# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

# DRAG SPECIALTIES PYTHON PREDATOR MUFFLERS P/N 1801-0376/0437

**ATTENTION INSTALLER** (if other than owner): Please forward this Instruction Sheet to the purchaser of this product. These instructions contain valuable information necessary to the end user.

**INTRODUCTION:** These instructions describe the procedure for properly installing the Python Predator mufflers on 1995-2010 FLT, FLHT, FLHR, FLTR models. Review instructions carefully before beginning, as they contain important information. Please retain for future reference.

Particularly important information is distinguished in these instructions by the following notations:

**NOTE: A NOTE:** provides key information to make procedures easier or clearer.

**CAUTION: A CAUTION:** Indicates special procedures that must be followed to avoid damage to the motorcycle and/ or accessories.

**WARNING!:** A WARNING!: Indicates special procedures that must be followed to avoid injury to a motorcycle operator or person inspecting or repairing the motorcycle.

#### **TOOLS REQUIRED:**

<sup>3</sup>/8" ratchet & extensions <sup>1</sup>/2" and <sup>9</sup>/16" sockets

 $^{1\!/\!2"}$  and  $^{9\!/\!16"}$  combination wrench

## PROCEDURE:

#### STOCK EXHAUST SYSTEM REMOVAL

- 1. Remove both left and right saddlebags and set them aside.
- 2. Loosen the bolt from the pinch clamp on the front end of each muffler.

**NOTE:** On the older model Dressers, spread the clamps just enough to remove them.

- **3.** Remove the two <sup>5</sup>/16" bolts that mount the muffler to the saddlebag supports. Repeat this step on the opposite muffler. Save these for re-use.
- 4. Remove the stock mufflers and set them aside.

**NOTE:** It may be necessary to use a penetrating lubricant to loosen the muffler from the headpipe.

### PYTHON EXHAUST SYSTEM INSTALLATION

1. Install the band clamps (supplied) over the front of each muffler so that the bolt is to the inside and the nut is facing down (FIGURE 1).



NOTE: New band clamps are supplied; do not use the old clamps.

 Slip each muffler over the stock headpipe, and mount each muffler to the saddlebag support using the two stock <sup>5</sup>/16" bolts and tighten. Make sure the muffler bodies are inserted fully onto the headpipe.



**NOTE:** There is a different muffler for the left and right side of the motorcycle. The dent in each canister should always be facing in towards the rear tire. This is to allow clearance for the swingarm and axle.

- **3.** Tighten the two muffler clamps. (Torque Specification is 40-45 ft.-lbs.)
- 4. Be sure to tighten all hardware before starting your motorcycle.
- 5. Replace the saddlebags.
- 6. After installation and before starting motorcycle, completely clean pipes and mufflers with soapy water and a clean, soft cloth that will not leave a residue.

**CAUTION:** Any residue, oil, or fingerprints will stain the chrome when the metal heats up.

- 1. When installing a new set of chrome pipes, make sure your hands are clean and free of oil. After installation, thoroughly clean pipes with a soft cloth and cleaning solvent that will leave no residue (chrome wax/polish, glass cleaner, alcohol, ammonia, etc.) before starting the motorcycle.
- 2. Avoid long periods of idling as this can cause discoloration.
- Intake leaks can cause the engine to run lean and overheat; this could lead to discoloration.
- Make sure there are no exhaust leaks at the junction of the exhaust pipes and cylinder head. We recommend replacing gaskets if they are worn.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Every effort is made for Python Exhaust Systems to provide improved cornering clearance. However, due to design and space limitations on some motorcycle models, ground and cornering clearance may not be improved and in some cases may be reduced. Be sure to follow proper installation instructions.

**WARNING!:** Before operating motorcycle, be sure all hardware is tight.

#### ACCESSORY BAFFLES

Optional Quiet baffle **PART #1861-0571** Optional Competition baffle **PART #1861-0570** 



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