

Rocket Cams Inc.

Installation Instructions: Rocket Cams fits 1999-'17 Harley-Davidson® Big Twin Engines

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Statements in this instruction sheet preceded by the following words are of special significance.

WARNING

Means there is the possibility of injury to yourself or others.

CAUTION

Means there is the possibility of damage to the part or motorcycle.

NOTE

Other information of particular importance has been placed in italic type.

Rocket Cams recommends you take special notice of these items.

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SAFE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION RULES:

Before installing your new Rocket Cams part it is your responsibility to read and follow the installation and maintenance procedures in these instructions and follow the basic rules below for your personal safety.

Gasoline is extremely flammable and explosive under certain conditions and toxic when breathed. Do not smoke. Perform installation in a well ventilated area away from open flames or sparks.

If motorcycle has been running, wait until engine and exhaust pipes have cooled down to avoid getting burned before performing any installation steps.

Before performing any installation steps disconnect battery to eliminate potential sparks and inadvertent engagement of starter while working on electrical components.

Read instructions thoroughly and carefully so all procedures are completely understood before performing any installation steps. Contact Rocket Cams with any questions you may have if any steps are unclear or any abnormalities occur during installation or operation of motorcycle with a Rocket Cams part on it.

Consult an appropriate service manual for your motorcycle for correct disassembly and reassembly procedures for any parts that need to be removed to facilitate installation.

Use good judgment when performing installation and operating motorcycle. Good judgment begins with a clear head. Don't let alcohol, drugs or fatigue impair your judgment. Start installation when you are fresh.

Be sure all federal, state and local laws are obeyed with the installation. For optimum performance and safety and to minimize potential damage to carb or other components, use all mounting hardware that is provided and follow all installation instructions.

Motorcycle exhaust fumes are toxic and poisonous and must not be breathed. Run motorcycle in a well ventilated area where fumes can dissipate.

NOTES

- 1999–2004 stock springs will handle camshafts with lift up to 0.520". If a camshaft with higher lift is installed, high performance valve springs capable of handling a greater lift must be used.
 - 2005–up stock valve springs will handle camshafts with lift up to 0.585". If a camshaft with higher lift is installed, high performance valve springs capable of handling a greater lift must be used. Cams with over 0.585" of lift will cause interference between the valve spring top collar and the valve *seal with stock cylinder heads*.
 - Piston to valve clearance will need to be confirmed when using a cam with over 0.585" of lift. Clearance should be at least 0.060" intake and .080" *exhaust*.
 - Valve to valve clearance will need to be confirmed when using a cam over 0.585" lift. Clearance should be a minimum of 0.060"
 - Installation of Rocket Cams chain drive cams requires special tools. Attempting the cam change operation without these tools will be difficult. Damage can result which will not be covered under warranty.
 - Possible failure may result if thread locking compound is not applied to the cam drive sprocket flange bolts. Always prepare threads according to the *instructions on the container*.
 - Rocket Cams® chain drive cams are compatible with the stock splined chain sprocket used in 1999–up Twin Cam 88 engines.
- Changing camshafts in the Twin Cam® engine requires use of hydraulic press and special tools. This installation should be undertaken only by experienced mechanic with access to Harley-Davidson® service manual and all required tools or equivalent. Tightening fasteners to correct specifications with accurate torque wrench is mandatory.

OVERVIEW OF EASY START CAMSHAFTS (IF EQUIPPED):

Rocket Cams has partnered with S&S Cycle® as they have developed the Easy Start cams to assist in starting with a built in centrifugally operated compression release. The operation is simple: at cranking speeds a spring loaded decompression lever holds the exhaust valve open slightly. Once the engine fires and exceeds 750 RPM, centrifugal force moves the lever to a retracted position, allowing the engine to run normally.

Important Notes Regarding Easy Start Camshafts:

Stock Delphi EFI engines require a minimum of 80 PSI cranking compression, checked with the throttle open, for the ECU to fire the spark plugs.

S&S easy start cams were designed to work with specific compression ratio and displacement combinations. If an Easy Start cam set is used in an application other than what it was designed for occasionally an engine may not build the required compression to start the bike.

Cranking compression numbers are no longer a valid health check of the engine. We recommend performing a leak down test.

If the lifters have been disassembled or bled down for any purpose, the starter may have difficulty with the initial start. Although the decompression lobe lifts the lifter body, the lifter is not pumped up *and it will not lift the exhaust valve*. You may need to remove the spark plugs and crank the engine to get oil pressure to the lifters.

Easy Start cams require no special service. If they are ever removed for any reason however, inspect the mechanism for wear and verify that *the lever operates smoothly*.

If your bike is carbureted, the starting routine may be slightly different, allow yourself time to experiment to find the best method.

When the engine is turned off, you may hear a slight click as the *decompression lever resets*. This is normal and does no harm.

If engine speed drops below 900 RPM, you may hear clicking as the decompression lever starts engaging. Idle speed should be adjusted higher. The engine idle should be set at 1000-1100 RPM.

General Notes On Cam Installation

Whenever new camshafts are installed, it is highly recommended that new tappets be installed. If tappets are reused, they must be reinstalled in the same position they were removed from.

Cams	Intended Displacement	Recommended Compression
514	88-96	9.0
554	88-96	9.0-10.5
574	96-110	10-11.2
584	103-110	10.5-11.5
594	107-117	10.5-11.5

Attempting the cam change operation without the required tools will be difficult and can easily result in damage to the components not covered under warranty.

Original cam bearings will likely be damaged during removal. Rocket Cams strongly recommends installing new bearings at same time as cam change. The oil pump scavenge O-ring should never be reused since it can become stiff from heat and exposure

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to oils. This often results in poor sealing and inadequate oil scavenging.

Motorcycle must be adequately secured to avoid falling over during the cam change operation! Use of tie down straps on both sides of motorcycle is recommended.

1. Place motorcycle on a suitable repair stand so that motorcycle is stable and secure with the rear tire elevated. Shift transmission in 4th or 5th gear. Remove spark plugs. These steps are necessary so that the rear tire can be used to rotate the engine to correctly align the cam timing marks during installation, and align the oil pump during reassembly.
2. Disconnect negative terminal of battery to eliminate potential sparks and inadvertent engagement of starter while working on motorcycle.

NOTE: Rocket Cams® 514, 554, and 574 cams are compatible with stock pushrods. However, replacing stock pushrods with Rocket Cams EZ adjustable pushrods 6-6001 will simplify cam set installation.

Disassembly for Early (99–06 excluding 06 Dyna)

Removing pushrods

If stock pushrods are to be reused, remove motorcycle gas tank and top rocker covers. Remove rocker assemblies and pushrods according to procedure described in the Harley-Davidson® Service Manual.

To remove stock pushrods which will not be reused, remove pushrod cover clips, collapse pushrod covers, place motorcycle in gear, and rotate rear tire (see Step B securing motorcycle) to place lifters and pushrods for either cylinder at lowest point on camshaft. Piston for same cylinder will be at TDC on Compression stroke and pushrods will spin with light finger pressure. Use bolt cutters to cut pushrods.

WARNING

Cutting pushrods when they are under spring pressure can result in pushrod parts being ejected with considerable force, and can cause bodily injury.

CAUTION

Cutting pushrods with saw may result in metal chips entering engine and causing extensive engine damage not covered under warranty.

1. Remove camshaft gear cover and gasket. It is not necessary to remove ignition sensor from cover. Secure lifters with magnetic tappet tool or one made from large binder clip spring.
2. Rotate rear tire (see previous steps on securing motorcycle) to align timing marks on the pinion shaft sprocket and the rear cam sprocket.

NOTE: Rocket Cams recommends using Harley-Davidson Sprocket Locking Tool H-D® #42314 to secure sprockets while bolts are removed or installed.

3. Remove bolt and washer from 17-tooth crankshaft sprocket.
4. Remove bolt and washer from 34-tooth rear camshaft sprocket.
5. Use tool H-D® #42313 (Cam Chain Tensioner Unloader) to swing primary cam chain tensioner away from chain. Secure with retention pin.

CAUTION

Do not pull the retention pins from the primary or secondary cam chain tensioners when the chain and sprockets are removed! The primary and secondary cam tensioner springs exert 35–40 pounds of pressure when retained. Removing a retaining pin without supporting the shoe will cause the spring to snap open through its full travel, damaging it, and/or the tensioner shoe. The tensioner can also injure hands and fingers in its path.

NOTE: If cam chain tensioner retaining pins interfere with cleaning or service procedures when the cam support plate is removed, use cam chain tensioner unloader tool (H-D #42313) to hold against spring pressure, then remove retaining pin and ease spring assembly into the unloaded position.

6. Working gradually around edge of sprocket, carefully pry sprockets off cams until loose on shaft. Remove sprocket/chain assembly and mark chain with magic marker to indicate direction of travel. Chain should be reinstalled in same direction.
7. Remove chain guide.
8. Gradually loosen and remove four oil pump bolts.
9. Gradually loosen and remove six support plate bolts.

NOTE

Failure to remove or install bolts according to correct procedure may result in parts damage not covered under warranty.

10. Carefully remove cam support plate assembly from crankcase. Use unloading tool H-D #42313 to swing secondary cam tensioner away from chain. Secure tensioner with second retention pin inserted through front of support plate. Do not remove pin until support plate assembly has been reinstalled in engine.

NOTE

Before reinstalling cam support plate, replace oil pump scavenge O-ring (supplied in kit) even if the original appears to be in good condition. The stock O-ring can become brittle and provide a poor seal if reused. This can cause poor oil scavenging, oil carry-over and loss of power.

11. Remove screws that secure bearing retainer to support plate and remove retainer from plate.
12. Support cam support plate on table of hydraulic press. Using camshaft remover/installer tool H-D® #43644, remove stock cams and bearings from plate. Mark chain with magic marker to indicate direction of travel.

CAUTION

Cams and bearings must be removed from plate together. Cam and bearings may press out easily. Use care to support cams so they don't unexpectedly fall to the floor.

NOTE

Bearings are usually damaged during removal and should not be reused, new cam bearings should be obtained from other source and installed with new cams.

- Check primary and secondary cam shoes for wear and/or damage. Do not re-use either shoe if more than 1/2 the shoe thickness is worn, or if there is any evidence of melting, burning, or cracking.
- Replacement shoes are available and should be installed per appropriate Harley-Davidson® *service manual*.

Prepare cam for installation:

NOTE: When using 554, 574, and 584 camshafts clearance between pinion bearing boss on crankcase and rear cam lobe must be checked. Remove just enough material to provide .030" clearance between top of cam lobe and pinion bearing boss when camshaft is rotated in inner needle bearing. Also check clearance between all cam lobes and tappet guide bosses. To avoid contamination of engine with chips, we recommend that all holes in the gear case be taped off with duct tape and that gear case be thoroughly cleaned with parts cleaner or solvent after clearancing is performed.

Replacing Cams ONLY — Early (99–06 excluding 06 Dyna)

NOTE: Not recommended for cams above .510 lift. If replacing cams and upgrading cam plate (recommended), follow instructions included with H-D® Kit #25284-08. After cam plate and cams have been installed, go to Section E for pushrod adjustments and special notes on compression *releases*.

NOTE: Before reinstalling cam support plate, **always** replace oil pump scavenge O-ring even if the original appears to be in good condition. The stock O-ring can become brittle and provide a poor seal if reused.

Assembly for Early (99–06 excluding 06 Dyna)

1. Test fit front and rear bearings into bearing bores. If either bearing will slip into the bore, use red Loctite® 271 on bearing outer race during installation. If either bearing will not slip into bearing bore, use assembly lube on bearing outer race during installation. Using tool H-D #43644 and hydraulic press, install cam bearings in support plate, roller bearing in rear location, and ball bearing in front location.
2. Using Loctite® 243 (blue) on screw threads, reinstall bearing retainer and tighten screws to 20-30 in-lbs.
3. Align cam timing marks and install secondary cam chain in original direction of travel.
4. Apply thin film of assembly lube to bearing surface of Rocket® camshafts and inner race of cam bearings in cam plate. Support bearings by inner race. Using tool H-D® #43644, align both cams with bearings, install into cam bearings by pressing on front cam only, guide slip-fit rear camshaft into bearing.
5. Install new retaining ring in groove at end of front cam.
6. Remove cam needle bearings from crankcase with tool H-D #42325 and replace with new bearings obtained from other source. Lubricate with clean engine oil.

7. Re-install oil pump according to H-D factory manual.
8. Apply thin layer of assembly lube to cam journals and lobe surfaces. Align cams with needle bearings and carefully slide support plate assembly over crankcase dowels.
9. Apply Loctite® 243 (blue) to six support plate screws, install screws, and gradually tighten to 95 in-lbs. in sequence.

NOTE

Support plate assembly should slide into place without resistance. If resistance is encountered, determine cause before proceeding. Do not force plate assembly!

CAUTION

Holes easily stripped are those which pass through alignment dowels, those should be torqued to the lighter side of the scale.

10. Apply Loctite® #243 (blue) to threads and reinstall four oil pump bolts according to H-D Service Manual procedure:
 - a) Gently bottom screws, then back out 1/4 turn.
 - b) Center pump by rotating engine while snugging screws.
 - c) Rotate engine by turning rear wheel (see previous section securing motorcycle).
 - d) Tighten bolts to 90-120 in-lbs.
11. Carefully remove secondary cam tensioner retaining pin.
12. Check front to back alignment of outer drive sprockets.
 - a) Place rear cam sprocket spacer next to rear bearing race.
 - b) Install rear camshaft and crankshaft sprockets.
 - c) Temporarily install crankshaft and camshaft sprocket bolts. Temporarily use a smaller diameter washer under the head of the crankshaft bolt. (This will allow a straightedge to fit on the sprocket face for Steps 13 d and e.)
 - d) Torque crankshaft and rear camshaft sprockets to 25 ft-lb. Do not use Loctite® at this time.
 - e) Push on rear camshaft to remove end play.
 - f) Place a straightedge across the cam and crankshaft sprockets.
 - g) Try to slide a .010" thick feeler gauge between the straightedge and each sprocket face. If the feeler gauge does not fit at either location, the front to rear alignment of the sprockets is correct. In most situations, re-using the original crankshaft and camshaft sprockets, the alignment will be correct. Mis-alignment is generally because a different camshaft sprocket is used at re-assembly. In cases where the alignment front to back is not within .010", spacing washers are available from the OEM or aftermarket sprocket manufacturer to align the gears. Gear alignment must be within .010" before proceeding.
 - h) After verifying correct sprocket spacing, remove camshaft and crank sprocket bolts, remove both sprockets, and discard smaller diameter washer used under head of crank sprocket during alignment check.
13. **Installing outer sprockets and drive chain.**
 - a) While holding rear cam sprocket vertically in one hand, place drive chain over sprocket with timing mark

pointing down. Then, with the other hand place the crank sprocket in the chain loop with the timing mark pointing up.

- b) Maintaining the position of the sprockets in the chain, rotate the rear drive sprocket until it slides on the splines of the rear cam. (The sprocket will only go onto the splines in one position.)
- c) Continue to maintain the position of the sprockets on the chain. Rotate the rear cam and sprocket until the flat on the crank sprocket aligns with the flat on the crankshaft. Slide drive sprocket onto crankshaft.
- d) Rotate engine by turning rear wheel to align the timing marks as close as possible.
- e) Lay a straight edge across the centers of the crank and cam sprockets and verify the timing marks are in alignment.

NOTE

If timing marks are not in alignment, the sprocket and chain installation must be removed and reinstalled. Misaligned sprockets will cause the engine to run erratically.

14. Replace cam chain guide.
15. Apply red Loctite® to threads of rear cam sprocket bolt and crankshaft sprocket bolt and a drop of clean 20W-50 engine oil beneath bolt heads. Place original large washer onto crank sprocket bolt. Use sprocket tool H-D® #42314 to secure sprockets. Tighten rear cam sprocket bolt to 34 ft./lbs. Tighten crank sprocket bolt to 24 ft./lbs.
16. Using H-D #42313 (Cam Chain Tensioner Unloader) relieve spring pressure on retaining pin and remove pin.
17. Install outer cover with new gasket and tighten bolts to 90-120 in-lbs.
18. Release lifters and slide them down the tappet bore to contact cams. If using stock pushrods or Rocket Cams EZ pushrods, tappet covers may be left in place.

Assembly for 2006 Dyna and 2007+ Big Twin

1. Place the cam support plate on a flat surface with the outside of the support plate facing down. Place supports under the cam support plate so that the cams can be easily installed.
2. Install the secondary cam chain around the front and rear cam sprockets. Ensure that the timing marks are still aligned. Also, the timing chain should be installed in its original direction of rotation.
3. Lubricate the cam bearing cavities on the cam support plate with engine assembly lube, or suitable clean engine oil.
4. Install the cams into the cam support plate. Be careful not to damage the cam support plate while installing the cams.

5. Install the secondary cam chain tensioner. Apply Loctite® 243 and torque bolts to 100-120 in-lbs.

6. Turn the cam support plate over. Take care so that the cams do not slide out of the support plate. Install the 0.100" spacer over the end of the front cam. Install the new retaining ring.
7. Double check to make sure the oil pump has not pulled out of the crankcase.
8. Lubricate the cam needle bearings and decompression lever, if equipped, with assembly lube and install the cam support plate assembly.
9. Apply a small amount of Loctite 243 to the six bolts that hold on the cam support plate and torque to 100-120 in-lbs.
10. Apply a small amount of Loctite 243 to the four bolts that hold the oil pump to the cam support plate. While rotating the engine, alternatively tighten bolts 1 and 2 until the bolts are snug. Tighten bolts 3 and 4 until they are snug. Finally, torque the four bolts in the sequence shown in to 90-120 in-lbs. This procedure ensures that the oil pump is properly centered.

Rear Cam Endplay Adjustment

1. Install the spacer over the end of the rear cam. Install the primary cam sprocket to the rear cam and hand tighten bolt.
2. Install the crank sprocket to the crankshaft and hand tighten bolt.
3. Align the timing marks and install the sprocket locking tool and torque each bolt to 15 ft-lbs.
4. Push crank sprocket towards the drive side of the motorcycle to eliminate end play. Push the rear cam inwards to eliminate end play.
5. Lay a straight edge across the face of the crank sprocket and the primary cam sprocket. If the gap between the straight edge and the sprocket faces is smaller than 0.010", no adjustment of the spacer behind the rear cam sprocket is necessary. Select the proper spacer for the rear cam so that this gap is no greater than 0.010". Spacers are available from Harley-Davidson® in the following sizes and part numbers:
.100" thick H-D® Part Number 25729-06
.110" thick H-D Part Number 25731-06
.120" thick H-D Part Number 25734-06
.130" thick H-D Part Number 25736-06
6. Remove sprockets so that the outer drive chain can be installed for the final assembly.

Final Assembly

1. Place primary chain over the rear cam sprocket. Install the crank sprocket into the primary chain so that the timing marks on both sprockets are aligned.
2. Install the primary timing chain assembly onto the crankshaft and rear cam.

NOTE

Align the crankshaft and rear cam so that the primary timing chain assembly fits so that the timing marks are aligned.

3. Thoroughly clean the flange bolts and apply a small amount of Loctite® 262, 271, or 272 to the threads.

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- Apply a drop of clean 20W-50 engine oil under the bolt flanges.
4. Install the sprocket locking tool and tighten the crankshaft gear bolt to 25 ft.-lbs. torque. Torque the camshaft gear bolt to 34 ft.-lbs.
 5. Install primary cam chain tensioner, tighten fasteners to 100-120 in-lbs.
 6. Inspect the blind tapped holes for the cam cover in the crankcase for cleanliness. Remove any foreign debris.
 7. Install cam cover with new gasket. Torque the 10 bolts to 125-155 in-lbs.
 8. Remove the clips holding the tappets in place.
 9. Replace pushrods or follow below instructions for Rocket cams EZ Adjustable pushrods.

Pushrod Installation and Adjustments

1. Using Stock Non-Adjustable Pushrods

NOTE

Using stock pushrods is only possible if the camshafts installed have the same base circle as stock, and no more than .584" lift. Rocket Cams® labels these cams as "Bolt-In" for easy reference. Currently Rocket 514, 554, and 574 cams are bolt-in.

- a. Rotate engine so one piston is at TDC compression, by rotating the rear tire while feeling the tappets. When both tappets are at the bottom of their travel, and the cylinder is at TDC, the cylinder is at TDC compression.
- b. Insert the pushrods into the collapsed pushrod tubes. Make sure the proper O-rings are installed in the tappet covers, and on the cylinder head end of the pushrod covers
- c. Verify the correct locations for the pushrods that were removed. The longer pushrods go in the exhaust locations and the shorter pushrods are for the intakes.
- d. Insert the top of the pushrod into the hole in the head, then drop the bottom into the tappet cover.
- e. Apply assembly lube or suitable clean engine oil to the pushrod tips where they will contact the rocker arms.
- f. Insert the rocker arm support assembly into the rocker box.
- g. Ensure that the pushrod tips are fully engaged in the rocker arms.
- h. Apply Loctite® 243, then evenly snug the four 5/16" bolts which hold the rocker arms in place just finger tight at this time.
- i. Start the two breather cover bolts at this time, but do not tighten them.
- j. Begin tightening the rocker arm bolts. Following the sequence of lowest bolt on spark plug side, highest bolt on intake side, lowest bolt on intake side, then highest bolt on spark plug side. Tighten each bolt ¼ turn at a time following this sequence until they have reached a torque of 18-22 ft-lbs.

- k. Tighten the two breather cover bolts to 90-120 ft-lbs.
- l. Allow lifters to bleed down, then check to ensure both pushrods rotate freely by hand.
- m. Install pushrod cover keepers.
- n. Install new rocker box gasket, and rocker box top cover.
- o. Apply blue thread locker to the six rocker cover bolts and tighten in a star pattern to 15-18 ft-lbs.
- p. Repeat for the other cylinder, following steps 1 through 15.
- q. Install the gas tank.
- r. Shift transmission into neutral.
- s. Lower motorcycle onto lift and remove jack.
- t. Install spark plugs and plug wires.
- u. Reconnect negative battery cable.

2. Using Adjustable Pushrods

- a) Place transmission in high gear and turn rear wheel to rotate engine until both lifters for front cylinder are at lowest point in their travel. The front piston is now at TDC of compression stroke. If equipped with Rocket Cams Easy Start cams, you must use extra care when adjusting pushrods. Because the decompression lobe is near TDC, you must make sure that the tappet is not on the lobe. This will cause incorrect exhaust pushrod adjustment. To verify correct position, you can rotate the engine in the forward direction and feel for the exhaust tappet to slightly lift (about .030") and set back down on base circle. This is the proper point to adjust the pushrods.
- b) Loosen locknuts on adjustable pushrods and turn adjusters to make all rods as short as possible. Pass one intake and one exhaust pushrod through assembled pushrod covers.
- c) Place pushrod and cover assemblies through lifter cover. Inner tappet hole is for intake pushrod, and outer tappet hole is for exhaust pushrod. If using Rocket Cams EZ adjustable pushrods, hold a new gasket under lifter cover and install push rod, pushrod cover, lifter cover, and gasket as an assembly on crankcase. Tighten lifter cover screws to 95 in-lbs. torque.

Stock pushrods or Rocket Cams EZ Pushrods, can usually be installed without removing tappet cover, however it may be necessary to have them loose.

- d) While holding the top of the pushrod into the cup of the rocker arm, extend the bottom end into the tappet until the pushrod is just making contact with the cup of the tappet. From this point, extend the pushrod 2154 flats (2 1/2 turns). Move the jam nut

on the threaded portion of the pushrod to lock the end in place and tighten.

		E	E				ROD
514	INT	16	46	.51	98		STK
	EXH	32	14	4	106		
				.51			
				4			
554	INT	22	54	.55	98		STK
	EXH	38	16	4	109		
				.55			
				4			
574	INT	22	54	.57	98		STK
	EXH	38	16	4	109		
				.57			
				4			
584	INT	26	50	.58	100		EZ
	EXH	46	22	4	104		
				.58			
				4			
594	INT	20	58	.59	103		EZ
	EXH	46	28	4	105		
				.59			
				4			

NOTE

Rocket Cams® EZ pushrods have 24 threads per inch, and 15 flats will place the pushrod in the optimal position of the stock style tappet. If pushrods other than Rocket Cams® EZ pushrods are used, refer to the manufacturer's instruction sheets to find the number of flats needed.

- e) Allow the tappet to bleed down until you are able to rotate the pushrod freely by hand, before adjusting the next pushrod.
- f) Repeat steps 5 and 6 for the other pushrod on the same cylinder.
- g) Ensure both pushrods rotate freely, then repeat steps 1 through 6 for the other cylinder.
- h) Install pushrod clips.
- i) Shift transmission into neutral.
- j) Lower motorcycle onto lift and remove jack.
- k) Install spark plugs and plug wires.
- l) Reconnect negative battery cable.

CAUTION

If the engine is rotated before the tappets have bled down and the pushrods can be rotated by hand, valve to valve or valve to piston contact may occur. Serious engine damage could result.

CA M	LOB E	INTAKE OPEN/CLOS	EXHAUST OPEN/CLOS	LIFT	CENTE R	TD C	PUS H
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