

## Installation Instructions for: Right Pivot Cover 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 read 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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- 1 – Pivot Cover
- 1 – Installation Sheet
- 1 - Alcohol Wipe
- 3 - Adhesive-backed Fastening strips (1 extra is included in case you happen to ruin a strip.)

Important: Handle these covers with care. The chrome finish has been inspected before shipping to ensure that it is shipped to you free of any defects. Careless handling of this part could result in the surface being marred. Parts may not be returned if the cover is damaged by the purchaser.

**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.

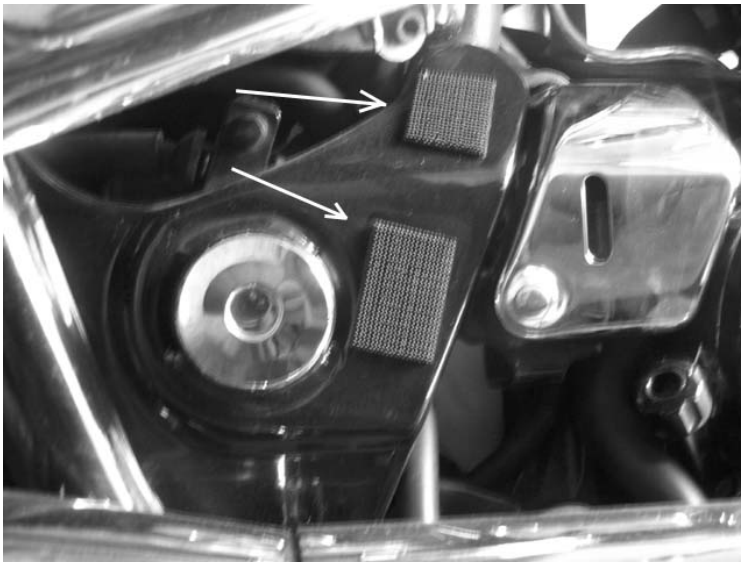
Do not remove this protective film till after cover is completely installed and positioned correctly.

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 Right side Pivot Cover

Notice the areas highlighted in the photo on the left. These are the two spots where you will install the fastener strips. (The fasteners do not have to be installed in the exact positions shown in the photos.) Before proceeding, take the cover and notice how it will fit on the bike. The round hole in the cover should be centered over the round pivot point of the frame as shown in the photo on the right.



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 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 approximate area indicated in the above photo on the left. 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 strips are 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.

Now take the cover and line it up so that the hole in the cover is centered over the round pivot point. Bring the cover in close till it is touching the bike. When you feel you have it aligned properly, push down on the two areas where you had installed the fastener strips. You should hear or feel a "click" as the fastener strips engage each other. Important: If after they engage, you don't like the way the cover is positioned; WAIT! Do not try to remove and reposition the cover immediately. Wait an hour for the adhesive cement to strengthen.

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

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### **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.