

KoubaLink Installation Instructions

*Fits: 2002-up DL650, 2002-13 DL1000 (V-Strom's) & 03-up SV650.
PN: V-Strom-1 (3/4"rear lowering) & V-Strom-2 (1 1/8"rear lowering)*

- 1) Raise the motorcycle with the center stand, jack, etc., so the rear wheel is just slightly off the ground. *(Be careful not to bend the exhaust if you do not have the center stand) Remove the two 17 mm socket size nuts from the bolts and remove them out the left side. You may have to lift up on the rear wheel slightly to allow the front bolt to slide out freely. After removing the front bolt then you will have to raise the wheel and swing arm as far as possible to allow the rear bolt to pass by the exhaust only on the DL1000's.
- 2) Remove both stock links and you should be ready to install the new KoubaLinks. Before installing these links, you may want to put some grease on the needle bearings inside the rocker and swing arm mount.
- 3) Now that the stock links are removed, install the KoubaLinks in reverse order of the removal of the stock links, engraving and countersinks go to the outside with the engraving reading left to right. Both links are identical.
- 4) After pushing the rear mounting bolt in from the left side, you will have to raise the swing arm again until the front mounting bolt aligns with the rocker mounting hole, then push that mounting bolt in from the left side. Install both 17 mm socket sized nuts and torque to approx. 40 lbs.-ft.
- 5) The V-Strom-1 links will lower the rear of the V-Strom 3/4" and the V-Strom-2 links lower the rear 1 1/8". (3/8" and 3/4" on the SV650) Do not slide the front fork tubes up in the triple clamps more than necessary, as the fender/tire could come in contact with the bottom of the triple clamps when fully compressed. Sliding the fork tubes up less than 1" is preferred. Lowering the rear more than the front should make the bike more stable when going striate, but also not turn as quickly. To make it turn quicker (if desired) the forks can be slid up in the triple clamps (maximum 1") and/or by increasing the rear spring preload to raise the rear.

***Disclaimer: Raising or lowering the rear more than the front can change the geometry and could affect the handling, so be careful out there.**

If you like what the KoubaLinks do for your suspension, please tell everyone, if you do not, please tell us. We can be contacted at our e-mail address below and are always interested in your questions or comments.