

2004 Harley Davidson Sportster 1200 Service Manual

The Harley-Davidson Source Book celebrates these iconic motorcycles in encyclopedia form. Rich with vivid photography, insightful commentary, and production specs and data, this is the #1 resource for die-hard Harley fans all around the world. When most people close their eyes and imagine a motorcycle, that motorcycle looks very much like a Harley-Davidson. That's because Harley builds the archetypal motorcycle, the mythic bike that exists beyond the input provided by our traditional senses. This is what the philosopher Kant called a priori knowledge, knowledge we can't learn but only intuit. That makes a Harley-Davidson the a priori motorcycle. The Harley-Davidson Motor Co. builds motorcycles that look the way the primordial biker inside each of us feels a motorcycle should be built. This is why Harley-Davidson defines the very word motorcycle for so many people. In The Harley-Davidson Source Book, acclaimed Harley-Davidson historian Mitchel Bergeron covers every motorcycle the company has built, from the very first prototype to the Silent Gray Fellow to the latest CVO Electra Glides and Softails. They're all here—the Knucklehead, the Panhead, the Pea Shooter, the KR, the Sportster, the XR750, the Shovelhead, the Evolution, the Twin Cam, the V-Rod, and all the rest. An authoritative text by noted Harley-Davidson historian and journalist Mitchel Bergeron complemented by modern and period photography and archival marketing materials make this Harley reference complete. The Harley-Davidson Source Book showcases the most storied, celebrated, and downright wild motorcycles ever produced by the Motor Company. This is the ultimate encyclopedia of the ultimate motorcycle.

Discover the best of the Harley-Davidson Archive Collection. Portrait-quality photography reveals the remarkable journey of America's motorcycle company, from its humble beginnings to its nearly century-long dominance of an entire industry.

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A handsome, informative overview of Harley Davidson's 100 plus years of style and innovation.

With exquisite, detailed photographs and histories of the motorcycles featured from Harley's collection, this book captures the excitement of the best-known motorcycles in the world.

Go on a 60-year ride with Harley-Davidson's Sportster Things got a little weird in the American motorcycle industry after World War II. People hungered for new motorcycles, buying just about everything manufacturers could build. But on rare occasions a manufacturer produced a machine that nobody wanted. Such was the case with the Harley-Davidson Model K. The Model K had most of the features buyers wanted in a modern machine, like hand-operated clutches, foot-operated shifters, and cool-running aluminum heads, but it lacked perhaps the most important technological upgrade: a modern overhead-valve valve-train design. The Model K retained the antiquated side-valve design because of arcane AMA racing rules written when Harley-Davidson and Indian competed head-to-head on American racetracks, but by 1952 Indian was on its last legs. This should have made the Model K a massive sales success. What nobody counted on was the British bike invasion. Thanks to their modern overhead-valve engines, the lightweight British bikes humiliated the side-valve Harleys on the track and on the street. Upgrades to the Model K didn't help; Harley finally relented and introduced a new overhead-valve middleweight for the 1957 model year. Dubbed the Sportster, it was everything the Model K was not. More importantly, it was faster than the British competition. Thus began the Sportster's sixty-year reign. Harley-Davidson Sportster: Sixty Years tells the complete Sportster story. Noted Sportster expert Allen Girdler covers all the bikes--the XLCH, Caf_ Racer, XR1000, XLX, 883, Iron, Forty-Eight, Seventy-Two, and Nightster--that have made the Sportster one of the most iconic motorcycles on earth.

This illustrated guide is packed with interesting facts and follows the history of the famous Harley-Davidson company and the development of its famous bikes, which have earned a special place in the hearts of enthusiasts everywhere. The story dates from 1903 when Bill Harley and the Davidson brothers, with no thought of fame or fortune, decided to build a motorcycle that really worked. So successful was it, that it led to the gradual formation of a company that has survived through good times and bad. Through good times and bad, losing and winning back police contracts, as well as weathering various other vicissitudes, the company has achieved lasting success. In the end, Harley-Davidson came to the ultimate decision of giving its customers what they really wanted, not by providing year-on-year innovations, but by remaining true to the Founders' original concept. The result, as everyone knows, are bikes of mythic status, imbued with a mysterious quality of their own and generating a passion in enthusiasts amounting almost to a love affair. The name has come to personify America and is up there alongside Coca-Cola, Ford and McDonald's. The bikes are described in detail, not only in mechanical terms, but also with glorious photographs, and will be of interest to everyone who loves motorbikes: even aficionados of Japanese and European bikes, who have never even ridden a Harley-Davidson, will be able to recognize the unique marriage of style and nostalgia and the fact that there are no other bikes quite like them.

For Harley-Davidson aficionados, the very name Sportster conjures an image of a fire-breathing mechanical beast scorching the world's tarmac image the Sportster itself often does not live up to. Straight from the factory, in its standard form, the Sportster routinely proves an entry-level motorcycle providing a relatively tame ride. This book aims to change all that and to show every Sportster rider how to free the beast in his or her bike. With expert, detailed advice on the proper mechanical massaging and plenty of helpful diagrams and photos this updated, third edition of Buzz Buzzelli's best-selling handbook shows how the Sportster can be transformed into the superbike of old. Including a history of the Sportster from its birth in 1957 to the recent introduction of a new engine (only the third in its long life), this book has everything it takes to open up the gates of hell and give the Sportster its head.

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