE MASTER CYLINDER AND HAND LEVER.

# Left Clip-on

- Install clutch hand lever assembly onto clip-on. Tighten but do not torque.
- Install left switch gear housing. See 7.16 HANDLEBAR SWITCHES.
- 3. See Figure 2-103. Install grip and endcap (1).
- Install left clip-on into upper fork clamp (3) and using LOCTITE 272, tighten fastener (4) to 24-26 ft-lbs (33-35 Nm).
- See Figure 2-95. Position clutch hand lever to rider preferences and tighten fastener (1) to 36-60 in-lbs (4-7 Nm). See 2.24 CLUTCH HAND LEVER.

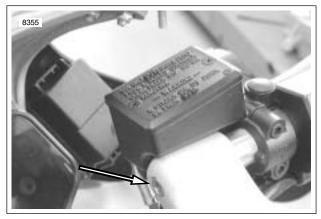


Figure 2-102. Handlebar Clip-on Mounting Fasteners (right clip-on shown)

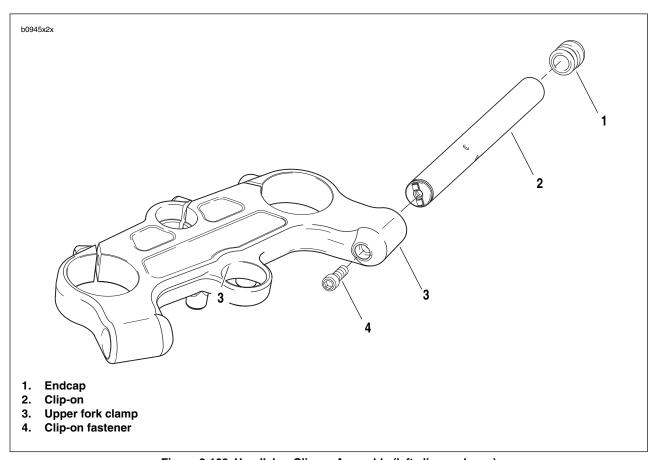


Figure 2-103. Handlebar Clip-on Assembly (left clip-on shown)

# **EXHAUST SYSTEM**

# REMOVAL/DISASSEMBLY

#### NOTE

For details on removal of components on XB12S with interactive exhaust systems, see REMOVAL under 7.6 INTERACTIVE EXHAUST SYSTEM (XB12R).

#### Muffler

- 1. Remove chin fairing. See 2.33 CHIN FAIRING.
- Remove front sprocket cover. See 2.30 SPROCKET COVER.
- Remove idler pulley. See DRIVE BELT REMOVAL under 6.6 DRIVE BELT SYSTEM.
- 4.
- See Figure 2-104. Loosen front muffler mount fastener(7) but do not remove.
- 6. Remove front and rear muffler straps.

**Front:** Remove front muffler strap fastener (5). Front strap will not be removed.

#### NOTE

Always replace the front muffler strap.

**Rear:** Alternately loosen rear strap fasteners (1) and remove straps (2).

 See Figure 2-105. Loosen Torca clamp (1) and remove muffler.

#### NOTE

The muffler may be removed for replacement without removing the exhaust header.

#### **Front Muffler Mount**

- Remove muffler.
- See Figure 2-104. Remove front muffler mount fastener (7).
- 3. Remove strap (4) from front muffler mount (6).
- Remove front muffler mount bushings (8) by punching out with suitable tool.

### **Rear Muffler Bracket**

- 1. Remove muffler.
- 2. Drain oil. See 1.6 ENGINE LUBRICATION SYSTEM.
- Remove oil lines from swingarm. See 3.9 OIL HOSE ROUTING AND OIL RESERVOIR.
- See Figure 2-104. Remove rear muffler bracket fasteners (10).
- Slide oil lines from rear muffler bracket and remove rear muffler bracket (9).

#### **Exhaust Header**

- Rotate engine down. See 3.3 ENGINE ROTATION FOR SERVICE.
- 2. Remove oxygen sensor. See 4.19 OXYGEN SENSOR.
- 3. See Figure 2-105. Remove exhaust header (2) by removing mounting fasteners (3).
- 4. Remove exhaust ring (4), retaining ring (5) and port gasket (6).

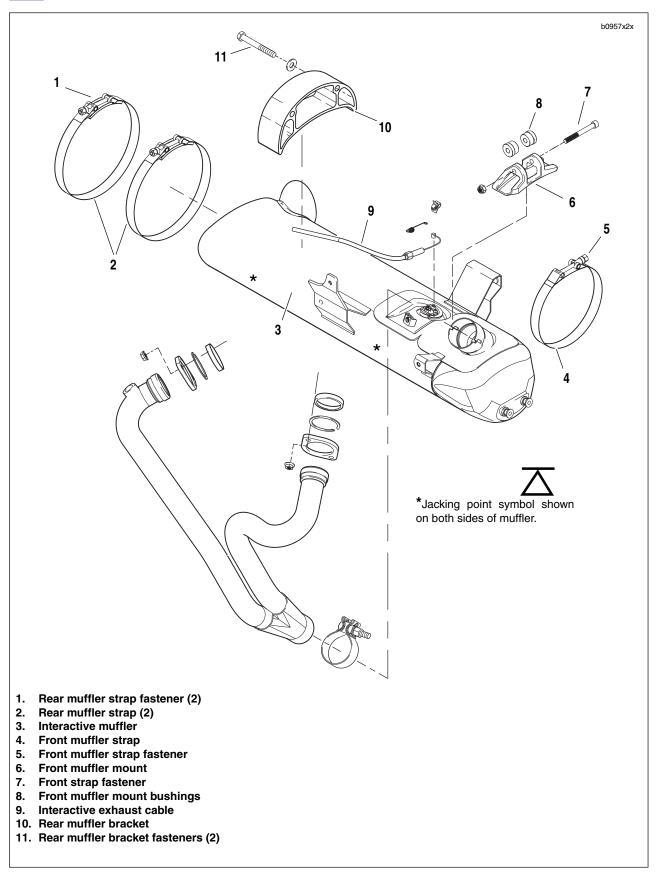


Figure 2-104. Muffler Assembly

# ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION

### **Exhaust Header**

- See Figure 2-105. Install exhaust ring (4), retaining ring (5) and new port gasket (6).
- Install exhaust header (2). Tighten mounting fasteners (3) to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm).

#### NOTE

Tighten header nuts gradually, alternating between studs to insure that exhaust rings are flush with engine.

- 3. Install oxygen sensor. See 4.19 OXYGEN SENSOR.
- Rotate engine up. See 3.3 ENGINE ROTATION FOR SERVICE.

#### **Rear Muffler Bracket**

- See Figure 2-104. Slide rear muffler bracket (9) over oil lines.
- Install rear muffler bracket fasteners (10) and tighten to 32-36 ft-lbs (43-49 Nm).
- Install oil lines to swingarm. See 3.9 OIL HOSE ROUT-ING AND OIL RESERVOIR.
- Fill swingarm/oil tank with 2.5 quarts (3.3 liters) oil. See 1.6 ENGINE LUBRICATION SYSTEM.
- 5. Install muffler.

#### NOTE

For details on removal of components on XB12R with interactive exhaust systems, see REMOVAL under 7.6 INTERACTIVE EXHAUST SYSTEM (XB12R).

#### **Front Muffler Mount**

- See Figure 2-104. Install front muffler mount bushings (8).
- 2. Install **new** strap on front muffler mount (6).
- Install front muffler mount fastener (7) loosely. Do not tighten.
- 4. Install muffler.

## **Muffler and Straps**

#### NOTE

Torca muffler clamps have eliminated the need for silicone or graphite tape during assembly. To ensure sealing integrity of muffler clamps and prevent the possibility of leakage, Buell recommends that muffler clamp assemblies be discarded and replaced each time they are removed.

1. Install muffler and **new** Torca clamp onto header.

#### NOTE

If necessary, use a fiber hammer to fit muffler on header.

### **A**WARNING

Never reuse front muffler strap. Always replace front muffler strap with a new strap when removed from system.

 See Figure 2-104. Loosely install new front and rear muffler straps (2, 4).

## **A**WARNING

Muffler straps must be tightened in steps to keep from over tightening or muffler will be crushed.

### **A**WARNING

Always ensure that straps do not contact the chin fairing or the idler pulley assembly.

- Tighten front strap fastener and alternately tighten rear muffler strap fasteners evenly till fasteners are tightened to:
  - a. Front: 108-120 in-lbs (12-14 Nm).
  - b. Rear: 48-60 in-lbs (5-7 Nm).
- See Figure 2-104. Tighten front muffler mount fastener (7) to 16-18 ft-lbs (21.7-24.4 Nm).
- See Figure 2-105. Tighten the Torca clamp (1) to 40-45 ft-lbs (54-61 Nm).
- Install idler pulley. See IDLER PULLEY INSTALLATION under 6.6 DRIVE BELT SYSTEM.
- Install front sprocket cover. See 2.30 SPROCKET COVER.
- 8. Install chin fairing. See 2.33 CHIN FAIRING.

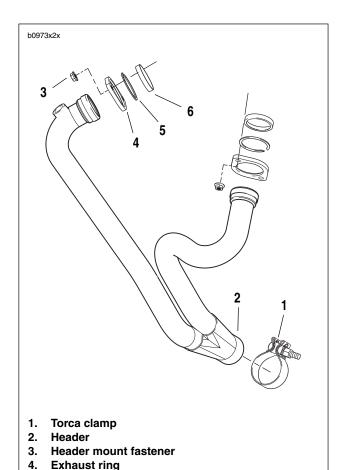


Figure 2-105. Exhaust Header

Exhaust retaining ring

**Exhaust port gasket** 

# FOOTPEG, HEEL GUARD AND MOUNT

### RIDER

## **Remove Wear Peg**

 See Figure 2-106. Remove wear peg from end of footpeg assembly.

# **Remove Footpeg**

- 1. See Figure 2-106. Remove clip (5).
- 2. Remove footpeg pin (9).
- 3. Remove footpeg (8).

## **Remove Heel Guard**

- 1. See Figure 2-106. Remove heel guard fasteners (4).
- 2. Remove heel guard (3).

#### **Remove Mount**

4.

5.

Heel guard fasteners

Clip, footpeg

- 1. See Figure 2-106. Remove footpeg mount fasteners (2).
- 2. Remove footpeg mount (1).

#### **Install Mount**

- 1. See Figure 2-106. Position footpeg mount (1).
- Install footpeg mount with fasteners (2). Tighten to 108-132 in-lbs (12-15 Nm).

#### **Install Heel Guard**

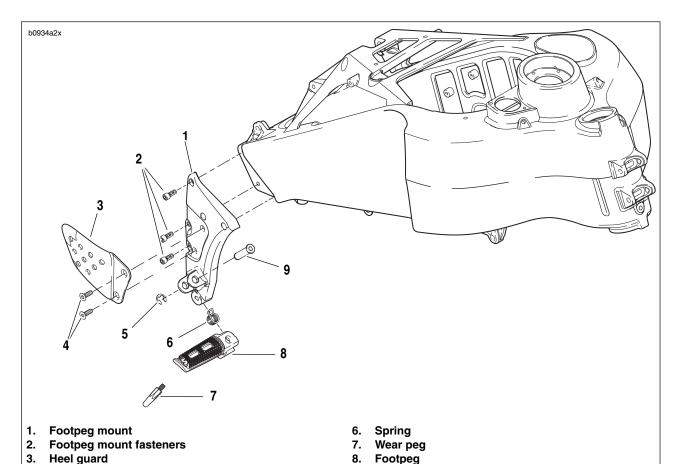
- See Figure 2-106. Position heel guard (3) onto footpeg mount (1).
- Install heel guard (3) with fasteners (4). Tighten to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm).

# **Install Footpeg**

- 1. See Figure 2-106. Install clip (5).
- 2. Position footpeg (8) on to footpeg mount (1).
- 3. Install footpeg pin (9).

# **Install Wear Peg**

 See Figure 2-106. Apply LOCTITE 272 (red) and tighten to 36-48 in-lbs (4-5 Nm).



Pin

Figure 2-106. Rider Footpeg, Mount and Heel Guard Assembly

# **PASSENGER**

# **Remove Footpeg**

- 1. See Figure 2-107. Remove clip (7).
- 2. Remove footpeg pin (9).
- 3. Remove footpeg (8), detent plate (6), ball (5) and spring (4).

## **Remove Heel Guard**

- 1. See Figure 2-107. Remove heel guard fasteners (1).
- 2. Remove heel guard (2).

#### **Remove Mount**

- See Figure 2-107. Remove footpeg mount fasteners (10).
- 2. Remove footpeg mount (3).

### **Install Mount**

 See Figure 2-107. Position footpeg mount (3) onto subframe tail assembly. 2. Install footpeg mount (3). Using LOCTITE 272 tighten, fasteners (10) to 25-28 ft-lbs (34-38 Nm).

### **Install Heel Guard**

- See Figure 2-107. Position heel guard (2) onto footpeg mounts (3).
- 2. Install heel guard (2).
  - Apply WD40 lubricant to the heel guard fasteners before installing.
  - Tighten heel guard fasteners to 48-72 in-lbs (5-8 Nm).

# **Install Footpeg**

- See Figure 2-107. Position footpeg (8), detent plate (6), ball (5), and spring (4) on to footpeg mount (3).
- 2. Install footpeg pin (9).
- 3. Install clip (7).
- 4. Check that footpeg clicks in the up and down position.

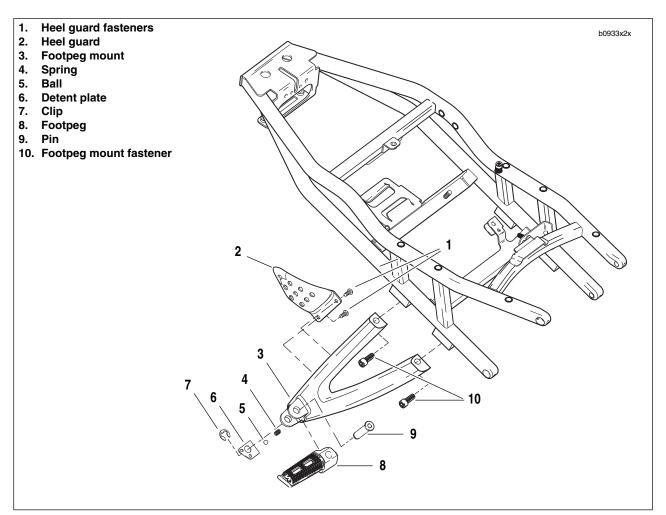


Figure 2-107. Passenger Footpeg, Mount and Heel Guard Assembly

# SPROCKET COVER

# **REMOVAL**

See Figure 2-108. Remove back right chin fairing fasteners

#### NOTE

Must remove two chin fairing fasteners for sprocket cover access.

See Figure 2-109. Remove sprocket cover fasteners and washers (1).

# **INSTALLATION**

 See Figure 2-109. Position sprocket cover (2) over front sprocket.

#### NOTE

Apply LOCTITE 222 (purple) to long fastener (1) only.

- Install sprocket cover (2) using sprocket cover fasteners (1, 3)) and tighten all fasteners and washers (1) to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).
- 3. Install chin fairing. See 2.33 CHIN FAIRING.

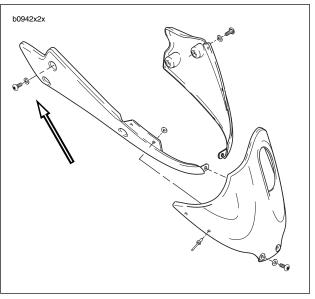


Figure 2-108. Chin Fairing Assembly, Right Rear Fasteners

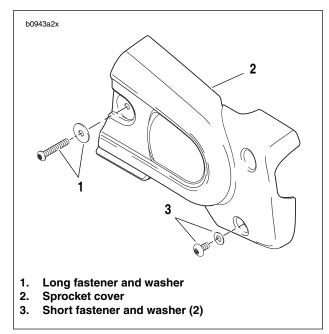


Figure 2-109. Sprocket Cover

FENDERS 2.31

## FRONT FENDER

### Removal

**HOME** 

- See Figure 2-110. Remove fasteners and washers (2) securing the front fender (1) to front forks.
- 2. Carefully remove front fender (1).

### Installation

- See Figure 2-110. Align front fender (1) to fender mounts on front forks.
- Install front fender (1) with fasteners and washers (2) and tighten to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).

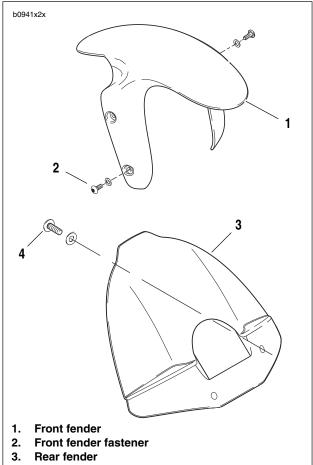
# **REAR FENDER**

#### Removal

- 1. Remove rear wheel. See 2.6 REAR WHEEL.
- 2. See Figure 2-110. Remove fasteners and washers (4) securing the rear fender (3) to frame.
- 3. Remove rear fender (3).

## Installation

- 1. See Figure 2-110. Align rear fender (3) to frame.
- Install rear fender (3) with fasteners and washers (4), Tighten to 12-15 in-lbs (1-1.7 Nm).
- 3. Install rear wheel. See 2.6 REAR WHEEL.



4. Rear fender fastener

Figure 2-110. Front and Rear Fender

# **BELT GUARDS**

## **REMOVAL**

- Place a scissor jack under jacking point and raise rear wheel off ground. For location of jacking point see 2.28 EXHAUST SYSTEM.
- 2. Remove right side rider footrest support bracket.
- 3. Loosen rear axle pinch fastener.
- Loosen rear axle approximately 15 rotations to allow partial tension to be removed from rear drive system.
- 5. Remove lower belt guard (4) by removing fasteners (3).

#### **CAUTION**

Before removing swingarm brace, always relieve belt tension first. Removing swingarm brace without releasing tension will cause swingarm brace damage.

- Remove swingarm brace by removing fasteners. See 2.19 SWINGARM AND BRACE.
- 7. Remove upper belt guard (1) by removing fasteners from swingarm brace.

# **INSTALLATION**

- Install upper belt guard (1) to swingarm brace tightening fasteners to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).
- Install swingarm brace and tighten swingarm brace fasteners to 25-27 ft-lbs (34-37 Nm). See 2.19 SWINGARM AND BRACE.
- 3. Install lower belt guard (4) and tighten fasteners (3) to 12-36 **in-lbs** (1-4 Nm).
- Tighten rear axle to 48-52 ft-lbs (65-70 Nm).
- Tighten rear axle pinch fastener to 40-45 ft-lbs (54-61 Nm).
- Install right side rider footrest mount and tighten fasteners to 108-132 in-lbs (12-15 Nm).
- 7. Remove scissor jack from motorcycle.

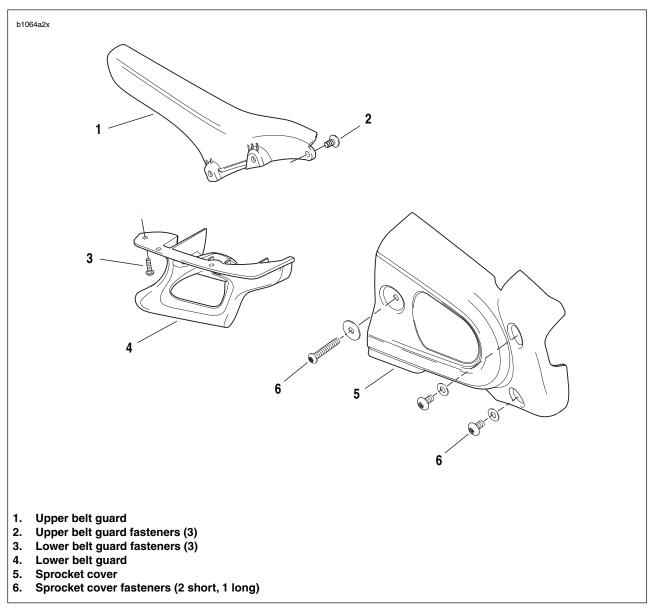


Figure 2-111. Belt Guard Assembly

# **CHIN FAIRING**

# **REMOVAL**

- Secure back tire down.
- Turn wheel full right or left for easier access to center fasteners.
- See Figure 2-112. Remove center section fasteners and washers (2).
- 4. Remove left section fasteners and washers (4).
- 5. Remove right section fasteners and washers (6).
- Remove chin fairing.

#### NOTE

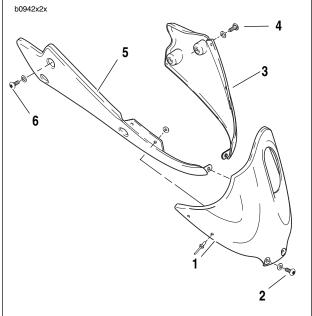
To separate the left, right and center sections, drill out the rivets.

# **INSTALLATION**

#### NOTE

To join the left, right and center sections, use the rivet gun from a Marson Thread-Setter<sup>TM</sup> Tool Kit MODEL NO. MAR39200HD.

- See Figure 2-112. Position chin fairing (5) and install with right side fasteners and washers (6).
- 2. Align left section (3) and install with left side fasteners and washers (4).
- 3. Turn wheel full right or left for easier access to center fas-
- 4. Align center section (1) and install with center section fasteners and washers (2). Use LOCTITE 272 on all fasteners tightening to 36-48 **in-lbs** (4-5 Nm).



- 1. Center section
- 2. Center section fasteners and washers
- 3. Left section
- 4. Left section fastener and washer
- 5. Right section
- 6. Right section fastener and washer

Figure 2-112. Chin Fairing Assembly

# INTAKE COVER ASSEMBLY

## **REMOVAL**

- 1. Remove seat. See 2.38 SEAT.
- 2. See Figure 2-113. Remove fasteners and nylon washers (2).
- 3. Remove intake cover assembly (1).

# **INSTALLATION**

- 1. Position intake cover assembly over top of airbox cover.
- 2. See Figure 2-113. Start the front two fasteners (2) with nylon washers.
- See Figure 2-113. Secure intake cover assembly (1) with fasteners and nylon washers (2). Tighten to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).

#### NOTE

Front screws go in at a slight angle.

# **A**WARNING

After installing seat, pull upward on front of seat to be sure it is locked in position. If seat is loose, it could shift during vehicle operation and startle the rider, causing loss of control which could result in death or serious injury.

4. Install seat. See 2.38 SEAT.

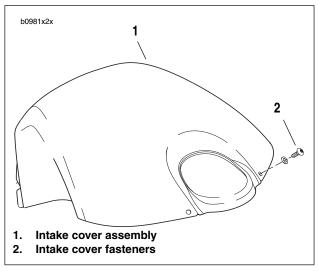


Figure 2-113. Intake Cover Assembly

# RAM AIR SCOOP

#### Removal

- 1. See Figure 2-114. On left side of bike, locate ram air
- Remove three ram air scoop fasteners (3).
- Remove ram air scoop (4).

#### Installation

- 1. See Figure 2-114. Position ram air scoop (4).
- Install ram air scoop (4) with three fasteners (3). Tighten to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).

## ENGINE SHROUD AIR SCOOP

#### Removal

- 1. See Figure 2-114. On right side of bike, locate engine shroud air scoop (6).
- Remove three engine shroud air scoop fasteners (5).

3. Remove engine shroud air scoop (6).

#### Installation

- 1. See Figure 2-114. Position engine shroud air scoop (6).
- Install engine shroud air scoop (6) with three fasteners (5). Tighten to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).

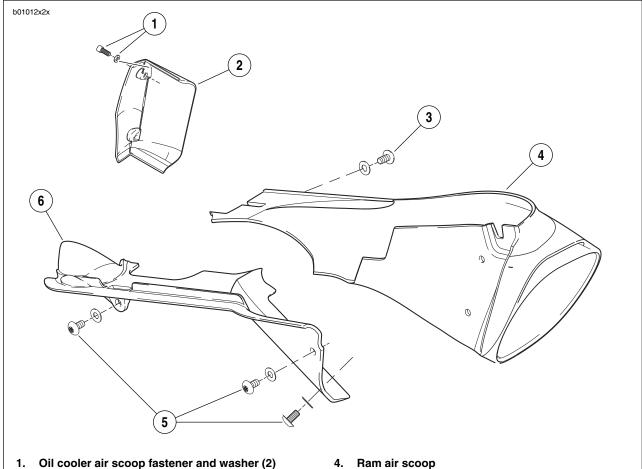
# OIL COOLER AIR SCOOP

#### Removal

- See Figure 2-114. On left side of bike, locate oil cooler air scoop (2).
- Remove two oil cooler air scoop fasteners (1).
- Remove oil cooler air scoop (2).

#### Installation

- 1. See Figure 2-114. Position oil cooler air scoop (2).
- Apply LOCTITE 272 (red) to oil cooler air scoop fasteners (1) and tighten to 120-144 in-lbs (14-16 Nm).



- Oil cooler air scoop 2.
- Ram air scoop fastener and washer

- Ram air scoop
- Engine shroud scoop fastener and washer (3) 5.
  - **Engine shroud scoop**

Figure 2-114. Ram Air Scoop, Engine Shroud, Oil Cooler

# DISASSEMBLY

1. Remove seat and pillion. See 2.38 SEAT.

# **A**WARNING

Always disconnect the negative battery cable first. If the positive battery cable should contact ground with the negative cable installed, the resulting sparks may cause a battery explosion which could result in death or serious injury.

Disconnect battery by unthreading fastener removing negative cable (black) from battery first. See 1.5 BAT-TERY MAINTENANCE.

- 3. See Figure 2-115. Remove upper body work (1) from subframe tail assembly (7).
  - a. Remove body work fasteners (2).
  - Disconnect passenger lock cable (6) by removing cable from seat lock plate (4) and ferrule from keylock (3).
  - Lift upper tail body work (1) off subframe tail assembly (8).
- Remove passenger seat latch (14) from rear of subframe tail assembly.

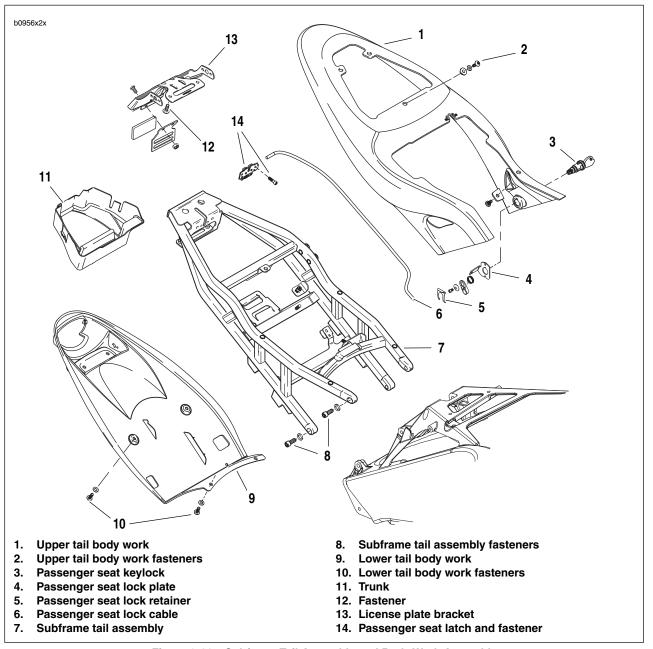
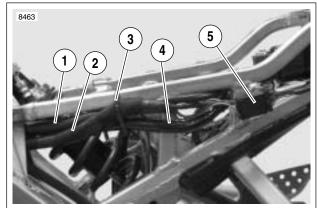


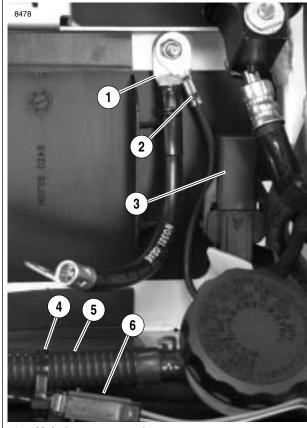
Figure 2-115. Subframe Tail Assembly and Body Work Assembly



- 1. Fuel vent hose
- 2. Main wire harness
- 3. Cable strap
- 4. Rear shock reservoir hose
- 5. Main wire harness connection

Figure 2-116. Left Side Subframe Tail Assembly Hose and Wire Routing

- 5. See Figure 2-116. Cut cable strap (3) from subframe tail assembly holding vent hose (1), main wire harness (2) and shock reservoir hose (4).
- 6. Disconnect rear power harness connection (5).
- Disconnect turn signal bullet connections and tail light connections. See 7.14 TURN SIGNALS and 7.13 TAIL LAMP.
- 8. Remove christmas tree tie that holds the turn signals and tail light wire harness to subframe tail assembly.
- Remove turn signals and reflectors from lower body work. See 7.14 TURN SIGNALS.
- See Figure 2-115. Remove license plate fasteners (12) from lower tail body work (9) and remove license plate (13).
- Remove passenger footpeg mounts. See 2.29 FOOT-PEG, HEEL GUARD AND MOUNT.
- 12. Remove lower body work (9) and trunk (11) from subframe tail assembly (7).
  - Remove lower body work (9) underneath subframe tail assembly by removing fasteners (10).
  - b. Remove trunk (11).



- Main battery ground
- 2. Wire harness ground
- 3. Main fuse case
- 4. Cable strap
- 5. Rear brake reservoir hose
- 6. Rear brake light wire and connector

Figure 2-117. Inside Subframe Tail Assembly Hose and Wire Routing

- 13. See Figure 2-117. Disconnect main battery ground (1) and ground to wire harness (2).
- 14. Remove main fuse case (3) from subframe tail assembly.

#### NOTE

When removing the main fuse case from subframe tail assembly, be very careful not to bend the subframe.

- 15. See Figure 2-117. Cut cable strap (4) holding rear brake reservoir hose (5) and rear brake light wire (6).
- 16. Disconnect rear brake light connection (6).

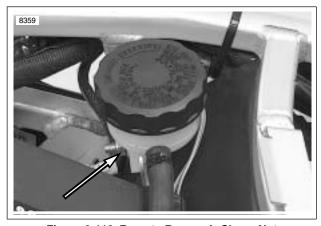


Figure 2-118. Remote Reservoir Clamp Nut

- See Figure 2-118. Remove rear brake reservoir clamp nut.
- 18. Disconnect fuel pump connection and remove case from subframe tail assembly. See 4.25 FUEL PUMP.
- Remove shock reservoir fasteners and feed the reservoir out of subframe tail assembly. See 2.22 REAR SHOCK ABSORBER.
- See Figure 2-115. Remove subframe tail assembly fasteners (8) and remove subframe tail assembly (7) from frame.

# **CLEANING**

#### **CAUTION**

Do not use wheel care products or other compounds developed specifically for cleaning and polishing powdercoat. These cleaners could potentially damage the tail section finish.

The cast aluminum tail section has a black powdercoat. Because the surface is not bare polished aluminum, it must be cleaned using only mild soap and warm water. After washing, always dry the surface using a clean, soft cloth.

## **ASSEMBLY**

- Install subframe tail assembly (7) to frame and tighten fasteners (8) to 21-23 ft-lbs (28-31 Nm) using LOCTITE 272
- Connect fuel pump connection and install connection case onto subframe tail assembly. See 4.25 FUEL PUMP.
- 3. See Figure 2-117. Feed rear brake light connector (5) into subframe tail assembly and connect.
- 4. Install main fuse case (3) onto subframe tail assembly.
- 5. Install main battery ground (1) and ground to wire harness (2) to subframe tail assembly. Tightening fastener to 72-96 **in-lbs** (8-11 Nm).
- 6. See Figure 2-116. Feed the rear shock reservoir (4) through second subframe tail assembly support.
- Install rear shock reservoir into shock reservoir clamp and install clamp on to subframe tail assembly. Do not tighten. See 2.22 REAR SHOCK ABSORBER.
- Check rear shock reservoir suspension screw alignment with upper body work.
  - Install upper body work without tightening any fasteners.
  - Move the rear shock canister in position to see the suspension screw through the upper body work.
  - c. Remove upper body work and tighten rear shock reservoir clamp to 120-144 **in-lbs** (14-16 Nm).
- See Figure 2-116. Feed fuel vent hose (1) through tail section, keeping the hose on top of rear shock reservoir hose. See D.1 HOSE AND WIRE ROUTING for hose and wire routing.
- Install cable strap (3) holding shock reservoir hose, wire harness and fuel vent hose to subframe tail assembly.
- See Figure 2-118. Feed rear brake reservoir hose underneath subframe tail assembly and install rear brake reservoir tightening fastener to 48-72 in-lbs (5.4-8.1 Nm).
- 12. See Figure 2-117. Install cable strap holding brake light connector and rear reservoir hose.

- 13. See Figure 2-115. Install lower body work (9) and trunk (11) onto subframe tail assembly (7).
  - a. Install trunk (11).
  - Install lower body work (9) underneath subframe tail assembly by tightening fasteners (10) to 36-48 inlbs (4-5 Nm).
- Install passenger footpeg mounts. Tightening footpeg mount fasteners to 15-18 ft-lbs (20-24 Nm). See 2.29 FOOTPEG, HEEL GUARD AND MOUNT.
- See Figure 2-116. Connect rear power harness to tail light harness (5).
- Install christmas tree tie down that holds the turn signals and tail light wire harness to subframe tail assembly. See 7.14 TURN SIGNALS.

## **A**WARNING

Check for proper turn signal operation before riding motorcycle. Visibility is a major concern for motorcyclists. Failure to have proper turn signal operation could result in death or serious injury.

- See Figure 2-115. Install license plate bracket (13) to lower tail body work (9) and tighten fasteners (12) to 36-48 in-lbs (4-5 Nm).
- Install turn signals and reflectors onto lower body work and tighten to 25-28 in-lbs (2-3 Nm). See 7.14 TURN SIGNALS.
- Connect turn signal bullet connections and tail light connections. See 7.14 TURN SIGNALS and 7.13 TAIL LAMP.
- 20. Install passenger seat latch (14) from rear of subframe tail assembly and tighten to 60-96 **in-lbs** (7-11 Nm).

- See Figure 2-115. Install upper body work onto subframe tail assembly.
  - Connect passenger lock cable (6) by installing ferrule into lock lever.
  - Starting on the left side of the subframe tail assembly cover the lock cable and wire harness and align upper body work (1) on subframe tail assembly (7).
  - c. Install tail body work starting with the fastener in the center of upper body work and between the passenger and rider seat. Tighten all fasteners to 12-36 inlbs (1-4 Nm).

## **A**WARNING

Always connect positive battery cable first. If the positive cable should contact ground with the negative cable installed, the resulting sparks may cause a battery explosion which could result in death or serious injury.

 Install battery by threading positive cable (red) into threaded hole first tightening to 72-96 in-lbs (8-11 Nm).
 See 1.5 BATTERY MAINTENANCE.

## **A**WARNING

After installing seat, pull upward on front of seat to be sure it is locked in position. If seat is loose, it could shift during vehicle operation and startle the rider, causing loss of control which could result in death or serious injury.

23. Install seat and pillion. See 2.38 SEAT.

# FRONT FAIRING, WINDSHIELD, AND MIRRORS

# **REMOVAL**

- 1. See Figure 2-119. Remove two center (4) and four side windscreen fasteners (3) to remove windshield (1).
- 2. Remove mirrors (2).
- 3. Remove turn signals (6, 7). See 7.14 TURN SIGNALS and remove front fairing (5).

# **INSTALLATION**

- See Figure 2-119. Position fairing (5) onto fairing support bracket and install turn signals (6, 7). See 7.14 TURN SIGNALS.
- 2. Install mirrors (2) with fasteners and tighten to 72-96 **in-lbs** (8-11 Nm).
- 3. Install two center (4) and four side windscreen fasteners (3).

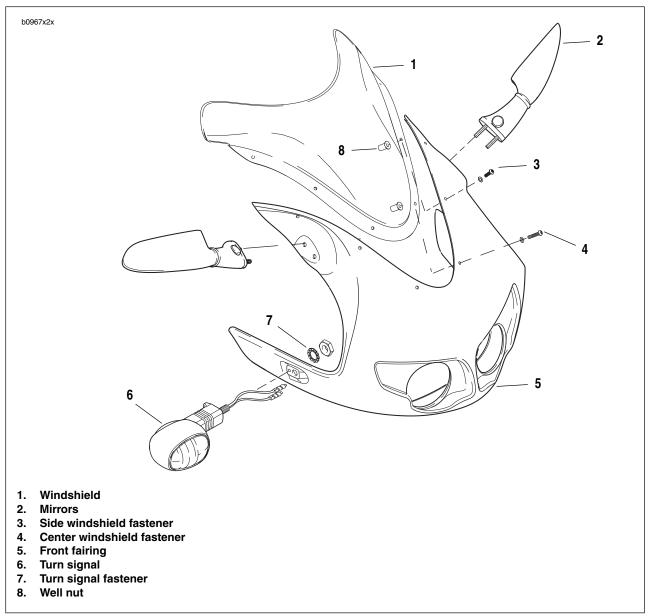


Figure 2-119. Front Fairing and Windscreen

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## **REMOVAL**

#### Rider Seat

- See Figure 2-120. Peel up rear corners of seat and remove two fasteners.
- 2. Pull seat back over tail section and remove.

#### **Pillion Seat**

#### NOTE

The trunk is located under the pillion seat.

 See Figure 2-121. Insert ignition key into pillion seat lock located on left side of motorcycle. Turn key clockwise to disengage rear seat latch.

#### **CAUTION**

Do not place keys in underseat storage area. If seat is installed, keys will not be accessible.

2. Lift and remove pillion seat.

# **INSTALLATION**

#### Rider Seat

- Position seat in mounting position with center tab aligned with slot on frame crossmember.
- Slide seat forward to engage center tab in slot. Pull up on front of seat to verify tab/slot engagement.

### **A**WARNING

After installing seat, pull upward on front of seat to be sure it is locked in position. If seat is loose, it could shift during vehicle operation and startle the rider, causing loss of control which could result in death or serious injury.

 Pull up rear corners of seat and tighten two fasteners to 12-36 in-lbs (1-4 Nm).

## **Pillion Seat**

- Install seat by sliding metal locating tab on front underside of seat into opening on motorcycle.
- 2. Align rear tab with latch slot at rear of motorcycle.
- Press down firmly on rear of pillion seat to engage seat latch. Pull up on rear of pillion seat to make sure latch is engaged.
- 4. Turn ignition key counterclockwise and remove from seat lock.



Figure 2-120. Accessing Rider Seat Screws

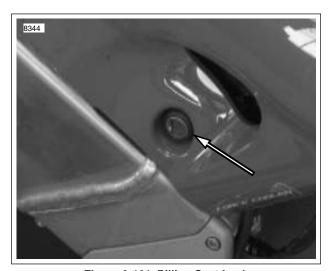


Figure 2-121. Pillion Seat Lock

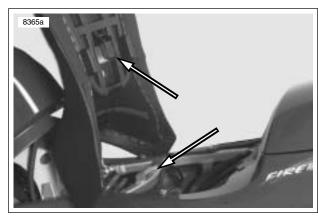


Figure 2-122. Center Tab and Frame Slot

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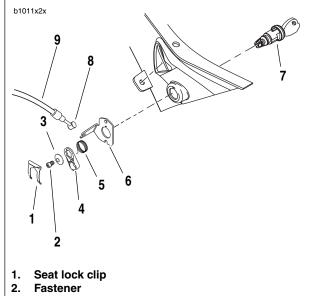
# PASSENGER SEAT LOCK

## **REMOVAL**

- 1. Remove rider and pillion seat. See 2.38 SEAT.
- Remove upper body work on tail section. See 2.36 SUB-FRAME TAIL ASSEMBLY AND BODY WORK.
- 3. See Figure 2-123. Disconnect passenger lock cable (9) by removing cable from seat lock plate (6) and ferrule from seat lock lever (4).
- 4. Remove seat lock lever (4) by removing fastener (2) and washer (3) from seat lock (7).
- 5. Remove spring (5).
- Remove seat lock clip (1) by sliding from seat lock plate (6).
- 7. Remove seat lock plate (6) and seat lock (7).

# **INSTALLATION**

- See Figure 2-123. Install the seat lock (7) on to upper tail body work.
- Install seat lock plate (6) by aligning plate tab onto seat lock (7).
- 3. Install seat lock clip (1) by sliding clip aligning clip groove onto seat lock plate (6) tab.
- 4. Position short tab of spring (5) into seat lock notch.
- 5. Position long end of spring into the seat lock lever (4).
- Load the spring (5) by turning the seat lock lever (4) counterclockwise 1/4 turn.
- Once the spring is loaded, install the seat lock lever (4) onto the lock aligning the lever to the square groove that is cast into the seat lock (7).
- 8. Fasten the lock lever (4) to the seat lock (7) with the washer (3) and fastener (2).
- Install the ferrule (8) of the seat lock cable (9) into the seat lock lever (4).
- Open and close the seat lock with ignition key to verify that cable is working properly.
- 11. Install the seat lock cable (9) into the seat lock plate (6).
- Install upper body work on tail section. See 2.36 SUB-FRAME TAIL ASSEMBLY AND BODY WORK.
- 13. Install rider and pillion seat. See 2.38 SEAT.



- 3. Washer
- 4. Seat lock lever
- 5. Spring
- 6. Seat lock plate
- 7. Seat lock
- 8. Ferrule
- 9. Seat lock cable

Figure 2-123. Seat Lock and Cable Assembly

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# **GENERAL**

# **A**CAUTION

This motorcycle does NOT have a locking sidestand. Park the motorcycle on a level, firm surface. An unbalanced motorcycle can fall, which could result in death or serious injury. (00122a)

The sidestand is located on the left side of the motorcycle. The sidestand swings outward to support the motorcycle for parking.

# **REMOVAL**

- Remove muffler. See Muffler and Straps in 2.28 EXHAUST SYSTEM.
- 2. See Figure 2-125. Remove fasteners (4) securing sidestand bracket (3) to frame.
- 3. Remove sidestand.

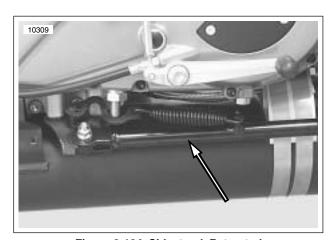


Figure 2-124. Sidestand, Retracted

### DISASSEMBLY

#### NOTE

Sidestand assembly does not have to be removed from motorcycle in order to remove sidestand leg.

- 1. Remove two fasteners from the left side of chin fairing.
- 2. Remove sidestand leg (1).
  - a. Retract sidestand leg.
  - Remove sidestand spring (8) and spring extension plate (4) using SNAP-ON SPRING TOOL (Part No. HE-52B).
  - c. Remove sidestand pivot bolt (5).
- 3. Extend sidestand leg and remove.

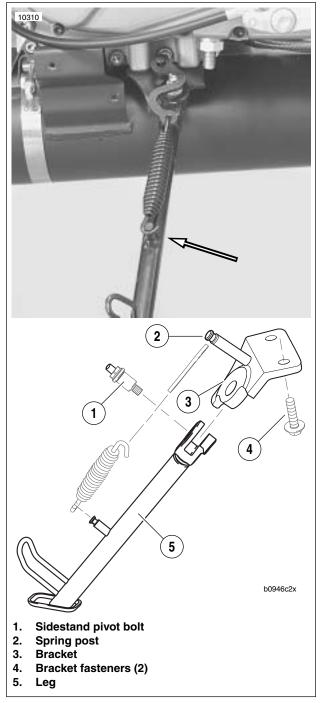


Figure 2-125. Sidestand Assembly (Extended)

# **ASSEMBLY**

- Install sidestand leg (1).
  - a. See Figure 2-127. Lubricate sidestand pivot bolt (5) and mating portions on sidestand bracket (2) with WHEEL BEARING GREASE (Part No. 99855-89) as shown in Figure 2-127.
  - b. See Figure 2-128. Apply LOCTITE 272 (Red) to threaded area (clevis) of sidestand leg.

#### NOTE

Applying LOCTITE to threaded area of clevis on sidestand leg, instead of threads on the pivot bolt, will eliminate build-up between clevis and sidestand bracket which can interfere with the applied lubricant.

- See Figure 2-126. Install sidestand leg (1) and sidestand pivot bolt (3) tightening to 18-20 ft-lbs (24-27 Nm).
- d. Retract sidestand leg.
- Install spring extension plate (4) and sidestand spring (2) using SNAP-ON SPRING TOOL (Part No. HE-52B).

#### NOTE

Extension plate should curve away from primary chain adjustment screw to allow for clearance around adjustment screw.

# **INSTALLATION**

- 1. Install sidestand to frame tightening the sidestand bracket fasteners to 25-27 ft-lbs (34-37 Nm).
- Install muffler. See Muffler and Straps in 2.28 EXHAUST SYSTEM.
- 3. Inspect sidestand.

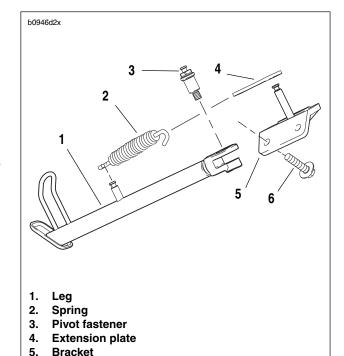


Figure 2-126. Sidestand Assembly

**Bracket fastener** 

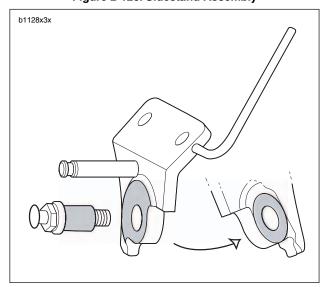


Figure 2-127. Lubricating Points (Shaded Areas)

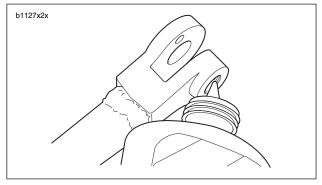


Figure 2-128. Threaded Area for Loctite Application