



# Service

SHOP DOPE BULLETIN NO. 380

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FILE: DO-OA-5

## SERVICE - SHOP DOPE BULLETINS

Starting with this bulletin and in the future, all service bulletins will have a file number in addition to the usual Shop Dope Bulletin Number. These numbers along with date of bulletin issue will appear on each page, which will be punched for placing in a 3 ring loose leaf binder. These numbers appear directly under the new style heading, as shown above on this page and on page 2 of this bulletin.

By means of the new file number, all future service bulletins will be identified according to subject matter. Therefore, as you receive new bulletins and file according to this number, all service information (for example: on Model G Servi-Car towbar attachments) will automatically appear in one place regardless of date the bulletins were issued.

The file number consists of 3 figures separated by dashes, thusly: D2-3C-5. The first figure indicates the model group, the second figure (center) indicates the subject, and the third figure indicates the sequence within the particular subject.

The layout of the complete filing system is shown on page 2 of this bulletin. Also, an example shows how file number is used.

All new service bulletins will bear file number, as will old service bulletins when they are brought up to date from time to time and reissued. Eventually a complete manual of service information will be built up in this way.

### For the present-

Until a sizeable quantity of the new style bulletins have been sent out - you will want to continue keeping them in order according to Shop Dope Bulletin Number.

### For the future-

When the quantity of service bulletins reaches the point where it is difficult to find subject information according to model, and most of the bulletins in your possession bear the new file number, they should be refiled according to the new file number. Use the following procedure for filing: Look at the file number in the upper right hand corner of each sheet, and place the sheet in a 3 ring binder in the proper section according to model group (first figure), and subject (next two figures).

Important: Any service bulletin with the letter D in front of the file number contains confidential dealer information and should not be seen by anyone but the Harley-Davidson dealer and his employees. Service bulletins without the letter D in front of the file number are not restricted, and may be passed on to police departments, commercial fleet owners, and other motorcycle users.

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FIRST FIGURE (MODEL GROUP)	SECOND FIGURE (CENTER) (SUBJECT)	THIRD FIGURE (SEQUENCE WITHIN SUBJECT)
0 Two or more 1 WL, G 2 K, KH, XL 3 UL, EL, FL 4 S, B, ST	0 Dealer Instructions A General B Shipping forms and other paperwork C Special announcements (school, etc.)  1 Motorcycle A Specifications B General C Lubricants and lubrication D Tools  2 Chassis A Specifications B General C Drive (chains-front and rear) D Wheel, tire, tube E Handlebar and controls F Frame G. Fork (front and rear) H Brake (front and rear) I Seat  3 Engine A Specifications B General C Power Head piston, rings, pin cylinder, head, valves D Base flywheel, rods, crankcase and bearings push rod, tappets gears lubrication, oil pump, breather E Fuel System carburetor air cleaner tank	1 2 3 4 5 (etc.)
Example: File D2-3C-5  D2 -- Model Group K, KH, XL (Bulletin is for dealer only)  3C -- Subject is Power Head (engine upper end)  5 -- File in order within subject group.	4 Transmission A Specifications B General C Clutch and clutch release D Starter E Gear box mainshaft, countershaft shifter housing, bearings, seals  5 Electrical A Specifications B General C Wiring D Switches E Lamps F Generator, Magneto G Circuit breaker H Coil I Regulator J Battery K Horn  6 Miscellaneous A Specifications B General C Towbar D Sidecar	

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