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REAR FORK BEARING / XL, XLCH

Rear Fork Bearing Kit, Part No. 47550-74, is now being supplied through parts order in place of individual bearing, Part No. 47521-52, which is no longer available. The new Kit contains 2 bearings which are .100 in. narrower than the original production bearings used in Sportster models up to February 1974. The Kit also contains a new Pivot Bolt Nut, Left Bearing Locknut, Right Bearing Locknut and Outer Spacer which have dimensional changes to accommodate the narrower bearings. All these parts must be used together to obtain the correct rear fork bearing fit.

Parts used on new and old assemblies are listed below:

New Part	Name	Old Part
47550-74 Consists of:	Rear Fork Bearing Kit	(Kit replaces 47521-52 Brg.)
47512-74	Pivot Bolt Nut	47512 - 52
47514-74	Left Bearing Locknut	47514-52
47515 - 74	Right Bearing Locknut	47515 -52
47517-74	Outer Spacer	47517-52
47521 -74	Bearing (2 used)	47521-52 (obsolete)

Note that old parts and new parts can be ordered individually; however, old parts and new parts must not be intermixed on a complete rear fork pivot shaft and bearing assembly.

CAUTION! Correct bearing clearance and specified fork bearing preload cannot be obtained with intermixed parts. Correct bearing preload is essential for satisfactory motorcycle operation and proper motorcycle handling.

The XL/XLCH Service Manual contains instructions for assembly of the rear fork under the heading 'REAR FORK' in Section 2.

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