

Bike-Quip: Installation Guidelines – ST1300 Stainless Steel Radiator Grille

Note: If your Radiator Grille arrives flat then you can easily bend it to fit the profile of your rad. Don't worry, it's good quality stainless so there isn't any chrome plating to crack off. Gently bend the grill at both ends using a soft cushioned roll (such as towelling) providing support in the centre. Make sure you bend it in the correct direction! Bend it a little at a time and expect it to flex back somewhat each time.

Please familiarise yourself with how the Grille fits on to your radiator.

IE The 2 top tabs 'hang over' a small ridge on the top of the radiator and the bottom fixing on the Grille, fits 'under and behind' the radiator which is secured in place with 2 small s/s screws (use 3mm Allen tool).

Warning: The radiator on your bike should be handled with the utmost care. The 'fins' are surprisingly thin and bend over very easily. Take great care not to damage the very thing you are seeking to protect! Lay a thick sheet/blanket under the front end of your bike – in case you drop your Grille. If you do – you can be sure it will fall shiny side down!

Now familiarise yourself with the radiator on the bike and the surrounding fairing parts. To assist you, I have enclosed relevant pages from the Honda Service Manual.

Firstly, take note of the 3 pieces of black 'plastic' mouldings surrounding the radiator. You will see a triangular shaped section (See 2-9. Inner Lower Cowl) immediately below the radiator and one moulding each side of the radiator (See 2-12. Inner Cowl).

You will now realise that these 3 black plastic mouldings are in your way. It's decision time! You basically have 2 choices.

1. To remove the minimum possible number of pieces of the bike – to give adequate access to the radiator. Or...
2. Remove most of the fairing i.e. the 2 main side sections etc. (leaving just the headlamp and screen section in place). This method makes access to the radiator very easy AND it gives you an opportunity to give your engine and the inside of your fairing panels a thorough clean.

If you choose Option 1, you can possibly get away with loosening the 2 side mouldings by removing the appropriate screws/push fit fittings – thus giving you access to the top of the radiator. To be certain of good access, it is obviously better to remove all 3 of these sections.

The triangular Inner Lower Cowl, immediately below the radiator, needs to be removed – thus giving access to the bottom of the radiator (so that you can locate the bottom fixing on the Grille correctly).

The removal of the Inner Lower Cowl requires you to remove the fixings from the underside of the fairing etc (See 2-9, 2-10 and 2-12).

If you choose Option 2 – you will not regret doing so and you'll have a thoroughly clean 'inner' bike. Removal of the 2 main sections of the fairing is not at all difficult but, I do strongly advise you to have a system of knowing exactly where each push fit fitting and screw came from as, whilst they look very similar – there is a surprising amount of variety in all of these fixings!

Centralise the Grille so that there is an even gap down each side of about ¼"/6mm.

My final advice to you is ...

PLEASE - don't rush any aspect of the fitting procedure. Read all of the enclosed documents before starting this installation. Take great care throughout. Devise a re-fitting system for those fixings!

Ride Safe!