

Hands Free: The Kaoko Throttle Control

Blasting across the country is a total gas. Riders in most parts of the world can't even dream of the rides we can take. Long rides have one downside though—fatigue can set in. Holding your throttle at a constant speed has a way of numbing your hand. Harley equips some of their throttles with a lock mechanism. Because of its location (under the right handlebar switch housing) it is not the most convenient control on the motorcycle.

There's a bike shop in Sandpoint, Idaho,

Black Dog Cycle Works, that has come out with a very handy throttle control that is also easy to install. It is installed into the end of the handlebar and has a large hand wheel that you simply rotate until it makes contact with the end of the throttle grip. Like the factory throttle lock, the Kaoko Throttle Control works by friction.

We picked up the Kaoko Throttle Control and installed it in the freeway flying Dyna Super Glide. We cut the end out of the factory grip, slipped the throttle control into

the end of the handlebar and tightened the wedge bolt. To keep your bike on an even keel, Black Dog also includes a dummy bar end that looks just like the throttle control for the left grip. Using it is so easy it's hard to explain: rotate throttle grip, turn throttle hand wheel.

That's it. —S. E. Malone

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The Kaoko Throttle comes in three styles; we got the Torpedo. They also offer the Cannon Ball and the Big Barrel. Any of the three can be had in chrome or black finish. The only tools we needed were an X-acto knife and an Allen wrench.



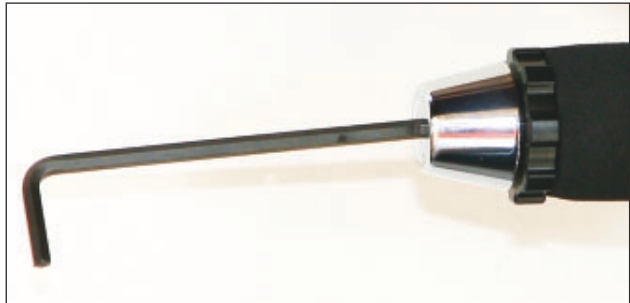
The throttle control's parts are fully machined and fit together well. The exposed end is chrome-plated while the hand wheel is black anodized.



The throttle control fits into the end of the handlebar, so you need to cut a hole in the end of the grip.



The tension on the hand wheel is adjusted by way of a small setscrew. We found the adjustment was right to our liking.



The throttle control is pushed into the inside of the handlebar tube until the inner edge of the hand wheel almost touches the throttle grip. The wedge locking screw is then securely tightened.



The finished installation. When the hand wheel is rotated, it locks the throttle grip.

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