



Installation Instructions  
Fork Spring Kit  
Harley Davidson 2016 - Later\*  
XL Models with 39mm Forks

**ATTENTION**

Statements in these instructions that are preceded by the following words are of special significance:

**Warning**

This means there is the possibility of injury to yourself or others.

**Caution**

This means there is the possibility of damage to the vehicle.

**Note**

*Information of particular importance has been placed in italics.*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Caution:** Removing and replacing fork springs must be performed by a qualified mechanic & according to steps outlined in a professional workshop manual that relates to your particular make, model and year motorcycle.

The vehicle must be securely blocked to prevent it from dropping or tipping when the forks/fork springs are removed. Failure to do so can cause serious damage and/or injury.

Progressive Suspension Fork Springs are designed to work with the OEM (Original Equipment) forks. Use of this product on any forks other than OEM may produce an unsatisfactory ride and void the warranty.

**Recommended Tools**

HD-45966 Fork Spring Compressing Tool or Equiv.

(Part number shown is for Harley Davidson Tool)

**Installation**

- Read all the instructions carefully before installing this kit on your motorcycle. Use your factory authorized service manual as a reference while installing this kit.

**Note**

*The left and right forks have different internals in these models.*

- Support and lift the motorcycle securely so the front wheel is off the ground. The balance point is toward the front of the engine.

**Warning**

- The right fork cap is under high spring force, care must be taken when removing the fork cap!
- Remove the fork caps.
- Remove the OEM fork spacer, washer & spring from the right fork, and the OEM spring from the left fork according to instructions contained in your factory authorized service manual. The Progressive Suspension fork spring kit is a direct replacement of your OEM springs. Replace the spring from the left fork with one of the Progressive Suspension springs. The right fork will use the other Progressive Suspension fork spring and the OEM spacer and washer. You must re-use the OEM washer between the spacer and fork spring in the right fork.

**Note**

*For maximum performance we highly recommend that the forks be disassembled, thoroughly cleaned, inspected and new Progressive Suspension Standard (Type E) fork oil installed.*

**Warning**

Changing the chassis and/or suspension on any vehicle will change the handling characteristics of that vehicle. Care should be taken when operating the vehicle with such modifications while getting accustomed to the new handling characteristics.

- Before installing the new springs & preload spacer, it is crucial that you make sure you've installed the proper fork oil and the oil level is correct. We recommend Progressive Suspension Standard (Type E) fork oil. To check the oil level properly you must have the springs and spacer removed, cycle the forks & cartridge several times to purge any trapped air and then completely compress the forks & cartridge (left fork). You then measure from the top of the fork tube to the oil level - the required measurement is 175mm in both forks. Add or remove fork oil to achieve this measurement in both forks.

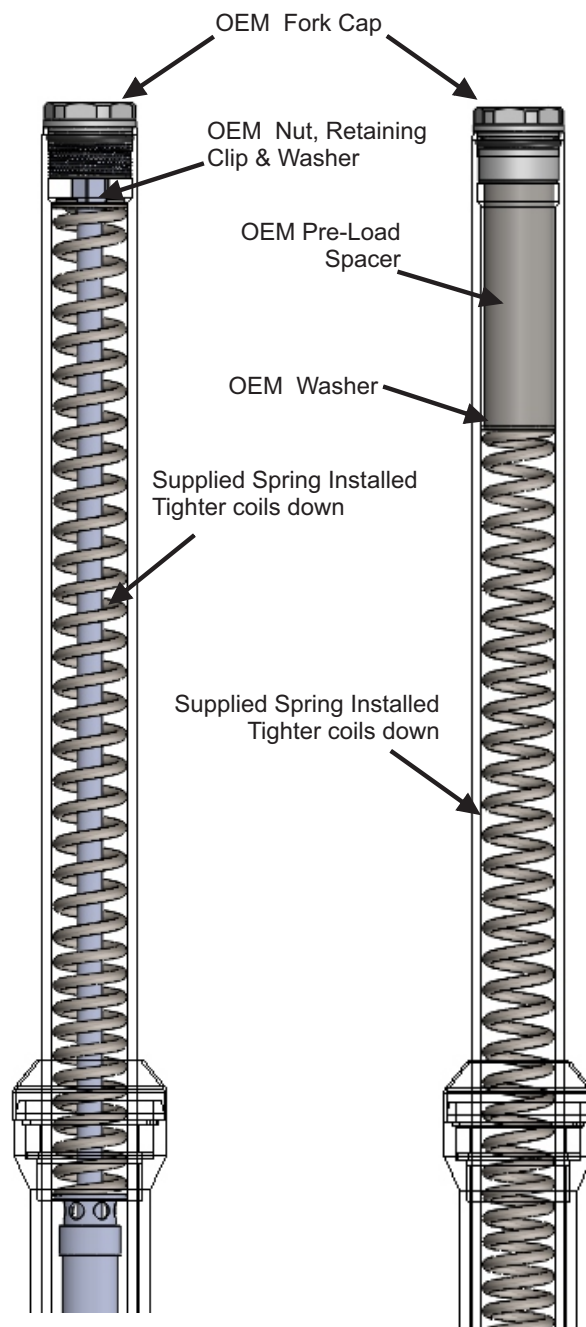
— Caution —

**NEVER ADD TOO MUCH OIL RESULTING IN A MEASUREMENT LESS THAN 175MM IN EITHER FORK WHEN USING THIS SPRING KIT**

- After confirming the fork oil level in the **Left Fork (175mm)**, install the supplied fork spring, with tighter coils down, onto the cartridge in the same manner you would install the OEM components per your factory authorized service manual, reusing the OEM nut, retaining clip and washer - essentially replacing the OEM spring with the supplied Progressive Suspension spring (see illustration). Reinstall the fork cap being certain to torque it and the cartridge nut to the factory specification noted in your factory authorized service manual.
- After confirming the fork oil level in the **Right Fork (175mm)**, install the supplied fork spring, with tighter coils down, the OEM washer and the OEM pre-load spacer, into the forks in the same manner you would install the OEM components per your factory authorized service manual - essentially replacing the OEM spring with the supplied Progressive Suspension spring (see illustration). Reinstall the fork cap being certain to torque it to the factory specification noted in your factory authorized service manual.
- Reinstall the forks and any other components previously removed per a factory authorized service manual. Remove motorcycle from lift and recheck all fasteners for proper tightness per your factory authorized manual.
- Technical info: Our technical staff will assist you if you have any problems or questions. Call (714) 523-8700 from 8 am to 4 PM Pacific time.
- The operator must use extreme caution when operating a modified motorcycle, particularly while getting familiar with its altered handling characteristics and ground clearance.

**FINE TUNING**

- Fork Oil: Though we recommend using Type E (10wt.) fork oil, oil viscosity can be changed to alter damping. Heavier oil to increase damping. Lighter oil to decrease damping. Change in 5 weight increments (i.e. from 10 weight to 15 weight.) Oil viscosity will have more effect on rebound damping than compression damping, too high a viscosity can create harshness on sharp edge bumps. The oil level also affects the ride, too high an oil level and the forks will feel too stiff, too low an oil level and the bike will bottom and feel soft or dive excessively. As stated previously, when using this spring kit **NEVER adjust the fork oil level to produce a measurement of less than 175mm in either Fork- measured fork springs & spacer removed, forks & cartridge compressed, from the top of the fork tube - or damage will occur.**



Left Fork with 175mm Fork Oil Level (Type E Fork Oil) See instructions to properly set oil level

Right Fork with 175mm Fork Oil Level (Type E Fork Oil) See instructions to properly set oil level

