

Caring For Your Great Basin™ Saddlebag



- Do not overstuff or over-load Saddlebag. Consult your motorcycle's owner's manual and do not exceed the total gear and rider weight limitations for your bike. Remember: the Great Basin Saddlebag is all about going ultra-light. Pack only what you need, nothing more or less (see Packing Tips).

- Avoid exposure to fuel, solvents, lubricants and excessive UV from direct sunlight.

- Hand wash Saddlebag with mild soap (like Simple Green), rinse with clean water and air dry (preferably not in direct sunlight).

- To neutralize and remove residue from alkali desert soils, wash Saddlebag with a mild vinegar and water solution (one tablespoon vinegar to one gallon of water). Rinse thoroughly with fresh water and air dry.

Dear Rider,

You are now the proud owner of the ingenious soft luggage problem-solver that works with your motorcycle's design like an invisible rider. Now you can lighten up, lose the racks, mounts and braces and enjoy a better handling, safer, faster ride. Mount your Great Basin™ Saddlebag with confidence, knowing that every stitch and seam represents years of testing and development by real riders over thousands of miles in the most demanding conditions. If mounted, packed and cared for properly, we trust that your Great Basin Saddlebag by Giant Loop will provide years of trouble-free gear hauling.

If you have any questions, please email us at ride@giantloopmoto.com or call (541) 633-0620 (9 am to 6 pm, Mon.-Fri., Pacific time).

We appreciate your feedback, suggestions, photos, video and ride reports.

*Ride while you can,
Dave Wachs & H.O. Cecil*

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Final Thoughts

If it doesn't fit into this kit, you probably don't need it. We approach this whole concept as a moto-inspired adventure that allows the bike to perform as close to optimum as possible and to take us to out-of-the-way hot springs, mountain tops, desert mesas, alpine glades – the places you would never drive your truck to camp. Ever ridden over a ridge and thought, "I'd really like to see the sun come up here"? Now you can!

Please stay in touch. We are very interested in hearing about your adventures.

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Do-It-Yourself, Do-It-Once, Do-It-Right Instructions

Before beginning work, carefully read through these instructions start to finish. Take special care to make certain your kit is on your machine tight and you have secured all compression straps and webbing tails before EVERY ride.

Tools Required

- NONE (if you have stock passenger footrest brackets and passenger grab bars and/or rear rack)

"Just passin' through."



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START HERE

PRE-FITTING YOUR GREAT BASIN™ SADDLEBAG

1. Stuff your Great Basin™ Saddlebag with a sleeping bag to fill the volume and allow you to see the tailored shape. Become familiar with the bag's fit on your machine. It can be positioned differently on every machine and according to each rider's preferences, but look for connection locations, adequate heat protection and plenty of clearance so the Saddlebag does not interfere with the safe operation of your motorcycle.

2. Lay stuffed Saddlebag centered across back of bike. Experiment with Saddlebag positioning on bike. Every make and model is slightly different, as are each rider's stature and preferences.

3. Look carefully at all your potential connection positions. Verify that any passenger footrest brackets, rear rack or passenger grab bars are tight and securely installed on your machine. Do not strap the lower connections to the footrest — it must make a positive connection to the bracket or mount.

4. Strap on Great Basin, starting with the center rear (see 3-Point Mounting), then connecting and tightening all connections until the Saddlebag is firmly attached to your bike. Tug the bag aggressively to verify that it's on there tight.

5. Double check all strap connections and secure any loose webbing tails. We recommend cutting webbing to size if possible.

3-POINT, EASY ON/OFF MOUNTING

The Great Basin Saddlebag is designed to securely attach to most stock motorcycles equipped with both passenger footrest brackets and a rear rack and/or passenger grab bars. You are responsible for ensuring these connections and components are correctly installed and that all existing hardware meet or exceed factory specifications.

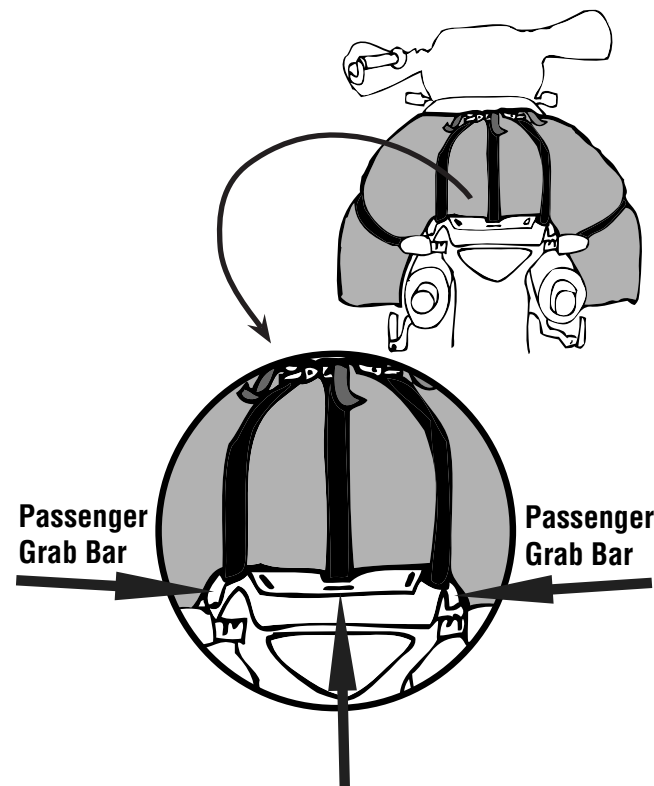
The Great Basin Saddlebag mounts with a 3-point webbing and cam-buckle connection system: attach the rear plus two sides, and you're ready to ride.

1. Center rear of bag on rear of seat or partially off back of seat (e.g., on a platform rack). Connect rear of Saddlebag with center compression strap to a center of rear rack. Or, use 2 side compression straps (on aluminum ring) to connect to right and left passenger grab bars. Some machines will have both a rack and bars — use all three if you can. Compression straps can also lash down tent, or other gear.

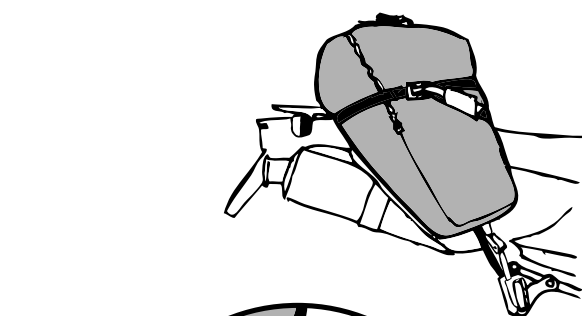
2. Loop lower left webbing strap around or through the left passenger footrest bracket. NOT THE FOOTREST — the mount or bracket. Thread webbing through cam buckle and snug — but not too tight yet.

3. Loop lower right strap around or through the right passenger footrest bracket. AGAIN, NOT THE FOOTREST — the mount or bracket. Thread webbing through cam buckle and snug — but not too tight yet.

4. Tighten all straps, keeping the bag centered on the machine and in the desired position. ALWAYS CHECK ALL STRAPS AND TIE DOWN ANY LOOSE WEBBING ENDS BEFORE EACH RIDE.



Slotted Rear Luggage Rack



ALWAYS TRIPLE CHECK ALL STRAP CONNECTIONS AND WEBBING TAILS!

INTRODUCING HOT SPRINGS™ HEAT SHIELD: THE SELF-ADHESIVE PROBLEM-SOLVER FOR ALL YOUR HEAT-RELATED WOES

For motorcycles with stock catalytic converters or large exhaust pipes that may come in contact with the Great Basin Saddlebag or its straps, we strongly recommend using our Hot Springs Heat Shield self-adhesive heat reflecting fabric. The stock reflective material on some adventure twins with dual exhaust, for example, will not sufficiently defend the body panels, Saddlebag or webbing straps from direct any direct or close contact — melting or worse may occur. Simply, remove the stock fabric and replace with our self-adhesive heat reflecting fabric. For straps running near hot pipes, just make a Hot Springs "sleeve" to shield the webbing. Monitor the position of the bag, its relationship to the bodywork plastic and the exhaust pipe at every stop.

PACKING TIPS

- Do not overstuff or over-load Saddlebag. These are the toughest waterproof zippers available, but they need some respect and even occasional maintenance (we recommend White Lightning zipper lubricant).

- Take care to pack the heaviest gear as low as possible, preferably below the seat line. The whole concept is to tour with the lightest load possible. Go lighter, go faster, go farther.

- Pack sleeping bag first by stuffing it into the waterproof top case. Then, pack other items to evenly distribute the load from side-to-side. Tools in one of the removable Pannier Pods and kitchen in the opposite side.

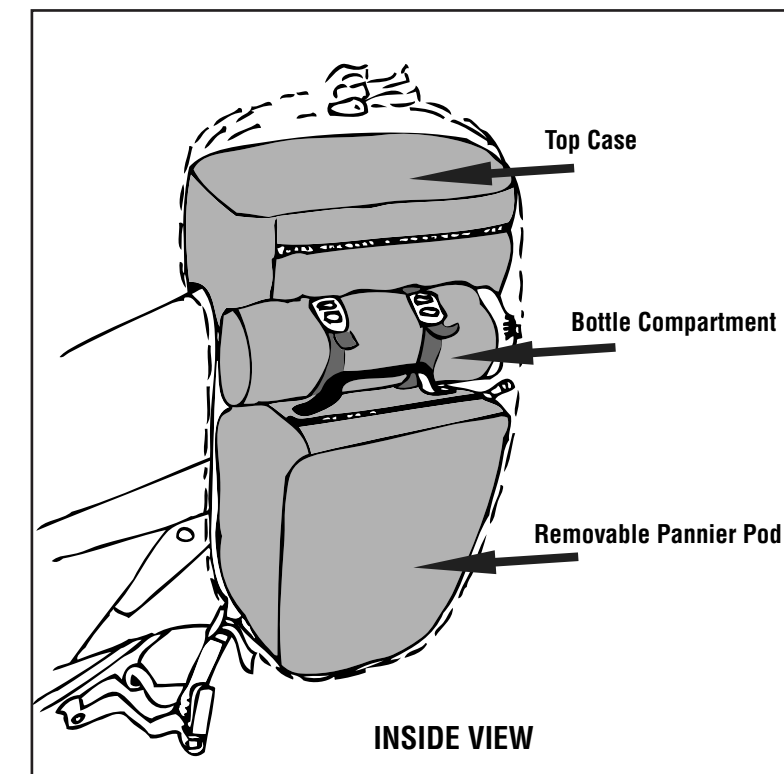
- Use the hi-vis stuff sacks to pack other lightweight items like clothing or freeze-dried food. Position them between the Pannier Pods and the top case - over the bottle carriers.

- To avoid wearing through the Saddlebag from vibrations, pack all sharp and/or hard items inside a protective layer. For example, create a sleeve for tire irons from a section of old inner tuber, pack tools in Dave's Oil Bottle Toolkit and wrap other hard items in clothing.

- Use compression straps to secure tent, tarp, bivy sack, sleeping pad, rain gear and other lightweight items to outside of bag.

- The Great Basin Saddlebag is built with 100% waterproof materials. Some compartments have four layers of laminated and coated material between your stuff and the elements. The #10 zipper on the outside of the Bomb Shell is also waterproof. While it is designed to deflect anything you might ride through, it probably won't float your bike across a river. It is possible that water could migrate into the bag if submerged.

- Visit our website at GiantLoopMoto.com for more tips from riders and instructions for creating Dave's Oil Bottle Toolkit and Inner Tube Sleeve.



INSIDE VIEW



Throw it over shoulder, connect the strap under arm for hands free use.