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## SERVICE MANUAL

**1959**

**DUO-GLIDE 74 OHV**

The maintenance and repair information in this manual applies directly to the 1959 Harley-Davidson 74 OHV Duo-Glide Model Motorcycle. Except for minor differences, it also applies to the 1958 Duo-Glide 74 OHV Model.

In general, this manual will also be useful in maintaining and repairing earlier 61 and 74 OHV Models.

# Foreword

Many thousands of Harley-Davidson motorcycles and Servi-Cars are purchased each year for pleasure and sport riding as well as for commercial use. All Harley-Davidson products have been designed and built to exacting specifications to give a maximum of reliability with a minimum of maintenance and repair.

This service and repair manual has been prepared with two purposes in mind. First, it will acquaint the reader with the construction of the Harley-Davidson product and assist him in performing basic maintenance and repair. Secondly, it will introduce to the professional Harley-Davidson mechanic the latest field-tested and factory-approved major repair methods. We sincerely believe that this manual will make your association with Harley-Davidson products more pleasant and profitable.

## HOW TO USE YOUR SERVICE MANUAL

Your Service Manual is arranged for quick, easy reference. The manual is divided into sections such as "Chassis," "Engine" and "Transmission." Sections are then divided into sub-sections. The Transmission section, for example, is made up of "Clutch," "Starter" and "Gear Box" sub-sections. Sections are numbered and sub-sections are lettered. Manual pages are identified by section number and sub-section letter printed in upper and lower outside corners.

Use this manual as follows:

1. Check the Table of Contents located in the front of the manual to find subject desired.
2. Page number is listed across from subject.
3. A card separator at beginning of each section is printed with section number for quick general location of subject. Page number consists of section number, sub-section letter and sub-section page number.
4. Information is presented in a definite order as follows:

Minor adjustments  
Minor maintenance or repair  
Complete disassembly  
Cleaning  
Major maintenance or repair  
Assembly

All information on servicing a part should be read before repair work is started to avoid needless disassembly.

As an aid in determining application of manual information to earlier than 1959 models, refer to the parts catalog for the specific model.

Questions regarding the application of manual information to any specific model should be referred to your Harley-Davidson dealer.

## USE GENUINE REPLACEMENT PARTS

To insure a satisfactory and lasting repair job, follow the manual instructions carefully and use only genuine Harley-Davidson replacement parts. Behind the emblem bearing the words "Genuine Harley-Davidson" is more than half a century of designing, research, manufacturing, testing and inspecting experience.

*Look for this sign of quality .....*



This is your insurance that the parts you are using will fit right, operate properly and last longer. When you use genuine Harley-Davidson parts you use the best.

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