

## Installation Instructions for: Neck Covers for Honda Shadow Sabre

### **Please follow these instructions carefully!**

Before proceeding with the installation instructions:

These covers utilize a 21<sup>st</sup> century adhesive-backed fastening system that has been widely used in industrial and automotive applications. The fasteners we use are not Velcro. They have a gripping strength far superior to that of Velcro. Made by the 3M company, these adhesive backed fasteners use a densely packed series of mushroom-shaped stems that interlock creating a tensile strength equal to that of many conventional fasteners. The fasteners when engaged have a pull apart strength of about 25 lbs/ sq inch. Trust me, if you follow the installation instructions that follow, your covers will feel like they have been welded onto the bike. Don't worry though, you will be able to remove, or reposition your covers after installation.

**If you are purchasing these covers at a time of year when the weather is cold, please take special note of the following information.**

The adhesive strips must be installed on the bike at a temperature of at least 68°F (20°C)! If you try to place them on a motorcycle frame that is colder than 68°F (20°C), the adhesive on the strips will not activate. In other words, it will not stick. This does not mean the adhesive is no good. These strips have a super-strong adhesive when applied at the correct temperature. Once the adhesive has cured, it is strong at any temperature from -20°F (-29°C), to 200°F (93°C).

What can you do if the bike temperature is less than 68°F (20°C)? Warm it up! If you can't get your bike into a warm place, you could carefully use a hair dryer to warm the area of the frame where you must place the strips. If you do this remember to keep a safe distance from the bike wires and hoses, because the heat of a hair dryer could melt the rubber on these items!

The supplied fastener strips must also be at least 68°F (20°C). If it is cooler, keep them warm till you are ready to install them.

The frame area where you will place the strips must be dry and clean. If you have recently brought your bike from a very cold environment to a warm one, you will probably get condensation on the bike frame as it warms up. You must not try to install these adhesive strips if the bike shows condensation. Moisture will prevent the adhesive from bonding properly.

**Very important:** After you install the strips and cover, do not attempt to remove the cover for at least 1 hour. (The adhesive reaches its maximum gripping strength after 24 hours.) If you are not happy with the initial cover alignment, wait an hour or two before removing the cover and repositioning it again. If you don't wait at least an hour, when you remove the cover, you may also peel the adhesive strip off the bike, which will likely ruin the strip you attached to the bike.

If you are doing the installation in a cold environment and heating the frame area during installation, you should keep the bike warm for about an hour after installation to allow the adhesive to completely bond to the bike.

Use the enclosed alcohol wipe to carefully clean the installation area after the bike is dry.

We enclose an extra adhesive strip in case you do not correctly install the strip, and need to make a second attempt.

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### Package Contents

- 1 - Left Cover
- 1 - Right Cover
- 2 - Alcohol Wipes
- 3 - Adhesive-backed Fastening strips (1 extra is included in case you happen to ruin one of the 2 strips.)



**Make sure motorcycle frame is at a temperature of at least 68°F (20°C) as well as the supplied parts.**

The covers are shipped with a special protective plastic film over the chromed surface.

Do not remove this protective film till after cover is completely installed and positioned correctly.

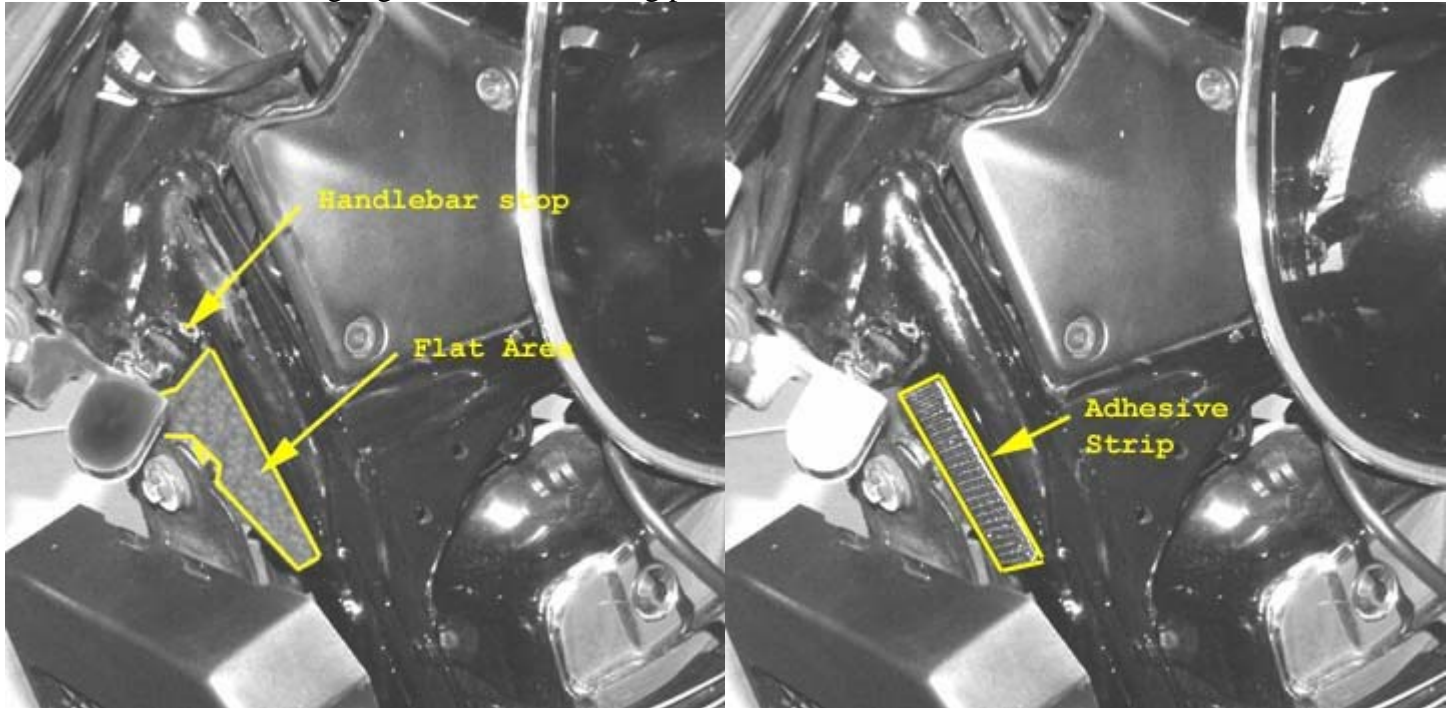
Remember to handle the parts carefully. Remove them from the packaging with great care. Remember, if you scratch the chrome finish, you may not return the parts to us. We carefully inspect each cover for any defects before packaging.

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### Installing the Left side Neck Cover

Turn the motorcycle handlebars all the way towards the right side, to fully expose the left side of the frame neck area. You will be placing the adhesive strip in an area on the front of the frame neck that is mostly flat. It is wider at the top and slowly tapers off into one of the vertical frame tubes.

Notice the "Flat Area" highlighted in the following photo.



After you have identified this area, open up the alcohol wipe and thoroughly clean this area. After wiping, wait a minute to allow alcohol to dry off the painted surface.

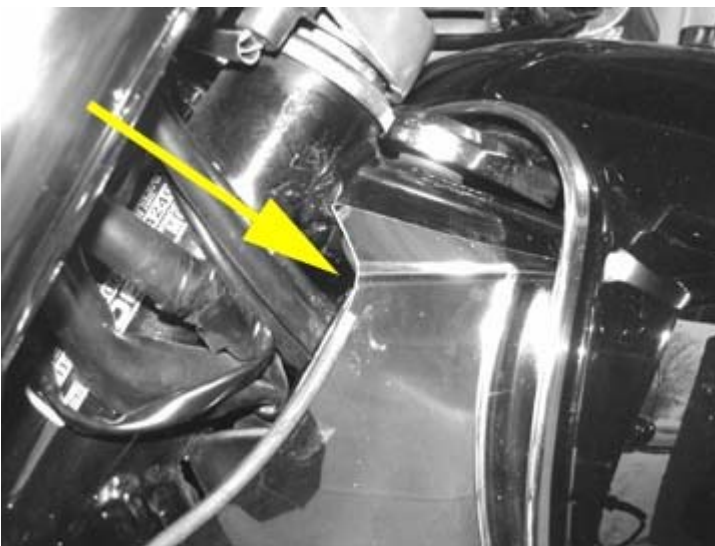
Now take one of the adhesive strips and remove the backing tape. **Be careful not to touch the adhesive surface with your fingers, which could weaken the adhesive strength!** Place in the area indicated in the above photo on the right. Put the top edge of the strip a little bit under the handlebar stop with the right edge of the strip along the beginning of the flat area (off the rounded down-tube). Don't worry if it does not end up looking exactly like the picture. As long as it is close it will be fine. In case you totally mess up, immediately remove the adhesive strip and try again. (If the strip doesn't want to stick in the first place, it is because the metal surface is too cold!)

Once the strip is in place, apply a little pressure along the entire perimeter of the strip to make sure all of it is bonding against the metal surface.

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With the adhesive strip now in place, carefully slide the chrome cover between the gas tank and the plastic neck cover. (See photo at Left.) With one hand holding the cover, use the other hand to gently pull back a little on the black plastic factory neck cover to allow the metal tab on the back of the chrome neck cover to get behind the plastic cover. (As shown in the photo.)



Once the tab is behind the plastic cover, pull the chrome cover forward till the front edge of the plastic cover is no longer visible when looking at it straight on from the side of the bike. (The arrow in the photo indicates the area of the plastic cover that should barely be covered by the chrome cover.)

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Now you need to get a grip on the front side of the chrome cover and pull it down and over so that it wraps around the front of the frame down-tube. The bend on the front of the cover should be a little below the handlebar stop that is welded onto the frame neck area. When it appears to be in the correct up and down position, push on the cover a little to make sure it is firmly against the side of the frame tube. (Don't push too hard or you might tip your bike over.)



Once you are satisfied with the overall position of your cover, it is time to “snap it” into place, by firmly pushing on the front bend of the cover with your hand. This force will cause the two halves of the fastener to engage each other. You should hear or feel it “snap” together.

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If all has gone according to plan, your cover should now resemble the following photo. If it seems a little out of the desired position, you may move it a little. However, if you want to ‘unfasten’ it to attempt a larger change of position, you must wait at least an hour before attempting to remove the cover or you may tear the adhesive strip off the bike frame.

Once you are completely happy with the cover position, you may remove the protective plastic film from the cover.

### **Installing the Right side Neck Cover**

Follow the same procedure you followed in installing the Left side neck cover. (Don't forget to turn your handle-bars towards the opposite side of the bike.)

### **Removing the covers:**

Should you desire to remove a cover, basically reverse the installation procedures shown above. Be sure that you are pulling directly away from the face of the fastener. These fasteners will not release if you try to pull against the fastener using a sideways load. Also, when removing the cover, use a “peeling” motion. In other words do not try to pull the cover straight off. You can, but it will require a greater pulling force on your part to remove.

### **Care of your cover:**

Never use an abrasive cleaner on your chrome-plated covers. You will scratch the finish. You may use any cleaner recommended for chrome-plated surfaces.