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YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL

Welcome to the Harley-Davidson Motorcycling Family! Your new Harley-Davidson Electra-Glide motorcycle is designed and manufactured to be the finest in its field. The instructions in this book have been prepared to provide a simple and understandable guide for your motorcycle's operation and care. Follow the instructions carefully for its maximum performance and your personal motorcycling pleasure.

Your owner's manual contains instructions for owner care and maintenance of a minor nature. Information covering repair of major units such as engine, transmission, etc. is provided in the Harley-Davidson Service Manual. Work of this kind requires the attention of a skilled mechanic and the use of special tools and equipment. Your Harley-Davidson dealer has the facilities, experience and genuine Harley-Davidson parts necessary to properly render this valuable service.



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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY



Harley-Davidson motorcycles are designed and built according to our own rigid safety standards and all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

Because of its acceleration, maneuverability and ease of handling, the motorcycle is inherently one of the safest vehicles designed for use on the highway. However, any vehicle can only be as safe as the person who operates it and depends primarily upon skill and judgement.

It must be remembered - especially by those not familiar with motorcycle operation - that being a two-wheeled vehicle, it requires different skills and operating procedures from those needed to safely operate a four-wheeled vehicle.

We urge that you consult your Harley Davidson dealer who can advise you about the motorcycle traffic laws in your area, who has the necessary clothing, helmet, etc. best suited to your riding requirements, and who can provide literature or training in the safe operation of your motorcycle.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON OWNER "SAFEGUARD MAINTENANCE"

In addition to this owner's manual, a Safeguard Maintenance booklet is provided each new Harley-Davidson owner. The booklet contains your new motorcycle Warranty, a Warranty Registration card, and a number of tear-out service coupons.

The approved service and maintenance procedures on each coupon and the mileage intervals have been worked out by Harley-Davidson service personnel, and cover items which are the owner's responsibility to have taken care of.

Bring the coupon booklet along when you visit your dealer at the specified mileages to have your motorcycle inspected and serviced properly.

Dealer charges for "Safeguard Maintenance" are nominal — you will be repaid with long, trouble-free service and will protect your investment in a quality Harley-Davidson product.

NOTE

Tools for owner use, as recommended in this handbook for service and minor repairs, are supplied in a tool kit which can be purchased from your Harley-Davidson dealer.



DIMENSIONS

Wheel Base									•		•					61.5 in.
Overall Length									•	•						89.0 in.
Overall Width	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	38.5 in.

CAPACITIES

Fuel Tank	Total	5 or 3.5 Gallons	(U.S.)
	Reserve	1.2 or 1 Gallons	(U.S.)
Oil Tank		4 Quarts	(U.S.)
Transmission		1-1/2 Pints	(U.S.)

ENGINE

Model Designation Letters	FLP - FLH
Number of Cylinders	2
Type	45 Degree V Type
Horsepower FLH	66.0 HP at 5600 RPM
FL	57.0 HP at 5200 RPM
Taxable Horsepower	9.44
Bore	. 3-7/16 in. (87.3mm)
Stroke	3-31/32 in. (100.8mm)
Piston Displacement	73.66 cu. in. (1207 cc)

 Torque
 FLH
 65 lb-ft at 3,200 RPM

 FL
 62 lb-ft at 3,200 RPM

 Compression Ratio
 FLH
 8 to 1

 FL
 7.25 to 1

SERIAL NUMBERS

The serial (V.I.N.) numbers of your Harley-Davidson are stamped on the right side of the engine crankcase and frame steering head. Always give these numbers when ordering parts or making any inquiry about your motorcycle.

IGNITION SYSTEM

Circuit Breaker Point Gap 018 in. Dwell 90° at 1500 RPM Spark Plugs Size. 14 mm Gap. 025 to .030 in. Heat range for average use . No. 3-4 Spark Timing Retard 5° B.T.C. (Automatic Advance) 35° B.T.C.

TRANSMISSION

Type		(Constant Mesh
Speeds	Foot Shift.		. 4 Forward
•	Hand Shift		. 4 Forward
	(Optional) 3	Forward	and 1 Reverse

SPROCKETS AND GEAR RATIOS

	So	lo	Sidecar			
Sprocket Teeth	FL	FLH	FL	FLH		
Clutch	37	37	37	37		
Transmission	22	22	22	22		
Rear Wheel	51	51	51	51		
Engine Sprocket (4-Speed Transmission)	23	24	22	22		
Engine Sprocket (3-Speed Transmission)	23	24	19	22		
High Gear Ratio (4-Speed Transmission)	3.73	3.57	3,90	3,90		
High Gear Ratio (3-Speed Transmission)	3.73	3.57	4.50	3.90		

The following tire inflation pressures are based on rider and passenger weights of approximately 150 lbs. each. For each 50 lbs. extra weight, increase pressure of rear tire 2 lbs., front tire 1 lb., and sidecar tire 1 lb. Tire Pressure – PSFrontRearSidecaSolo rider2024Rider and one passenger2026Rider and one sidecar
passenger or 150 lbs.2226

IMPORTANT

Goodyear 5.10×16 SPEED GRIP tires are supplied as original equipment and are identified on the tire sidewall. These tires were designed especially for your Harley-Davidson Electra Glide to provide maximum roadability, and should be used exclusively for replacement.

TIRE DATA







- 1. Clutch Hand Lever
- 2. Horn Button
- 3. Grip
- 4. Instrument Panel Signal Lights
- 5. Foot Gear Shift Lever
- 6. Left Foot Board
- 7. Gas Tank Cap (2)
- 8. Starter Button
- 9. Front Brake Hand Lever
- 10. Throttle Control Grip
- 11. Speedometer
- 12. Ignition-Light Switch
- 13. Rear Hydraulic Brake Foot Lever
- 14. Right Foot Board
- 15. Right Footrest

FIGURE 3. TOP VIEW

CONTROLS

Gasoline Supply Valve

The gasoline supply valve (4, figure 2) is located on the left side under the gas tank. The valve (figure 4) has two handles; one is marked "RESERVE" and the other is unmarked. Gasoline to carburetor is shut off when both handles are in horizontal



FIGURE 4. GASOLINE SUPPLY VALVE

position. Turning the unmarked handle to vertical position turns on main gasoline supply; turning "RESERVE" handle to vertical position turns on reserve supply. Valve should always be closed when engine is not running. Use "Premium Grade" (Ethyl) or other anti-knock gasoline.

Ignition-Light Switch

The ignition-light switch (figure 5) is located on the instrument panel. Lift lock cover and use switch key to lock or unlock. It is not necessary to keep the key inserted in the lock to operate this switch



FIGURE 5. INSTRUMENT PANEL

after it has been unlocked. The center position of the switch is the off position for both lights and ignition. The right (counter-clockwise) of center position is for parking lights only; the first left (clockwise) position is for ignition only and the second left position, for ignition and running lights. The switch can be locked only in the off and the park positions. Remember that lighting the headlamp when the engine is not running also turns the ignition on. The headlamp upper and lower beams are controlled by a toggle switch (2, figure 2) on the left handlebar. High beam indicator lamp (figure 5) indicates upper beam. Make a record of key number so that it can easily be replaced in case of loss.

Throttle Control Grip

Turn throttle control grip (10, figure 3) outward to close throttle; turn it inward to open throttle.

Clutch Foot Pedal

The clutch foot pedal is located on the left side where it may be conveniently operated by the left foot. The clutch is engaged when the toe is down and released when the heel is down.

Hand Gear Shift Lever

The hand gear shift lever (figure 6) is located on the left side and the various positions are plainly marked on shifter gate. This lever must



be at neutral (N) and the clutch engaged when starting the engine. FULLY RELEASE THE CLUTCH BEFORE SHIFTING. To shift gears, move upper end of lever forward or rearward. This moves lower portion of lever in opposite direction against stops in gate where gear positions are marked.

Clutch Hand Lever

The clutch hand lever (1, figure 3) is located on the left handle bar where it can be conveniently operated with the left hand. The clutch is released by squeezing the control lever toward the handle bar. The clutch is engaged by slowly releasing the control lever to its extended position.

Foot Gear Shift Lever

The foot gear shift lever (5, figure 3) is located on the left side where it may be conveniently operated by the left foot. Pushing foot lever all the way down (full stroke) shifts transmission into the next lower gear; lifting foot lever all the way up (full stroke) shifts transmission into the next higher gear. The operator must release foot lever after each gear change to allow it to return to its central position before another gear change can be attempted or made.

Neutral position is between first (low) and second gears, and is indicated by center light (figure 5) on the instrument panel when ignition-light switch is turned on. First gear is the last gear position obtained by pushing foot lever full strokes downward. To shift from first gear to neutral, lift foot lever one half of its full stroke. The shift to neutral can also be made from second gear by pushing foot lever downward one half its full stroke.

With the motorcycle standing still and the engine not running, it usually will be necessary to move the motorcycle backward or forward with the clutch fully disengaged while maintaining a slight pressure on the foot shift lever before a shift from one gear to another can be made. Even with the engine running, clutch disengaged and the motorcycle standing still, it may be difficult to shift gears because transmission gears are not turning and shifting parts are not lined up to permit engagement. When this happens, do not under any circumstances force the shift by "roughing" the foot lever; the results of such abuse will be a damaged or broken shift mechanism. Either roll the motorcycle as indicated above or, if the engine is running, engage the clutch very slightly and at the same time apply light pressure to the foot lever to make the shift. Both these procedures set the transmission gears in motion and permit the shift to be made easily.

Brakes

The brake foot pedal (13, figure 3) on the right hand side operates the rear wheel hydraulic brake while a convenient hand lever (9, figure 3) operates the front wheel mechanical brake.

Steering Lock

The steering lock (14, figure 2) is located on the left side of the lower front fork bracket. Turning fork to the left aligns hole in bracket with hole in steering head. A padlock can be used to lock the fork in this position.

Starter

The starter button (8, figure 3) is located on the right handlebar. With ignition ON and transmission in neutral, push button to operate starting motor.

Steering Damper (Special Equipment)

Steering damper is located directly over steering head. Turn steering damper adjusting knob clockwise to apply dampening action and counterclockwise to reduce dampening action. For solo riding, apply steering damper only when operating under conditions where some degree of dampening stabilizes steering. Sidecar users will find it advantageous to keep the damper set a little snug at all times.

Horn

The horn is operated by the horn button (2, figure 3) on the left handlebar. Tone can be set as desired by turning the adjusting screw back of horn.

Oil Pressure Signal Light

The oil pressure signal light is located on the instrument panel (figure 5) and is marked OIL. Light will go on when the ignition-light switch is turned on before starting the engine. After the engine has started, light should go off except it may flicker on and off at very slow idling speeds.

If the oil signal light fails to go off at speeds above idling, it is usually due to an empty oil tank or a diluted oil supply. In freezing weather the oil feed pipe may clog with ice and sludge, thus preventing circulation of the oil. A grounded oil signal switch wire, faulty signal switch, or trouble with the oil pump will also cause the light to stay on. If the oil signal light fails to go off. always check the oil supply first. Then, if oil supply is normal and the light still does not go out, look inside the oil tank and see if the oil returns to the tank from the outlet of the oil return pipe when the engine is running. If it is returning to the tank there is some circulation, and you may drive slowly to the nearest Harley-Davidson dealer to have the oiling system checked and serviced, as needed. If no oil returns to the tank, stop the engine at once and do not drive farther until the trouble is located and the necessary repairs are made.

Adjustable Trail Front Fork (Special Equipment)

This type fork is used on motorcycles intended for sidecar service. The forks are pivoted so that the wheel can be adjusted forward for less trail (in sidecar service), or the wheel can be adjusted rearward for more trail (in solo service). Normally, this fork is adjusted for solo service as shipped from the factory, and must be readjusted for sidecar service as follows:

1. Raise front end of motorcycle so front wheel is free. Underneath fork head lower bracket is a large bolt with castellated nut locked with a cotter pin. This bolt fastens lower fork bracket to fork stem bracket which has a slotted hole for the bolt. Remove cotter pin from nut and back off nut far enough so that lock plates underneath bolt head and bolt nut can be disengaged from slots in each side of fork bracket. Now grasp front wheel and pull fork sides forward as far as elongated holes in bracket will permit. Reengage lock plates in elongated holes with plate engaging to the front. Securely tighten nut and insert cotter pin.

- 2. Re-aim headlamp after fork is readjusted. (See page 52.)
- 3. For solo service, when sidecar is removed, move fork back by reversing above procedure.

Rear Shock Absorber Spring Adjustment

The rear shock absorber springs can be adjusted to three positions for the weight the motorcycle is to carry. The average weight solo rider would use the extended spring position (off cam). A heavy solo rider might require the position with springs slightly compressed (first cam step); buddy seat riders require the fully compressed spring position (second cam step).

To adjust the rear shock absorber springs, turn cushion spring adjusting cam (figure 7) to desired position with spanner wrench. Both cushion spring adjusting cams must be adjusted to the same position. When returning to off cam position, cams should be backed off in opposite direction. A spanner wrench for this purpose is available from your Harley-Davidson dealer.



FIGURE 7. REAR SHOCK ABSORBER SPRING ADJUSTMENT



IMPORTANT

If you are not familiar with operating the motorcycle, read paragraphs on "SAFETY" (page 2) and "CONTROLS" (page 9) before riding this motorcycle.

The First 500 Miles

The sound design, quality materials, and workmanship that is built into your new Harley-Davidson will give you high performance right from the start. However, for the first few hundered miles, to wearin critical parts, observe the few simple driving rules below. This will guarantee future performance and durability.

- 1. During the first 50 miles, keep the speed below 45 miles per hour.
- 2. Up to 500 miles, vary the speed, avoiding any steady speed for long distances. Any speed up to the maximum legal limit is permissible for short distances.
- 3. Avoid fast starts at wide open throttle and over-speeding engine in lower gears. Drive slowly until engine warms up.



Starting and Stopping Instructions

IMPORTANT

Use recommended oil in relation to predominating temperatures. See engine lubrication, page 24.

When starting the engine determine that the motorcycle is in neutral and that the clutch is fully engaged.

The carburetor choke control knob is located just under the gas tank on the left side of the motorcycle. To start a cold engine, move the knob outward to the fully closed (choke) position; with throttle 1/8 to 1/4 open, turn ignition switch on and operate the starter.

To start a warm or hot engine move choke knob outward to 1/2 closed position, set throttle 1/4 open, turn on ignition switch and operate the starter. As soon as the engine starts, open throttle just far enough to keep it running while warming up or until ready to set the motorcycle in motion. As the engine warms up and misfires, because of the over-rich mixture, gradually open choke by moving choke knob inward. After the engine has thoroughly warmed up, choke knob should be all the way in.

NOTE

When the engine does not start after a few revolutions or if one cylinder fires weakly but engine does not start, it is usually because of an over-rich (flooded) condition. This is especially true of a hot engine. If the engine is flooded, open choke all the way, turn ignition on and operate starter with choke and throttle wide open.

Operation

With motorcycle standing (engine stopped) proceed as follows to get under way. Determine that transmission is in neutral and clutch is fully engaged. Start the engine, fully release the clutch, shift into first and slowly engage the clutch. After desired speed is attained in first, fully disengage the clutch, lift the foot lever all the way up to shift into second and again engage clutch. Shift in like manner for third and fourth gears.

DO NOT SHIFT GEARS WITHOUT FULLY DIS-ENGAGING THE CLUTCH.



When the motorcycle is in motion and it is desired to shift to lower gears, do not shift from "third" to "second" until speed is reduced to 20 mph or less; do not shift from "second" to "first" until speed is reduced to below 10 mph. Shifting to lower gears when speeds are too high may result in damage to the transmission.

Stopping the Engine

Stop the engine by turning off the ignition switch. If the engine should be stalled or stopped in any other way than with the switch, turn off the switch at once to prevent battery discharge through the circuit breaker points.

Operating Tips

To prevent possible vapor lock with a hot engine in very warm weather, start engine at half choke and leave at half choke for a few blocks to provide richer mixture and cool carburetor. Develop the habit of frequently snapping the throttle shut for an instant when running at high speed. This draws additional lubrication to pistons and cylinders and helps cooling.

Do not idle engine unnecessarily with motorcycle standing. In cold weather run engine slowly until it is thoroughly warmed up to avoid possible damage to pistons, rings, and other parts before oil is warm enough to circulate freely.

An engine which has run long distances at high speed, particularly in sidecar service, must be given closer than ordinary attention to avoid overheating and possible consequent damage. Have the engine checked regularly and keep it well tuned. Valve seating and good compression are particularly important. The carburetor intermediate speed needle should be adjusted moderately rich rather than lean. Use correct heat range spark plugs to suit type of service. This applies particularly to a motorcycle equipped with windshield and splash shields or lap apron. The spark plugs originally installed in the engine are of the proper heat range for most normal operating conditions. However, more severe than average service or very light service may call for a spark plug of a different heat range to prevent overheating, in the case of very severe service or fouling in the case of very light service.

When plugs need to be replaced, get them from your Harley-Davidson dealer. He can supply you with the type of plug best suited to your requirements. Experimenting with plugs of unproven quality and suitability is inviting trouble.

Locating Operating Troubles

The following check list of operating troubles and their probable causes will be helpful in keeping your motorcycle in good operating condition. Remember that more than one of these conditions may be causing the trouble and all should be carefully checked.

 \checkmark If engine starts hard or runs unevenly or misses:

- 1. Spark plugs in bad condition or have improper gap.
- 2. Circuit breaker points out of adjustment or in need of cleaning.

- 3. Condenser connection loose.
- 4. Battery nearly discharged.
- 5. Loose wire connection at one of battery terminals or at coil or circuit breaker.
- 6. Water or dirt in fuel system and carburetor.
- 7. Gasline tank cap vent plugged or carburetor vent line closed off restricting fuel flow.
- 8. Carburetor not adjusted correctly.
- 9. Engine and transmission oil too heavy (winter operation).

If cranking motor does not operate:

- 1. Ignition switch is not on.
- 2. Starter button or relay defective.
- 3. Discharged battery, or loose or corroded cable connections (solenoid chatters).
- 4. Starter control circuit wiring defective.

 \checkmark If engine turns over but does not start:

- 1. Gasoline tank empty, valve shut off or gasoline line clogged.
- 2. Fouled spark plugs or shorted spark plug wires.
- 3. Circuit breaker points badly out of adjustment.
- 4. Loose wire connection at coil or circuit breaker.

- 5. Sticking valves or tappets set too tight.
- 6. Engine flooded as a result of overchoking.
- ' If a spark plug fouls repeatedly:
 - 1. Too cold a plug for the kind of service.
- 2. Piston rings badly worn or in bad condition.

✓ If engine pre-ignites:

- 1. Excessive carbon on piston head or in combustion chamber.
- 2. Too hot a spark plug for the kind of service.
- 3. Defective spark plugs.

\checkmark If engine overheats:

- 1. Insufficient oil supply or oil not circulating.
- 2. Carburetor high speed adjustment too lean.
- 3. Ignition timing too late.

\checkmark If engine detonates:

- 1. Unsuitable fuel (octane rating too low).
- 2. Heavy deposit of carbon on piston and in combustion chamber.
- 3. Defective spark plug or of wrong heat range.
- 4. Ignition timing too early.
- If oil does not return to oil tank:
 - 1. Oil tank empty.
 - 2. Oil pump not functioning.

\checkmark If engine uses too much oil:

- 1. Piston rings badly worn or in bad condition.
- 2. One or more push rod cover cork washers in bad condition or a push rod cover not seating properly against its washer.
- 3. Rear chain oiler set for excessive amount of oil.

\checkmark If vibration is excessive:

- 1. Cylinder bracket loose or broken.
- 2. Engine mounting bolts loose.
- 3. Transmission and/or transmission submounting plate loose.
- 4. Tires or wheels defective.
- If alternator does not charge or charging rate is below normal:
 - 1. Defective regulator-rectifier module.
 - 2. Loose, broken, or shorted wires in alternator to module circuit; or module to battery circuit.
 - 3. Defective alternator stator or rotor.

✓ If carburetor floods:

- 1. Inlet valve and/or valve seat worn or damaged.
- 2. Dirt between float valve and its seat.
- 3. Excessive ''pumping'' of hand throttle grip.

- - 1. Bent shifter rod.
 - 2. Clutch dragging slightly.
 - 3. Transmission oil too heavy (winter operation).
- ✓ If transmission jumps out of gear:
 - 1. Shifter rod improperly adjusted.
 - 2. Shifter clutch dogs and/or dogs on its mating gear badly worn.

∜ If clutch slips:

- 1. Clutch controls improperly adjusted.
- 2. Insufficient clutch spring tension.
- 3. Friction discs oily.
- \checkmark If clutch drags or does not release:
 - 1. Clutch controls improperly adjusted.
 - 2. Clutch spring tension too tight.
 - 3. Friction discs gummy or oily.
- ✓ If brakes do not hold normally:
 - 1. Brake improperly adjusted.
 - 2. Brake controls binding as result of improper lubrication or damage.
 - 3. Brake linings badly worn or glazed.
 - 4. Hydraulic system contains air or master cylinder reservoir low on hydraulic brake fluid.
 - 5. Leak in hydraulic system.

RULES OF THE ROAD

- 1. Keep on the right side of the road when meeting other vehicles coming in the opposite direction.
- 2. Always sound your horn and pass on the left side when passing other vehicles going in the same direction. Never try to pass another vehicle going in the same direction at street intersections, on curves, or when going up or down a hill.
- 3. At street intersections give the right-of-way to the vehicle on your right. Do not presume too much when you have the right-of-way; the other driver may not know you have it.
- 4. Always signal when preparing to stop, start, or turn.
- 5. All traffic signs, including those used for the control of traffic at intersections, should be obeyed promptly and to the letter. "Slow Down" signs near schools and caution signs at rail-road crossings should always be observed and your actions governed accordingly.

- 6. Never "crash" a light. When a change is indicated from "Go" to "Stop" (or vice versa) in the traffic control systems at intersections, await the change.
- 7. When intending to turn to the left, give signal at least 100 feet before reaching the turning point. Move over to the center line of the street (unless local rules require otherwise), slow down passing the intersection of the street and then turn carefully to the left.
- 8. In turning either right or left, watch for pedestrians as well as vehicles.
- 9. Do not leave the curb or parking area without signaling and seeing that your way is clear to drive into moving traffic. A moving line of traffic has the right-of-way.
- 10. See that your license tags are installed in the position specified by law and that they are clearly visible under all conditions. Keep them clean.
- 11. Ride at a safe speed a speed consistent with the type of highway you are on, and always note whether the road is dry or wet. Each varying condition on the highway means adjusting your speed accordingly.

SERVICING

New Motorcycle Initial Service

After a new motorcycle has been driven its first 500 miles and again at approximately 1000 miles, the motorcycle should be taken to the dealer from whom it was purchased for certain initial service operations with which the dealer is familiar. If it is impossible to take the motorcycle to a dealer at the mileage intervals mentioned, the owner should at least give the following outlined attention, or arrange to have it given, and take the motorcycle to the dealer for more complete servicing later on when convenient to do so.

CHECK AT FIRST 500 MILES

- 1. Drain oil tank through drain plug (7, figure 2) flush tank and refill with fresh oil.
- 2. Clean oil filter, crankcase screen for overhead and tappet oil supply and magnetic plug in chain housing.
- 3. Drain transmission through drain plug and refill to level of filler opening with fresh oil. Use same grade oil used in engine.

- 4. Lubricate all points indicated for 2000 mile attention in the SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE CHART.
- 5. Aim headlight.
- 6. Check front fork bearing adjustment.
- 7. Clean carburetor gas strainer.
- 8. Clean chain housing magnetic drain plug.
- 9. Inspect and clean spark plugs.
- 10. Check ignition timing and circuit breaker point gap.
- 11. Oil all control joints and parts indicated for 2000 mile attention.
- 12. Inspect and service air cleaner if needed.
- 13. Check adjustment of chains and readjust if necessary.
- 14. Check lubrication of chains.
- 15. Check all nuts, bolts and screws, and tighten any found loose.
- 16. Check wheel mounting socket bolts and tighten if needed. These bolts must be kept very tight.
- 17. Check and tighten wheel spokes.

- 18. Check level of solution in battery and add distilled water if needed. See that terminals are clean and connections tight.
- 19. Check tightness of all cylinder head bolts and all cylinder base nuts, and tighten where necessary.
- 20. Check brake adjustment and hydraulic fluid level.
- 21. Check clutch adjustment.
- 22. Check tire pressure and inspect tread.
- 23. Road test.

CHECK AT FIRST 1000 MILES

- 1. Drain oil tank and refill with fresh oil.
- 2. Clean oil filter.
- 3. Check level of oil in transmission and add oil if needed. Use same grade of oil used in engine.
- 4. Service air cleaner.
- 5. Check circuit breaker point gap.
- 6. Check adjustment of chains and adjust if necessary.
- 7. Check lubrication of chains.

- 8. Check level of solution in battery, and add distilled water if needed. See that terminals are clean and connections tight.
- 9. Check brake adjustment and hydraulic fluid level.
- 10. Check clutch adjustment.
- 11. Check tire pressure and inspect tread.
- 12. Road test.

Regular Service Intervals

Regular motorcycle lubrication and maintenance will help you keep your new Harley-Davidson operating at peak performance, and will give you lower operating costs, longer motorcycle life, and greater riding pleasure. Your Harley-Davidson dealer knows best how to service your motorcycle with factory approved methods and equipment assuring you of thorough and competent workmanship for every job.

The chart on the next page shows the regular intervals at which specified service operations should be performed. For more detailed description of the service and maintenance procedures specified, refer to information following after chart.

SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE CHART

REGULAR SERVICE INTERVAL	ENGINE OIL	TRANSMISSION OIL	GREASE	GREASE OIL	
EVERY 300 MILES	CHECK				
EVERY 1000 MILES	CHECK	CHECK		Rear chain	Air cleaner Battery Rear chain adjustment Hydraulic brake fluid
EVERY 2000 MILES	CHANGE		Rear fork pivot bearing fitting Seat post Saddle bar bearing Rear brake pedal bearing Foot shift lever bearing Foot clutch pedal bearing	Clutch hand lever Brake hand lever Front brake cable Throttle control cable Foot clutch lever rod clevis Shifter control joints	Oil filter Overhead and tappet oil screen Chain housing Magnetic drain plug Gasoline strainer Front chain adjustment Rear chain oiler Brake adjustment Circuit breaker Clutch adjustment
EVERY 5000 MILES OR 1 YEAR whichever comes first		CHANGE	Speedometer and tachometer cables Throttle control spiral		Replace: Spark plugs Oil filter Time ignition Switch tires Check front and rear fork bearing adjustment
WEEKLY					Check tires Check battery
SPRING AND FALL	CHANGE	CHANGE			

STORAGE

If your motorcycle will not be operated for several months, such as during the winter season, there are several things which should be done to protect parts against corrosion and preserve the battery.

- 1. Run engine until it reaches operating temperature.
- 2. Remove fuel supply hose at tank and drain gas tank, including reserve supply replace hose.
- 3. Mix about 4 ounces of 2-cycle oil in one quart of gasoline and put in gas tank.
- 4. Run engine with gas-oil mix for several minutes until exhaust smokes.
- Remove spark plugs, inject a few squirts of 2cycle oil into each cylinder and crank engine
 or 6 revolutions. Clean and replace plugs.
- 6. Drain oil tank.
- 7. See that rear chain is clean and well lubricated.
- 8. Wax chrome plated surfaces and apply some oil to exposed unpainted surfaces.
- 9. Store battery above freezing temperature, trickle charge at least once a month, and keep water level above plates. If battery is removed from motorcycle it must not be placed directly on ground or concrete.

When riding time comes again, your motorcycle will be ready. Just fill the oil tank, start up and go!

ENGINE

Lubrication

Use proper grade of oil for the lowest temperature expected before next oil change period as follows:

Use Harley-Davidson Oil	Use Grade	Air Temperature (Cold Engine Starting Conditions)
Medium Heavy	75	Above 40 ⁰ F.
Special Light	58	Below 40 [°] F.
Regular Heavy	105	Severe operating conditions at high air temperatures

Your Harley-Davidson dealer has the proper grade oil to suit your requirements. Do not switch brands indiscriminately — some oils tend to interact chemically when mixed.

The oil tank capacity is 4 quarts and is considered full when the oil level is at upper mark on the dipstick. Tighten the cap securely to prevent leakage. The oil signal light on the instrument panel indicates oil circulation. Oil mileage normally varies from 250 to 500 miles per quart depending on the nature of service, solo or sidecar, fast or moderate driving, and how well the engine is kept tuned. If mileage is not within this range, see your dealer.

Remove tank cap and CHECK OIL SUPPLY NOT MORE THAN 300 MILES AFTER EACH COMPLETE REFILL. If oil level is at lower mark on dipstick, two quarts can be added.

CAUTION

Do not allow oil level to go below the lower mark on gauge rod.



Oil will run cooler and mileage will be somewhat higher with oil level well up in tank. Furthermore, unless oil tank is kept well filled, frequent checking of oil level will be necessary to avoid any chance of running dry.

Oil should be changed after the first 500 miles and 1000 miles for a new engine, and thereafter at about 2000 mile intervals in normal service at warm or moderate temperatures. Oil change intervals should be shorter in cold weather -See "Winter Lubrication." Completely drain oil tank of used oil and refill with fresh oil. If service is extremely hard or on dusty roads or in competition, drain and refill at shorter intervals. Draining should be done after a run while oil is hot. It is not necessary to drain the crankcase as it does not accumulate used oil. At the time of the first 500 mile oil change, and along with at least every second oil change thereafter, thoroughly flush and clean out tank with kerosene to remove any sediment and sludge that may have accumulated. Your dealer has facilities for quick flushing and cleaning of oil tank.

Oil Filter

Oil filter is located at the top of the oil tank. To service the filter, unscrew wing nut and remove filter cup from oil tank, remove retaining spring from top of filter and disassemble. Thoroughly wash the filter element in clean gasoline or solvent at least once every 2,000 miles when the engine oil is changed. Renew filter element every 5,000 miles.

Oil Filter Screen and Magnetic Drain Plug

Overhead and tappet oil filter screen (3, figure 9) is located in crankcase above oil pump. Unscrew slotted plug, remove and clean or replace screen. The chain housing magnetic drain plug (11, figure 13) is located at bottom rear of chain housing. Unscrew plug and remove foreign material from end of plug. This should be done when engine oil is changed initially at 500 miles and every 2,000 miles thereafter.

Winter Lubrication

Combustion in any engine generates water vapor. When starting and warming up in cold weather, much of the vapor condenses to water on relatively cool metal surfaces. If engine is driven enough to get the crankcase thoroughly warmed up, frequently, most of this water is again vaporized and blown out through the breather. However, a moderately driven engine, making only short runs now and then and seldom being thoroughly warmed up, is likely to accumulate an increasing amount of water in the oil tank. This water will, in freezing weather, become slush or ice and if allowed to accumulate too long, will block oil lines and damage the engine. Also, water mixed with oil for some time forms sludge that is harmful to the engine and causes undue wear of various working parts. Therefore, in winter the oil change interval should be shorter than normal for all engines, and any engine used only for short runs, particularly in commercial service, must have oil changed frequently along with a thorough tank flushout to remove any water and sludge, before new oil is put in tank. The farther below freezing the temperature drops, the shorter the oil change interval should be.

Air Cleaner

In normal service on hard surfaced roads, remove air cleaner mesh, wash in gasoline, and saturate with engine oil at least every 1000 miles, or oftener under dusty service conditions. In extremely dusty service, clean and oil filter mesh every 100 miles or at least once a day.

Gasoline Strainer

The gasoline strainer is located on top of the gasoline supply valve inside the gasoline tank (see figure 4). If the supply of gasoline is impeded, as indicated by irregular carburction, remove the gasoline supply valve from the tank and thoroughly clean the gasoline strainer. Be sure to drain the tank before removing the gasoline supply valve.



 Chain Inspection Cover 2. Inspection Cover Screws (4)
 Chain Housing Cover Screws (8) 4. Clutch Cover 5. Clutch Cover Screws (3)
 FIGURE 8. CHAIN INSPECTION COVER

TRANSMISSION AND CHAINS

Transmission

Use same grade of oil used in engine.

Remove transmission oil filler plug (11, figure 1) and check oil level every month or every 1000 miles, whichever comes first. Add oil if necessary and fill to the level of the filler opening. The motorcycle should be standing STRAIGHT UP, not leaning on jiffy stand, when adding oil to the transmission. Drain transmission and refill to correct level with fresh, clean oil after the first 500 miles, and thereafter seasonally or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first. If transmission should become submerged in water, drain it immediately and refill to proper level.

Chains

Front Chain

A fixed amount of oil is supplied through an oil line from a metering orifice in the oil pump. Oil drops on front chain from oiler outlet tube (10, figure 13). Excess oil collects at rear of chain compartment and is drawn back into engine gear case breather. When the front chain adjustment is checked at 2000 mile intervals (see page 43), also check to see that oil comes out of oiler tube when engine is running, when viewing through cover inspection hole (1, figure 8). If oil does not come from oiler, supply orifice at pump is probably blocked due to accumulation of dirt, and requires cleaning. To do this, remove orifice screw and washer from oil pump and blow out passage to chain compartment with compressed air.

Rear Chain

Motorcycle is equipped with a rear chain oiler. At regular 2,000 mile intervals, make a close inspection of rear chain. If rear chain does not appear to be getting sufficient lubrication, or if there is evidence of an over-supply of oil, readjustment should be made with rear chain oiler adjusting screw. The rear chain oiler is located on the oil pump as shown in figure 9. Normal setting is 1/4 turn open which provides 2 or 3 drops per minute. If oiler should become blocked, remove screw and clean orifice.

If chain oiler is not being used, brush dirt off chain and lubricate at 1000 mile intervals with Harley-Davidson "Chain Saver," "Chain Spray" or



- 1. Rear Chain Oiler Adjusting Screw
- 2. Rear Chain Oiler Adjusting Screw Locknut
- 3. Cover Plug for Tappet and Overhead Oil Supply Screen

FIGURE 9. REAR CHAIN OILER

"Chain Grease" if available; if not available, use engine oil.

If the motorcycle is operated under extremely dusty or dirty conditions, thorough cleaning and lubrication of the rear chain may be advisable from time to time. Under these conditions, proceed as follows:

Remove chain from motorcycle. Soak and wash it thoroughly in a pan of kerosene. Remove chain from kerosene and hang it up for a time to allow kerosene to drain off. Immerse for a short time in a pan of grease heated to consistency of light engine oil. If grease and facilities for heating are not at hand, substitute engine oil. While immersed, move chain around to be sure that hot grease or oil works through all inside parts. After removing from hot grease or oil, allow chain to drain and wipe all surplus grease or oil from the surface of the chain. Install chain on motorcycle, Inspect connecting link and spring clip closely for bad condition. Replace if at all questionable. Be sure spring clip is properly and securely locked on pin ends.

CHASSIS

Greasing

Use Harley-Davidson "Grease All" for greasing requirements.

All chassis bearings requiring frequent applications of grease are provided with grease gun fittings. Locations and recommended greasing intervals are listed in the SERVICE AND MAIN-TENANCE CHART (Page 23).

Use a hand grease gun to avoid over-greasing. Excess grease produces a messy condition.

Remove and grease handlebar throttle grip spiral with fresh grease every 5,000 miles, or when operation of grip indicates lubrication is necessary.

Remove and grease speedometer and tachometer drive cables every 5,000 miles.

On grease fitting of rear fork pivot bearing housing, apply a very small quantity of grease (one stroke of grease gun) to fitting at 2,000 mile intervals with hand grease gun.

CAUTION

Over-greasing will damage seals.

Pack the steering head bearings with fresh grease at 50,000 miles.

Oil Applications

All control connections and parts as indicated in the SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE CHART (Page 23) should be oiled regularly, particularly after washing motorcycle or driving in wet weather.

Hydra-Glide Fork

The Hydra-Glide fork requires very little maintenance or attention. It requires no greasing. If fork does not appear to be working properly, or an appreciable amount of oil leakage should develop, attention should be given by an authorized Harley-Davidson dealer.

Incorrect recoil action will result if there is insufficient oil in either side of the fork. To check the amount, completely drain the oil and then pour back into each side 6-1/2 to 7 ounces of Harley-Davidson Hydraulic Fork Oil. Oil drained from the fork may be used again provided it does not appear to be contaminated by water or other foreign matter. Add only enough fresh oil to provide the required amount.

If fork should at any time become submerged in water, drain and refill immediately.

In an emergency, when Harley-Davidson Hydraulic Fork Oil is not available, use the lightest automobile engine oil obtainable. Do not use shockabsorber fluid. If engine oil is used, however, drain and replace with Hydraulic Fork Oil as soon as possible. The consistency of engine oil varies with temperature changes, and stiff recoil action and a rough ride will result at lower temperatures. Temperature changes have little effect on the recommended oil.

To drain and refill fork, remove headlamp and headlamp housing, then remove the hex head cap screw at the top of each fork side. Remove the drain plug at the lower end of each slider with a 3/16 inch Allen wrench, and drain the oil into a clean container. Add oil to container, if necessary, to make up the required amount. Replace the drain plugs and add 6-1/2 to 7 ounces of oil through the hole in the upper end of each fork tube. Then install the cap screw and tighten securely.

Filling the fork using only a funnel is a rather slow job because the filler openings in the fork are small and the filler channel tends to become air locked. It is recommended that you see your Harley-Davidson dealer when this service is required, as he has the necessary equipment to do the job cleanly and quickly.

The adjustable trail Hydra-Glide Fork (special equipment for sidecar service) does not have a hex head cap screw at the top of each fork side, but has oil filler plugs at the rear of each fork side which can be removed with a large screw-driver.

Hydraulic Brake

Every 1000 miles, check fluid level in master cylinder (6, figure 1) located just ahead of rear brake foot pedal. When removing filler plug, be sure that all dirt is removed from around filler plug to prevent entrance into reservoir. Level should be 1/4 inch from top of cover. Use only HYDRAULIC BRAKE FLUID, which is approved for use in hydraulic brake systems.

Battery

It is the care given a battery, rather than time and miles of service, which is most important in determining its life.

Solution

Inspect level of battery solution at least once a week during motorcycle operation, adding distilled or other approved water as often as necessary to keep the solution above the plates. If the motorcycle is not used for an extended period of time, check solution level before placing in service.

Remove battery cover and take out 6 screw end filler plugs. With a hydrometer or syringe, add

water to each cell to raise level of solution up to triangle or circle at base of filler hole.

NOTE

If battery is filled to a higher lever, some of the solution will be forced out through the vent holes when battery is charging. This will not only weaken the solution, but also may damage parts near the battery. Avoid getting battery acid on clothing or other fabrics. Keep battery clean and terminal connections tight.

Charging

Check solution in each cell with a battery hydrometer. If hydrometer reading is below 1.200, remove battery and charge it from an outside source. The charging current should be 12 volt direct current and charging rate should not be allowed to go over 4 amperes.

A higher battery charge rate may heat and damage the battery. For this reason, do not allow the motorcycle battery to be charged in the same line with auto batteries. Hydrometer reading of fully charged battery in good condition will be from 1.265 to 1.300.

Allowing battery to remain in a discharged condition for any length of time shortens its life. It is especially important that the battery be kept well charged in below freezing weather. A low or discharged battery is very likely to be frozen and ruined.

Keep the Motorcycle Clean

Keeping the motorcycle clean on the outside as well as on the inside not only is a sign of good maintenance, it is good maintenance. To aid you in keeping your motorcycle clean see your Harley-Davidson dealer for the following:

Harley-Davidson "Gunk" Cleaner

Harley-Davidson "Gunk" will quickly and efficiently remove grease and oil from the metal parts of your motorcycle leaving a clean, bright finish. For unpainted metal surfaces, use full strength. For enameled surfaces, dilute according to instructions on can.

IMPORTANT

Do not allow "Gunk" cleaner to come in contact with any plastic parts such as windshield, trim strips, seat or saddlebags, since it will discolor the surface or cause deterioration. Use Harley-Davidson "Plastic Cleaner" or mild soap and water to clean these materials. Harley-Davidson "Chrome Cleaner"

Use Harley-Davidson "Chrome Cleaner" to make the chrome parts of your motorcycle glitter and sparkle.

Harley-Davidson "Polish and Cleaner"

Harley-Davidson "Polish and Cleaner" is made to clean and polish the enamel parts to maintain or restore these parts as close as possible to their original luster.

Harley-Davidson "Plastic Cleaner"

Harley-Davidson Plastic Cleaner, Part No. 98680-64 is recommended for cleaning of vinyl plastic seats. Cleaner comes in 15 oz. spray can. To use, spray on and allow to set for a few seconds. Then wipe clean with a damp cloth or sponge. Full instructions appear on the can.

To Clean Windshield

Use mild soap or detergent with water to clean plastic windshield. Flush with water first to soften dirt — then wipe clean with sponge or soft cloth using plenty of water. Do not wipe windshield when dry or with dry towel because dirt particles may scratch surface.



To obtain the longest possible life and the best possible performance from your motorcycle it is necessary not only to keep it adequately serviced, but also correctly adjusted to the tolerances to which it was manufactured. The following are the adjustments and general maintenance facts pertaining to your motorcycle.

ENGINE

Spark Plugs

Keep plugs clean and the gap between the electrodes adjusted to .025 inch to .030 inch. Clean with a sand blast cleaner.

Be sure your motorcycle is operating with the correct heat range plug best suited to your type of riding. If in doubt see your Harley-Davidson dealer. It is recommended that new plugs are installed every 5000 miles.



FIGURE 10. CARBURETOR

Carburetor (see figure 10)

The carburetor, once properly adjusted, requires little if any readjustment. It should not be necessary to adjust the low speed needle (1) more than 1/8 turn and the intermediate speed needle (2) more than 1/4 turn, richer or leaner, to correct the mixture for a change in weather conditions. Do not continually tamper with carburetor adjustments. If engine does not start and run right, first look for trouble elsewhere, before checking carburetor.

Inlet fitting (7) and vent fitting (8) have strainer screens located in threaded holes in carburetor body. If faulty carburetion indicates fuelflow is restricted, remove elbow fittings (7 and 8) from body, extract both screens with a bent wire, and blow out passages with an air hose. Replace screens and elbows, being sure that screens are not bent or damaged so as to allow dirt to pass through.

Carburetor Adjustments (see figure 10)

We suggest having carburetor adjustments made by your Harley-Davidson dealer.

The fuel supply for low engine speed is completely regulated by the low speed needle. The fuel supply for intermediate engine speed is also regulated by an adjustable needle. A fixed jet supplies the high speed fuel requirements. Both the intermediate speed needle and low speed needle turn inward (to right) to make mixture leaner at the respective speeds for which they adjust. Backing them out (to left) makes mixture richer. Closed throttle idling speed of engine is adjusted with idle speed stop screw (3).

A carburetor that is badly out of adjustment may be readjusted as follows:

- 1. Make sure carburetor control is adjusted so throttle lever (4) fully closes and opens with handlebar grip movement.
- 2. Turn both the low speed needle (1) and the intermediate speed needle (2) all the way in (to right). Do not close off either needle too tightly or damage to needle and seat may result.
- 3. Back up (left) both needles about 7/8 turn. With needles in this position, engine will start but low speed mixture will probably be too rich.
- 4. Start engine and after it has reached operating temperature and choke has been moved to open position, adjust throttle control to idle speed (700 to 900 RPM).
- 5. Turn low speed needle (1) in (to right) slowly until mixture becomes so lean that engine misses and is inclined to stop; then, slowly back needle out (to left) until engine hits regu-

larly with engine running at idle speed. Starting and all around carburction will be better with low speed adjustment slightly rich, rather than as lean as it can be made.

- 6. Adjust throttle lever stop screw (3) as necessary, to make engine idle at proper speed with throttle in closed position (screw against stop). Turn screw to right to make engine idle faster and to left to make engine idle slower. Do not idle an engine at the slowest possible speed because an extremely slow idling adjustment causes hard starting. Changing the idle speed with throttle stop screw is likely to change the low speed mixture slightly. It will, therefore, be necessary to again check and correct low speed needle adjustment by the same procedure followed in making the initial adjustment.
- 7. Check intermediate speed adjustment, after low speed adjustments have been completed. Run motorcycle on the road at 35 miles per hour. Best all around engine performance can usually be found with the intermediate speed needle (2) set from 3/4 to 7/8 turns open.
- 8. Changing either mixture setting also affects the other setting to some degree. Therefore, it will be necessary to recheck low speed mixture after intermediate mixture final setting is obtained.





ADVANCE MARK POSITION

- 1. Contact Point Adjusting Notch
- 2. Moving Contact Point
- 3. Stationary Contact Point Lock Screw
- 4. Cam Follower
- 5. Breaker Cam
- 6. Circuit Breaker Plate Screw (2)
- 7. Condenser



RETARD MARK POSITION

- 8. Circuit Breaker Plate
- 9. Circuit Breaker Plate Adjusting Notch
- 10. Contacts
- 11. Timing Inspection Hole
- 12. Advance (35^o) Timing Mark on Flywheel
- Retarded (5[°] B. T. C.) Position of Piston Top Center Mark on Flywheel

FIGURE 11. CIRCUIT BREAKER AND TIMING MARKS

Circuit Breaker (See figure 11)

Circuit breaker points should be checked for gap and contact surface condition initially at 500 and 1000 miles, and thereafter every 2000 miles. Remove spark plugs to permit engine to turn easily and rotate flywheels so that cam follower (4) is on either of the highest points of cam (5). Check the gap between the contacts (10) with a .018 inch gage (wire preferred). If it is not exactly .018 inch when the cam follower (4) is on either of the highest points of cam (5), adjustment is necessary. Incorrect point gap spacing affects ignition timing. To adjust the points, loosen the lock screw (3) and move stationary contact plate, using screwdriver in adjusting notch (1) to provide correct contact point gap. Retighten the lock screw (3) and again check the gap to make sure it remains correct. Points in pitted or worn condition should be replaced.

Ignition Timing (See figure 11)

Ignition timing is controlled by the circuit breaker. Correct ignition timing and correct setting of the circuit breaker contact point gap is absolutely necessary for proper engine operation and performance. The spark timing cam is advanced automatically as engine speed increases through action of the flyweights in the circuit breaker base. This insures correct spark timing to suit starting, low speed and high speed requirements.

To check or reset ignition timing proceed as follows:

Remove circuit breaker cover and set circuit breaker contact gap at exactly .018 inch as outlined under CIRCUIT BREAKER.

Checking Advanced Timing With Strobe Timing Light

Use a strobe flash timing light (timing gun) to view advanced timing mark (12) on flywheel through accessory plastic view plug screwed into timing inspection hole (11) while engine is running at 2000 RPM. Timing light leads should be connected to front spark plug, ground and positive red wire to battery terminal. Light will flash each time front cylinder spark occurs. Loosen circuit breaker plate screws (6) just enough so circuit breaker plate (8) can be shifted using a screwdriver in notch (9) as light aimed into inspection hole (11) stops timing mark (12) in center of hole. Timing will retard 30° automatically when engine is stopped. Checking Retarded Timing with Circuit Tester (See figure 11)

If a strobe timing light is not available, approximate timing can be obtained in an emergency, by using the following procedure:

Remove screw plug from timing inspection hole (11) in left side of crankcase. Then remove front push rod cover so that opening and closing of valve can be observed.

Turn engine in direction in which it runs until front piston is on compression stroke (just after front intake valve closes), and continue turning engine very slowly (less than 1/2 revolution) until piston top center timing mark (13) on flywheel is aligned in the inspection hole (11) as shown.

The narrow lobe cam is now at the approximate point at which contacts (10) open and front cylinder

ignition spark occurs. When the wide cam lobe opens the points, rear cylinder ignition spark occurs. Connect a circuit tester such as a light bulb across the contact points to determine the exact point of contact opening. Loosen circuit breaker plate screws (6) just enough to shift circuit breaker plate (8) using a screwdriver in notch (9), so contacts will open exactly when piston top center timing mark (13) is aligned in inspection hole (11) as shown in figure 11.

(This procedure will result in approximate timing and engine can be operated in an emergency for a short period until advanced position timing can be obtained with a strobe timing light.)

At regular intervals of 5000 miles or at least once a year, have your dealer check ignition timing and, if necessary, readjust circuit breaker setting to compensate for wear on circuit breaker that may have caused a slight change in timing. Hydraulic Tappets

Tappets are self-adjusting, hydraulic type. They automatically adjust length to compensate for engine expansion and valve mechanism wear, and thus keep the valve mechanism free of lash when the engine is running. Tappet adjustment is required only in a new engine assembly and when the engine is reassembled after repair. No further readjustment of tappets is required.

When starting an engine which has been shut off even for a few minutes, the valve mechanism may tend to be slightly noisy until the hydraulic units completely refill with oil. If at any time, other than for a short period immediately after engine is started, valve mechanism becomes abnormally noisy, it is an indication that one or more of the hydraulic units may not be functioning properly. Always check the lubricating oil supply in the oil tank first if the valve mechanism is noisy, since normal circulation of oil through the engine is necessary for proper operation of the hydraulic units. If there is oil in the tank, the units may not be functioning properly due to dirt in the oil supply passages leading to the lifter units. Oil tank filter (2, figure 1) and tappet oil supply filter screen (3,

figure 9) may require cleaning. Drive at moderate speed to the nearest Harley-Davidson dealer for further attention.

TRANSMISSION

The need of attention to clutch and controls will be indicated by the clutch slipping under load or dragging in released position. In either case, the first thing to be checked is the adjustment of controls.

Clutch Hand Control

Normally the only attention the clutch hand control requires is occasional readjustment of control coil adjusting sleeve (1, figure 12) to maintain approximately 1/4 inch free movement for hand lever on handlebar before clutch starts to disengage.

Should the need of major readjustment be indicated by a slipping clutch, or dragging clutch indicated by excessive gear clash when shifting, or sleeve adjustment is completely taken up, the following adjustments should be made in the order indicated.

1. Move end of lever on transmission forward to a position where it becomes firm indicating



- 1. Clutch Control Cable Adjusting Sleeve
- 2. Locknut
- 3. Bracket
- 4. Starter Motor
- 5. Clutch Actuating Lever
- 6. Clutch Adjusting Screw Locknut
- 7. Clutch Adjusting Screw
- 8. Clutch Plate Spring Tension Nuts (3)

FIGURE 12. CLUTCH CONTROL ADJUSTMENTS



that all slack in the actuating mechanism has been taken up. Measure clearance between starter motor (4) and clutch lever (5) which should be 1/2 inch. If necessary to readjust to obtain this position of lever follow the instructions in the next step.

- 2. Steps 2, 3 and 4 are required only if clutch actuating lever is not positioned correctly. Loosen control coil adjusting sleeve lock nut (2, figure 12) and turn control coil adjusting sleeve (1, figure 12) all the way into bracket (3).
- 3. Remove clutch cover, loosen push rod adjusting screw lock nut (6) and turn push rod adjusting screw (7) in (clockwise) to move end of lever to the rear; out (counterclockwise) to move end of lever forward. When 1/2 inch clearance between lever and starter motor has been attained, tighten lock nut (6) and reinstall cover.
- Turn adjusting sleeve (1) outward until end of clutch hand lever has 1/4 inch free movement before releasing pressure is applied to clutch. When adjustment is attained, tighten lock nut (2). IMPORTANT - Chain housing must be air tight with cover reinstalled.

Check to determine that foot shift lever positioning mark is aligned with clamping slot of foot lever. Foot pedal can be raised or lowered by adjusting clevis on shifter rod end.

Clutch Foot Control

Proceed as follows to adjust foot control:

- 1. With the foot pedal in the fully engaged position (toe down) the clutch lever should have 1/4 inch clearance with starter drive housing, and foot pedal rod end should have 1/8 free end clearance in lever slot.
- 2. To adjust, remove the chain housing cover, set the foot pedal in the fully engaged position (toe down), loosen the lock nut (6, figure 12) and readjust the push rod adjusting screw (7) with a screwdriver so that the end of the lever is about 1/2 inch away from starter housing. Be sure that clutch lever rod end has 1/8 inch free movement in lever slot before clutch disengages. IMPORTANT Chain housing must be air tight with cover reinstalled.

Clutch

If, after readjusting the clutch controls, the clutch still slips, increase the spring tension by tightening (turn right) the three nuts (8, figure 12). Tighten all three nuts one-half turn at a time until clutch holds. Test after each half turn by cranking the engine. Usually a clutch that holds without noticeable slippage when cranking the engine also holds on the road. Do not increase spring tension any more than is actually required to make clutch hold.

A new clutch is originally assembled and adjusted so that the distance from the inner edge of the shoulder on the spring collar to the outer surface of the outer disc is 1-1/32 inch. If compressed so that this distance is less than 7/8 inch, the clutch probably cannot be fully released.

If it is necessary to tighten the spring tension beyond the limit indicated above, it will be necessary to disassemble the clutch for inspection of the clutch discs. Some of the discs may be worn and require replacement or they may be oil soaked and in need of washing and drying. It is advisable, if the above condition exists, to take your motorcycle to your Harley-Davidson dealer.

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Hand Shift (see figure 6)
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The hand shift normally requires readjustment only to compensate for wear. To correct hand shift lever position, proceed as follows:

- 1. Move the shifting lever to third position on four-speed transmissions and to second position on three-speed transmissions.
- 2. Disconnect shifter rod from shifter lever; with slight backward and forward movement carefully "feel" the transmission lever into exact position where the shifter spring plunger (inside transmission) seats fully in its retaining notch.
- 3. Turn the clevis in or out, carefully refit the shifter rod to the shifting lever without disturbing the shifting lever's exact positioning.

CHASSIS

Chains

Inspect the adjustment of the rear chain at 1000 mile intervals and the front chain at 2000 mile intervals and readjust them if necessary. Adjustment of front chain can be checked through inspection hole (1, figure 8) after removing cover. If chains are allowed to run too loose they will cause the motorcycle to jerk when running at low speed, and both the chains and sprockets will wear excessively.

Adjust both front and rear chains so they have the correct amount of free movement up and down, midway between sprockets. Do not adjust too tight, because running chains too tight is even more harmful than running them too loose. As chains stretch and wear in service, they will run tighter at one point on the sprockets than at another; always check adjustment at the tightest point.

Inspect chains occasionally for links in bad condition. If any are found, replacement of entire chain is recommended. The rear chain can be taken apart and removed after locating and taking out the springlocked connecting link. See "Rear Chain Repair." The front chain is not provided with such a connecting link. Therefore, it is necessary to remove the engine sprocket, chain adjuster and clutch before the chain can be taken off for replacement.

Front Chain Adjustment (see figure 13)

To disassemble chain housing cover, for access to chain, remove rear pivot bolt from left footboard and swing rear end of footboard down, away from chain housing cover. Remove 8 cover attaching screws and remove cover.

Front chain tension is adjusted by means of a shoe (5) which is raised or lowered underneath the chain to tighten or loosen it. The shoe support bracket (8) moves up or down in slotted backplate (9) after loosening center bolt (7) in backplate nut. Adjust shoe support as necessary to obtain specified up and down free movement in upper strand of chain, midway between sprockets and retighten bolt securely.

Front Chain Adjustment:

5/8 to 7/8 inch chain slack with cold engine 3/8 to 5/8 inch chain slack with hot engine

Shoe support bracket (8) and outer plate (6) have two sets of shoe attaching holes (A and B) so that entire assembly can be inverted to accommodate various sprocket sizes or chain lengths.

To change over, remove center bolt (7), remove two shoe attaching capscrews from set of holes (A), invert shoe and attach to alternate set of holes (B) with capscrews. Invert support bracket and outer plate and reattach with center bolt engaged in backplate nut.

Important! Chain housing must be airtight with cover reinstalled — use new gasket and gasket sealer.

Rear Chain Adjustment (see figure 15)

Remove the rear axle nut (3) and lock washer, and loosen brake sleeve nut (4) and brake anchor stud nut (5). Loosen the lock nut (6) on wheel adjusting screw (7) on both sides of motorcycle. Turn adjusting screws as necessary to correctly readjust the chain. Turn each screw an equal number of turns in order to keep wheel in alignment.

Front Brake Adjustment (see figure 14)

A correctly adjusted rear chain should have 1/2 inch free up and down movement half way between

transmission sprocket and rear wheel sprocket. chain. When readjustment is completed, be sure to securely retighten the sleeve nut, axle nut, anchor stud nut and adjusting screw lock nuts in order.

Rear Chain Repair

To repair rear chain in an emergency, remove the damaged links by pushing out the riveted link pins with a chain repair tool (obtained from dealer). Then fit the necessary repair links. This tool is also used to remove press fit connecting link sideplate when replacing entire rear chain.

Check correct alignment of the wheel to see that the tire runs about midway between rear fork and also that the rear sprocket runs centrally in the

Brakes

Front Brake Adjustment (see figure 14)

When the front wheel brake is properly adjusted the hand lever will move freely about one quarter of its full movement before the brake starts to take effect. If adjusted tighter, the brake may drag. To adjust brake, loosen lock nut (1) on adjusting sleeve (2) and turn lower nut (3) in toward the cable



- 1. Clutch
- 2. Push Rod Adjusting Screw Lock Nut
- 3. Push Rod Adjusting Screw
- 4. Spring Tension Nuts (3)
- 5. Front Chain Adjusting Shoe
- 6. Outer Plate
- 7. Support Bracket Center Bolt
- 8. Shoe Support Bracket

- 9. Slotted Backplate
- 10. Front Chain Oiler
- 11. Chain Housing Magnetic Drain Plug
- A and B. Two Sets of Shoe Attaching Holes

FIGURE 13. FRONT CHAIN AND CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT



FIGURE 14. FRONT BRAKE ADJUSTMENT

support tube to decrease the free movement of the lever (1) and tighten brake. Turn the lower nut (3) away from the cable support tube to increase the free movement of lever and loosen brake. When free movement of the hand lever is about onequarter its full movement, tighten lock nut (1) securely against the adjusting sleeve nut (3).

Rear Brake Adjustment

The rear wheel is equipped with a hydraulic brake. When the brake is properly adjusted, the foot pedal will move freely approximately 1-1/4 inches before the brake starts to take effect. Adjustment of the brake shoes is required periodically to compensate for lining wear. Pedal adjustment may also be necessary due to pedal linkage wear.

Rear Brake Shoe Adjustment (see figure 15)

Remove chain guard rear mounting bolt and swing rear end of guard upward as shown in illustration.

To adjust brake shoes, raise rear wheel so it can be turned freely by hand. Two adjusting cam



FIGURE 15. REAR BRAKE SHOE AND CHAIN ADJUSTMENT



FIGURE 16. REAR BRAKE PEDAL ADJUSTMENT square head nuts (1) and (2), one for each brake shoe, are located on the outside of the brake backing plate. Using a square end wrench on front cam shoe nut, turn brake front shoe cam (1) counterclockwise until lining contacts drum, causing a noticeable drag when wheel is turned. Rock wheel back and forth to center the brake shoes. Next, back off cam approximately 1/32 turn, until wheel turns freely. Repeat this adjusting procedure on rear shoe cam nut (2), turning the rear shoe cam clockwise until lining contacts drum and brake drags; rock wheel, and back off cam 1/32 turn until wheel turns freely.

Rear Brake Pedal Adjustment (see figure 16)

Work brake pedal (1) back and forth by hand to determine free play before push rod contacts piston in master cylinder. Free play of push rod should be approximately 1/16 inch. Adjustment is made by loosening master cylinder rear bolt (4) and brake pedal stop plate bolt (2). Move front end of plate (3) down to decrease free play, or up to increase free play. Wheels

Front and rear wheels can be detached when necessary to remove for wheel or tire service. When detached from drums, wheels are interchangeable.

Removing Rear Wheel (see figure 17)

Support rear end of motorcycle with rear wheel off the ground. Remove two rear screws from fender support, and raise end of fender. Remove the five socket screws that secure wheel to brake drum. The socket screw wrench can be inserted only at the rear of axle so the wheel will have to be turned to bring each screw to this position.

Remove axle nut (3) and axle nut lock (2). Remove axle (1) and then remove spacer (5) from between wheel hub and right axle clip. Apply rear brake to hold brake drum securely while pulling wheel away from brake drum. Wheel is then free to come out to rear with fender end raised as shown.

NOTE

Foot Brake Lever Locking Tool, Part No. 95875-58, can be used to lock brake. To use tool, raise right side foot board, slip tool over brake lever stop pin, depress



FIGURE 17. REAR WHEEL REMOVAL

brake pedal and rotate tool so that cam on tool end locks brake pedal in depressed position. Above tool is obtainable from your dealer.

When reassembling wheel, reverse the removal procedure.

IMPORTANT

Drum flange, dowels, and recess in wheel hub must be clean so that wheel will be true and tight against brake drum when socket screws are tightened.

Securely tighten the five wheel socket screws before tightening the axle nut (3). To avoid any possibility of wheel working loose and damaging clamping flange, it is important that socket screws be pulled very tight. This wrench is furnished in accessory tool kit. Ears of axle nut lock (2) fit over brake sleeve nut flats to prevent loosening (see figure 15).

Remove the cotter pin (1), axle nut (2) and flat washer (3). Remove the five wheel mounting socket screws (5), loosen the two slider cap nuts (6) and remove axle (4). The front wheel is now free to come out, leaving the brake drum in its place over the brake shoes.

When replacing the wheel, reverse the removal procedure.

IMPORTANT

Drum flange, dowels, and recess in wheel hub must be clean so that wheel will be true and tight against brake drum when socket screws are tightened.

Securely tighten wheel mounting socket screws (5) and axle nut (2), and then tighten the two slider cap nuts (6). This will insure correct alignment of fork sides.

Wheel Bearings

Front and rear wheels have permanently lubricated and sealed, retainer type ball bearings.

Bearings require no interval attention. Excessive looseness or roughness in bearings when wheel is turned indicates worn bearings and they will require replacement.

Tires

Care should be taken to keep tires properly inflated. See Tire Data, Page 5 for correct tire inflation pressures. Do not over-inflate tires. The front tire



FIGURE 18. FRONT WHEEL REMOVAL



FIGURE 19. SADDLE SPRING POST

of a solo motorcycle normally wears unevenly and becomes peaked to some extent. It is recommended, with a solo motorcycle particularly, that wheels and tires be transposed at intervals of approximately 5,000 miles. This will stabilize high speed operation and also equalize wear.

Both tires have inner tubes and rim bands. Because tires, tubes and wheels are critical safety items, we recommend your Harley-Davidson dealer for parts and service.

Saddle Spring Post (see figure 19)

The saddle cushion spring assembly (three lower springs) of a standard saddle post is adjusted for the average weight rider to give maximum riding comfort. Adjustment can be changed for lighter or heavier than average rider, and different springs can be obtained, if desired, from your dealer.

To disassemble spring post from motorcycle, raise the saddle, remove saddle post clamp nut (5), which is located underneath frame at bottom end of post tube. The post assembly can then be pulled out for greasing or servicing. When the post assembly is inserted back into the frame tube see that the flat side, machined on the post rod nut (4), registers in flat side of the hole in the bottom of the tube.

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Headlamp

The headlamp is of the sealed beam type. When replacement is required use only the prescribed sealed unit available from your Harley-Davidson dealer.

Replacing Headlamp Sealed Beam Unit (see figure 20)

If either filament burns out or if the lens breaks, the entire sealed beam unit must be discarded and a new unit installed.

To install a new unit loosen door screw (1) enough to remove headlamp door (2). Remove the three retaining ring screws (4) and remove retaining ring (3). The sealed beam unit (5) is now free from the headlamp body, and the connector block (7) can now be removed from the unit by pulling connector block (6) from the unit's prongs.

Install the new unit by reversing above operations. Make sure prongs on unit are clean to assure good contact with connector block. No attempt should be made to repair a defective sealed beam unit. When the seal is broken the reflector tarnishes and poor light and road visibility result.

Headlamp Adjustment (see figure 20)

The headlamp beam must be adjusted for height and direction. To get the greatest efficiency from the headlamp and to meet the requirements of the law make the following adjustment in a darkened room or at night.

1. Have the motorcycle standing on a level surface with tires correctly inflated about 25 feet away from, and headed toward, a wall or screen upon which a horizontal line has been drawn at exactly the same height as the headlamp center. The motorcycle must be resting on both wheels and the front wheel must be in straight alignment.



To properly adjust the headlamp it will be necessary to have someone of about the same weight as the rider seated on the motorcycle because the weight of the rider will compress the fork slightly.



- 1. Door Screw
- 2. Headlamp Door
- 3. Retaining Ring
- 4. Retaining Ring Screws
- 5. Sealed Beam Unit
- 6. Connector Block
- 7. Vertical Adjustment Screw
- 8. Horizontal Adjustment Screw

FIGURE 20. REPLACING THE SEALED-BEAM UNIT

- 2. Turn on light switch, set handlebar toggle switch in BRIGHT position, and check light beam for height and direction. The top of the main beam of light should register on the wall or screen even with, but no higher than, the horizontal line mentioned above.
- 3. If beam requires adjustment, remove headlamp door. The lamp can be tilted up or down to aim it in relation to the horizontal line by turning vertical adjustment screw (7) in or out. The lamp can be aimed to the right or left in relation to the front wheel by turning the horizontal adjustment screw (8) in or out.

Alternator Charging Rate and Control Module

The alternator output is controlled and changed to direct current by the control module located at the front of the engine. The regulator portion functions to increase charging rate when battery is low or lamps are lighted, and to decrease charging rate when no lamps are lighted and when battery is up. This unit requires no interval attention. Should any electrical system trouble be experienced that might be traceable to the alternator or control module, the motorcycle should be taken to your Harley-Davidson dealer who has the necessary electrical testing equipment to give required attention.

Bulb Chart

The bulb chart, facing, gives the location and bulb requirements for your Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

BULB CHART

Lamp Description	Number of Bulbs Required	Candle Power or Wattage	Harley-Davidson Part Number
HEADLAMP	1		67717-64
Hi Beam Low Beam		50 Watts 45 Watts	
TAIL AND STOP LAMP	1		68165-64
Tail Lamp Stop Lamp		4C.P. 32C.P.	
INSTRUMENT PANEL			
High Beam Indicator Light Neutral Indicator Light Generator Signal Light Oil Pressure Signal Light Speedometer Light	1 1 1 1 1	2C. P. 2C. P. 2C. P. 2C. P. 2C. P. 1.5C. P.	68462-64 68462-64 68462-64 68462-64 71090-64
ACCESSORIES			
Spot Lamp Sealed Beam Unit Spot Lamp Bulb Parking Lamps Turn Indicator Lamps Turn Indicator Pilot Lamps	1 1 - 4 2	30 Watts 32C.P. 3C.P. 32C.P. 1.5C.P.	68726-64 68715-64 68166-64 68572-64A 71090-64



FIGURE 21. WIRING DIAGRAM - PART I



FIGURE 21. WIRING DIAGRAM - PART 2

Key for Wiring Diagram

- 1 to 13 Front terminal board terminals
- 14 Switch tail lamp terminal
- 15 Switch ignition terminal
- 16 Switch terminal (not used with standard wiring)
- 17 Switch headlamp terminal
- 18 Switch supply terminal
- 19 Regulator-rectifier module
- 20 Alternator to module connector plug
- 21 Alternator stator
- 22 Tail and stop lamp
- 23 Battery positive terminal
- 24 Battery negative terminal
- 25 Oil pressure signal switch
- 26 Handlebar headlamp switch
- 27 Horn switch
- 28 Ignition circuit breaker
- 29 Stop lamp switch rear
- 30 Starter solenoid
- 31 Starter motor
- 32 Ignition coil
- 33 Rear terminal board terminal top
- 34 Rear terminal board terminal
- 35 Rear terminal board terminal
- 36 Rear terminal board terminal
- 37 Rear terminal board terminal bottom

- 38 Speedometer light
- 39 Headlamp
- 40 Neutral indicator light
- 41 Neutral switch
- 42 Starter button
- 43 Oil signal light
- 44 Horn
- 45 High beam indicator lamp
- 46 Overload circuit breaker
- 47 Starter relay
- 48 Direction signal switch
- 49 Direction signal flasher
- 50 Left front direction lamp
- 51 Right front direction lamp
- 52 Left rear direction lamp
- 53 Right rear direction lamp
- 54 Left direction signal pilot lamp
- 55 Right direction signal pilot lamp
- 56 Stop lamp switch front
- 57 Connector
- 58 Terminal board mounting screw
- 59 Transmission stud
- 60 Frame lug bolt
- 61 Handlebar



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CONSUMER INFORMATION FOR 1970 ELECTRA GLIDE MODELS FLH, FLP

ACCELERATION AND PASSING ABILITY

Required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Regulation 375.106

This figure indicates passing times and distances that can be met or exceeded by the vehicle to which it applies, in the situations diagrammed below.

The low speed pass assumes an initial speed of 20 MPH and a limiting speed of 35 MPH. The high speed assumes an initial speed of 50 MPH and a limiting speed of 80 MPH, or maximum attainable lower speed.

Notice: The information presented represents results obtainable by skilled drivers under controlled road and vehicle conditions, and the information may not be correct under other conditions.

Description of vehicle: Harley-Davidson 1970 ELECTRA GLIDE MODELS FLH, FLP



Tested at maximum loaded vehicle weight includes 300 lb. driver & passenger load plus full accessory equipment.

STOPPING DISTANCE

Required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Regulation 375.101

This figure indicates braking performance that can be met or exceeded by the vehicle to applies, without locking the wheels, under different conditions of loading.

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