

**WHEEL BEARINGS — 1980 FLT MOTORCYCLES**

The front and/or rear wheel bearings on some 1980 FLT model motorcycles might fail due to lack of lubrication and inadequate sealing.

We have decided to declare this a safety defect and are recalling all 1980 FLT models, except those listed at the end of this bulletin, in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Although only a small number of these vehicles, approximately 10%, may be subject to actual bearing failure, all 1980 FLT models should be serviced as soon as possible. Service procedures are given later in this bulletin.

To take care of your immediate requirements, we will ship all Dealers two special Code 052 Service Kits, Part No. 93344, no charge, transportation prepaid.

Please determine the balance of Kits you will require and order only that number using the enclosed special blue Warranty Code 052 Parts and Accessory Order Form. The additional Kits will be shipped no charge, transportation prepaid only if ordered on the special blue order form. These service kits cannot be ordered any other way.

The no-charge shipment portion of this program will expire on August 15, 1981. After that date, any Kits ordered or any Kits shipped but not used will be charged to your account as a normal parts order item and you will receive parts and labor credit after the properly completed Code 052 Dealer Service Card is returned.

**NOTE**

*Both front and rear wheel bearing assemblies must be replaced on each vehicle. Each service kit contains the parts required for both wheels.*

Dealers will also be sent a special WHEEL BEARING INSTALLATION TOOL, Part No. 94440-81, and a can of WHEEL BEARING GREASE, Part No. 99855-80, at no charge. There is no need to order these parts separately.

All registered owners of record are being notified by mail to contact you and arrange to have this service performed at no charge to them. (See enclosed letter). Each registered owner letter will include a Dealer Service Card 052 which must be completed, dated, and signed by both the customer and the Dealer.

We are including a list of registered owners and a list of unregistered vehicles delivered to your Dealership which are involved in this Campaign. It is your responsibility to perform the required service on all potentially affected vehicles, including those which may not show up on your lists. We are enclosing sufficient blank Dealer Service Cards for those vehicles. If necessary, additional cards are available through the Service Department. Be sure to check the VIN list at the end of this bulletin to see if the service has already been performed at York prior to shipment.

**IMPORTANT**

Because only registered owners, as shown on the enclosed list, will receive notification from us, we request that you contact any owners of vehicles still listed as UNREGISTERED, warn them of the safety recall, and make arrangements for them to come in for service. We also request you provide us with their names, addresses and VIN's as soon as possible to enable us to mail them an owner's letter as required by the National Traffic Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended.

After servicing each motorcycle, be sure to completely fill out the special Dealer Service Card provided. Fill in your Dealer Account Number, the Service Code (in this case 052), the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), and your Dealership name and address along with the owner information if it is blank. Be sure to place a "C" in the letter box and a quantity of "1" in the quantity box on each card. All cards must be signed and dated by both the customer and you.

The properly completed card and the replaced rear wheel sprocket assembly, front wheel bearing housing and both inner races, must be returned in the same box. Put a return address P-label, Form No. 1248, on the outside of the box containing the replaced parts and the Dealer Card(s) you are returning to us.

Upon receipt of a properly completed 052 Card and the replaced rear wheel sprocket assembly, front wheel bearing housing and both inner races, your account will be credited 4 hours for each vehicle serviced. This credit will cover the costs of labor and paper processing.

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## NOTE

If at any time you are not sure that a Safety Recall has been completed on a motorcycle, contact the Service Department for a computer check of our recall records. Remember that this recall should be performed on any recalled 1980 FLT regardless of its length of service.

## REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE

Carefully raise the motorcycle so that both front and rear wheels are off the floor.

### FRONT WHEEL BEARING

1. Remove the front wheel as described in the 1981 FLT Service Manual, Part No. 99483-81, on page 2-9.
2. Disassemble the wheel as described in the 1981 FLT Service Manual with one exception. There is no need to remove the left disc.

## NOTE

Right disc screws should be loosened with a hammer impact tool. If necessary, apply heat to the center of the screw head for 2-4 minutes each. Be sure not to hold the flame too close to the screw causing the metal to flow.

3. Place the 2 1/4" diameter pilot from the tool on the axle with the knurled side of the pilot against the head of the axle as shown in Figure 1. Insert the axle into the side of the wheel opposite the valve stem with the collar inside the counterbore of the wheel hub.
4. Lightly coat the outside diameter of the new INNER RACE, Part No. 41118-81, with the special grease and insert it into cavity of the bearing pilot of the tool as shown in Figure 1. Pack the new NEEDLE BEARING, Part No. 9116, with the special grease and install it over the inner race with the lettered side facing the bearing pilot. See Figure 1. Place a ridge of grease around the edge of the bearing as shown.

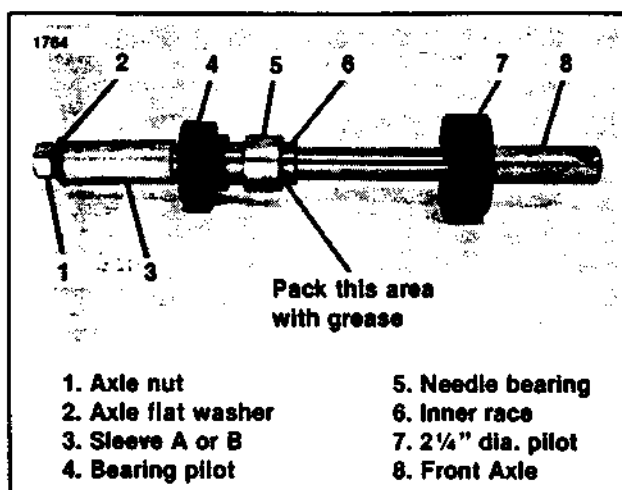


Figure 1. Front & Rear Wheel Bearing Installation

## WARNING

Be sure to install the bearing with the flat/lettered side facing the bearing pilot. Pressing on the wrong side of the bearing could damage the bearing case and destroy the bearing. For the same reason, do not pound on the bearing, axle or pilot to install the bearing.

## WARNING

Do not get any grease on the brake discs, pads, or tires.

## CAUTION

Be sure to keep dirt away from the bearing and inner race. Take care not to damage the bearing or inner race during installation.

## NOTE

See Figure 3. The retaining ring (3) should be discarded since it is not used with the new inner race (4A).

5. See Figure 1. Place this assembly on the axle followed by sleeve A, the axle flat washer and the axle nut. Tighten the nut until it bottoms on the axle threads.
6. Remove the nut, washer and sleeve A. Install sleeve B, washer and nut. Tighten the axle nut until the bearing pilot contacts the wheel hub. The bearing should now be recessed into the hub enough to allow room for the seal. Remove the sleeve, bearing pilot, inner race and axle.
7. See Figure 2. Place the bearing pilot on the axle with the axle head recessed inside the bearing pilot. Place the seal over the axle with the numbered side facing the flat side of the bearing pilot. Place the inner race on the axle and inside the seal. Insert the axle through the valve stem side of the wheel and through the 2 1/4" dia. pilot.

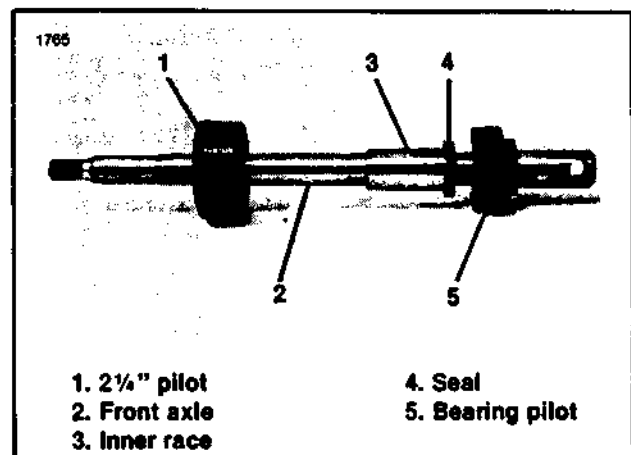


Figure 2. Front & Rear Wheel Seal Installation

1. Cast wheel
2. Old spacer
- 2A. New spacer
3. Retaining ring
4. Old inner race
- 4A. New inner race
5. New seal
6. Bearing
7. Bearing housing (front wheel only)

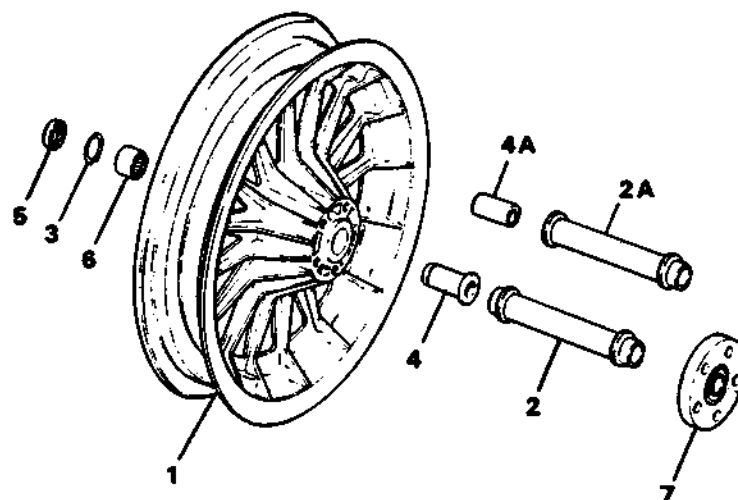


Figure 3. Wheel — Exploded View

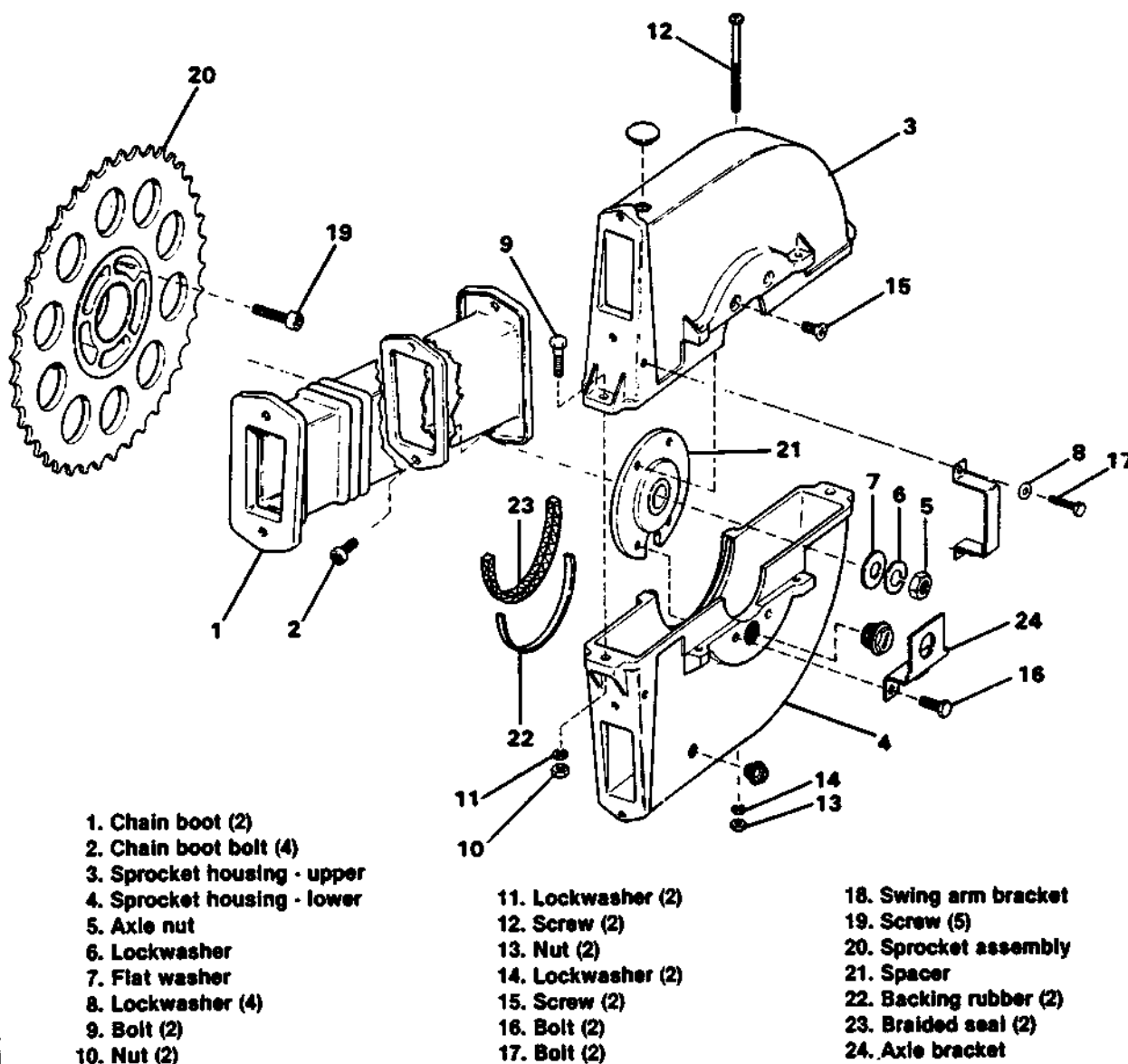


Figure 4. Rear Wheel Sprocket & Housing — Exploded View

8. With the 2¼" dia. pilot in place in the wheel hub, tap the seal in place by tapping the axle head with a mallet until the pilot is flush against the wheel hub. This will ensure the seal is not cocked or damaged during installation.
9. Remove the axle, bearing pilot and 2¼" dia. pilot, but leave the inner race inside the bearing and seal.
10. See Figure 3. Using moderate thumb pressure, insert the new SPACER (2A), Part No. 43644-81, as far as it will go into the opposite side of the wheel with the flatter end against the inner race (4A). The inner race should project slightly from the wheel hub and seal (5).
11. See Figure 3. Place the new BEARING HOUSING (7), Part No. 43939-79A, on the right side of the wheel.
12. Secure the right disc and bearing housing to the wheel with the 5 new DISC SCREWS, Part No. 1642. Tighten these screws to 45 ft-lbs torque.
13. Set the wheel aside for now as the front axle will be used to install the rear wheel bearing.

#### REAR WHEEL BEARING

1. Remove both saddlebags and mufflers.
2. See Figure 4. Remove the four bolts (2) fastening the upper and lower chain boots (1) to the sprocket housing (3 and 4).
3. See Figure 5. Pull the upper boot forward and rotate the rear wheel until the chain master link appears at the opening a few inches in front of the upper sprocket housing. Shift the transmission into first gear and remove the chain master link. Wire the front portion of the chain to the saddlebag bracket as shown to prevent the chain from rotating off the transmission sprocket.
4. See Figure 4. Unwrap the rear portion of the chain from the wheel sprocket. Remove the upper bolt (17) and washer (8) and bend the swing arm bracket (18) away from the swing arm. Remove the axle nut (5), lockwasher (6) and washer (7). Remove the axle and wheel with the sprocket housing attached.

#### CAUTION

Do not operate the rear brake pedal when the rear wheel is removed because the brake caliper piston may be forced out of the caliper bore. The brake system will require disassembly to reseal the piston.

5. See Figure 4. Remove the two sprocket housing bolts (9), nuts (10) and lockwashers (11). Remove the two screws (12), nuts (13) and lockwashers (14). Remove the two screws (15), bolts (16) and axle

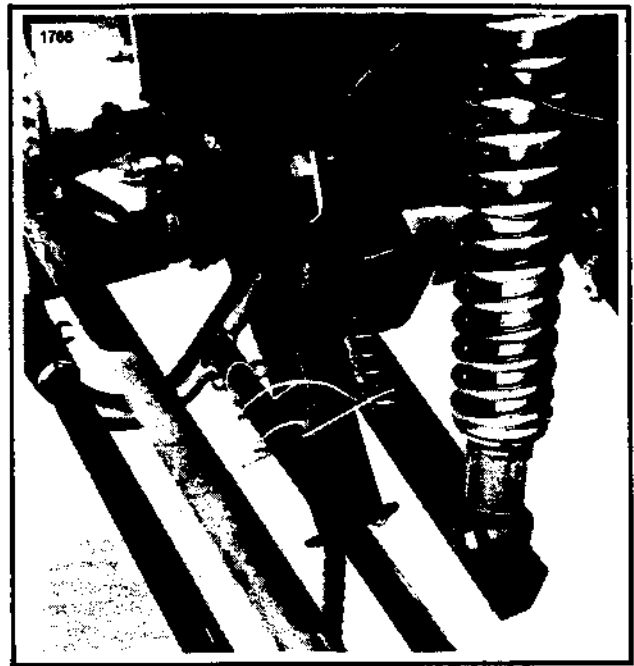


Figure 5. Wiring Chain to Saddlebag Bracket

bracket (24) and separate the sprocket housing halves (3 and 4).

6. See Figure 4. Remove the five sprockets screws (19) and sprocket assembly (20).
7. See Figure 3. Remove the inner spacer (2). Press out the bearing (6), inner race (4) and retaining ring (3) as an assembly, from the RIGHT to the LEFT side of the wheel using a 15/16" socket. See Figure 6.



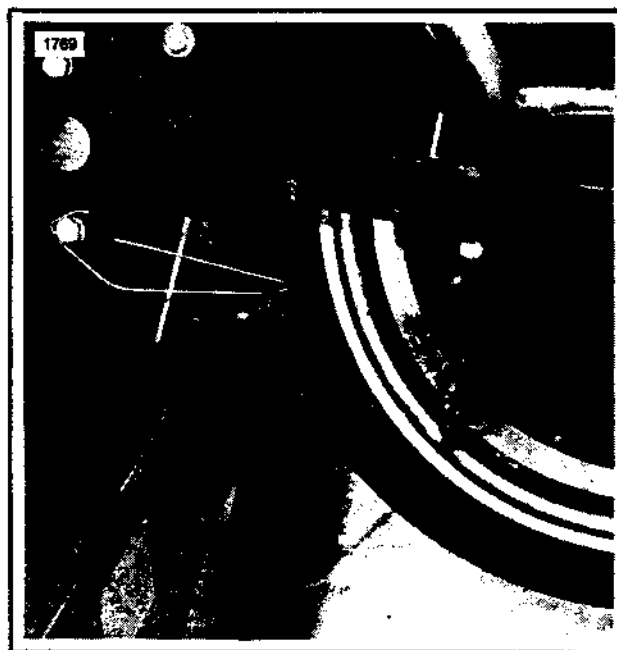
Figure 6. Pressing Out Bearing Assembly

8. Install the needle bearing, inner race, seal and spacer as described in steps 3 through 10 for the front wheel.
9. Install the FRONT wheel on the motorcycle following the procedure given on page 2-10 of the 1981 FLT Service Manual.
10. See Figure 4. Install new SPROCKET ASSEMBLY (20), Part No. 41522-79A, on the wheel. Lubricate the five screws (19) with oil and alternately tighten all of them to 65-75 ft-lbs torque. Be sure the wrench is not cocked in the screw head giving a false torque reading.
11. See Figure 4. Remove the seals (23) from the sprocket housing halves and completely clean the housing removing all dirt and old sealant. Insert the new BACKING RUBBER (22), Part No. 25423-80, in the bottom of the housing grooves and trim the ends flush with the housing surface. Insert the new BRAIDED SEAL (23), Part No. 25414-80, in the groove on top of the backing rubber. Trim the ends so they project 1/32" above the housing surface.
12. See Figure 4. Insert the spacer (21) into the sprocket hub (20). Apply a coating of an RTV silicone sealant to the mating surface of the housing halves (3 & 4) and spacer (21) and ends of the seals (23). Attach the lower sprocket housing (4) and the axle bracket (24) to the spacer (21) with the two bolts (16). Be sure the notch in spacer aligns with the plug hole in the lower sprocket housing as shown in Figure 7.
13. See Figure 4. Reassemble the upper sprocket housing (3) to the spacer (21) and lower sprocket housing (4) using the two screws (15), the two bolts (9), lockwashers (11) and nuts (10) and the two screws (12), lockwashers (14) and nuts (13).



**Figure 7. Assembling Sprocket Housing and Spacer**

14. See Figure 4. Install the wheel assembly on the motorcycle, inserting the axle from the RIGHT side of the swing arm. Be sure the brake disc is between the caliper brake pads and the sprocket housing faces forward. Assemble flat washer (7), lockwasher (6) and nut (5) to left end of the axle finger tight.
15. See Figure 8. Shift transmission into neutral. Disconnect the wire from the chain and thread the top portion around the wheel sprocket until it reaches the lower opening. You may wish to wire the lower boot out of the way.



**Figure 8. Reconnecting Rear Chain**

16. Connect, adjust and align the rear chain. See page 2-4 of 1981 FLT Service Manual for proper procedure.
17. See Figure 4. Apply a coating of 3M 750 sealant to the rubber boots (1). Fasten the boots to the housing with the four bolts (2). Alternately tighten the bolts to 4-6 ft-lbs torque. Reposition swing arm bracket (18) and replace bolt (17) and washer (8).
18. Lubricate the rear chain as described on page 2-4 of the 1981 FLT Service Manual.
19. Check wheel alignment as described on page 2-13 of the 1981 Service Manual.

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