



## TANK PANNIER INSTALLATION

Aerostich Tank Panniers are designed to be installed over an unfaired motorcycle's gas tank and allow additional storage space for small items. This mounting location can be adjusted with the Velcro straps that go over the tank and the adjustable bungees attached to the lower tank-facing side of each bag. Lower and forward positioning allows more space for your knees and provides better overall motorcycle weight distribution.

The adjustable straps over the tank should overlap by a minimum of 4 inches to allow sufficient strength of Velcro engagement. These straps may be shortened to fit your installation by cutting them off at any of the transverse lines of stitching which are positioned in approximately 1" increments from the strap ends. To prevent fraying after cutting, carefully melt the ends of the straps using a cigarette lighter or soldering iron. The nylon and Velcro straps can ignite if a flame is used for this, so be ready to snuff the end if it begins to burn.

Install the adjustable bungees so that the cord from the front of each bag is pulling forward, inward (toward the motorcycle centerline) and downward. The cord from the back side of each bag should pull toward the back, inward (toward the motorcycle centerline) and downward. These bungee cords can be shortened by cutting and melting the ends to prevent fraying, but they can also ignite, so use care if melting with a flame. The bungees should be adjusted so they are tensioned to about 80% of their maximum elongation.

Do not allow any part of the Tank Panniers, mounting straps, or bungee cords to directly contact your motorcycle's engine, or any other superheated areas. Do not carry flammable items such as gasoline or camp stove fuel in your tank panniers. Locating the panniers too near hot components will cause any items carried inside to become warm.

The Cordura fabric used in these Tank Panniers is waterproof, but the design and construction will allow leaks. Because of this, things carried inside can become wet in rainy conditions. To improve wet weather performance the stitching can be hand sealed using Gore-Seam, Aqua Seal or any similar seam sealant. Waterproofing will also be improved by spraying the bags with Camp Dry or a similar water repellent product. The Tank Panniers are machine washable. Remove the adjustable bungee cords and inner bag stiffener pieces and machine wash using any laundry detergent. Hang or machine dry and after drying is complete spray with Scotchguard, Camp Dry, or similar water repellent spray.

Please contact us if you have questions about installation, use, or other problems with this product. Aerostich/RiderWearHouse Catalog, 8 South 18th Ave. West, Duluth MN 55806, 218 722 1927 or email [products@aerostich.com](mailto:products@aerostich.com).