



# AltRider Hemisphere Soft Panniers

## INSTALLATION & CARE INSTRUCTIONS

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Venture On,  
Jeremy LeBreton



**AltRider Hemisphere  
Soft Panniers**

Package Contents:  
- Soft panniers



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**Product Overview:**

- ① Top Case
- ② **Waterproof upper side compartment (includes waterproof liners)**
- ③ Lower side compartment (includes custom waterproof dry bag inserts)
- ④ Forward attachment straps
- ⑤ Rear attachment strap
- ⑥ Daisy chain attachment points (under Top Case)
- ⑦ Center rack attachment strap with custom tension hook (shown below)



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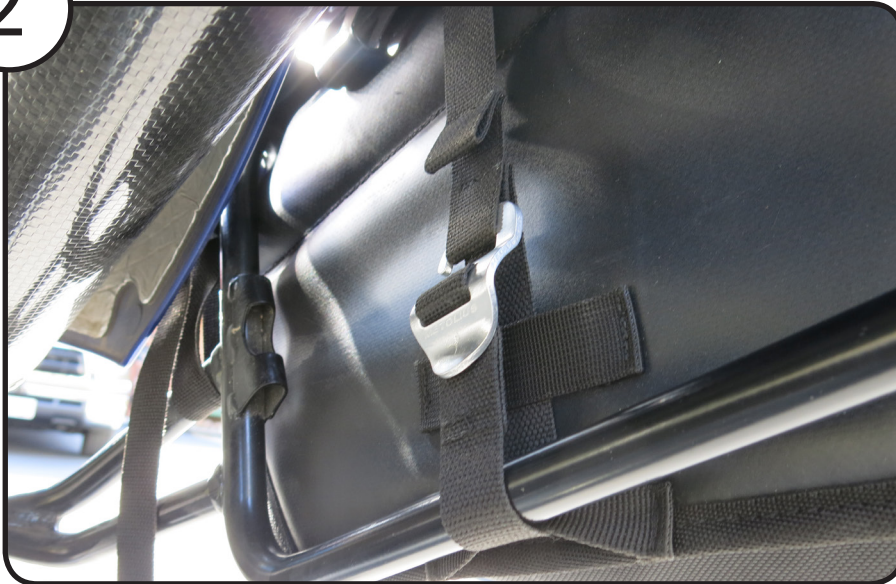


Your Altrider Soft Pannier system will carry your gear securely and in the correct position for best handling of your motorcycle in even the most challenging conditions.

Start by familiarizing yourself with the components of the Soft Pannier and 'dry fitting' the panniers on your motorcycle. There are five straps that will secure the Pannier to the bike - the two forward straps attach to your passenger footrest brackets, the two center rack attachment straps wrap around your hard luggage rack and the rear attachment strap prevents the Pannier from sliding forward and attaches to your rear luggage rack. The idea is to mount the Pannier as far forward (to keep the mass as close to center of gravity as possible) while not interfering with the riders' position.

Remove your Top Case for this step. Once you have determined your preferred position on the motorcycle and verified that it is centered, loop the Center rack attachment strap around the lower hoop of your hard luggage rack and choose which of the loops on the strap that will keep that strap as snug as possible. Some rack configurations are lower than others but you want as little slack in that strap as possible.

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Here you can see correct position of the hooks. The strap has yet to be tightened in this photo. Some rack configurations will allow you to use only the upper strap loop to keep this strap as snug as possible.

Note - different hoops provide options for higher and lower racks.

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Next, thread or wrap the Rear Connection Strap around your rear luggage rack and secure that strap as tight as needed. This connection is preventing the pannier from sliding forward into the riders' area. This becomes the anchor point and the two front straps will make the system tight. Keep in mind the ideal position you wanted while tightening the straps.

**IMPORTANT** - Always make sure your straps are tidy and no excess strap is loose or capable of becoming entangled in your chain or interfering with your riding position on the bike.

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Once you have determined the correct position for the two Center Rack Attachment straps, cinch those down as tight as possible. Think about cinching a saddle on a horse - you want those very tight, they will not slip through the metal cam lock buckles. These straps create the second connection to the motorcycle and stabilize the saddlebags from lateral movement.

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The last step for making a secure connection to the motorcycle is threading the Forward Attachment Straps to your passenger footrest bracket.

**IMPORTANT** - do not use the footrest itself! Use the BRACKET for this static connection.

These straps are very strong and will provide the final stability to your new Soft Panniers. We left these straps extra long for hard to fit machines so once you have established the correct length for your motorcycle, you can trim the excess strap for a custom fit.

**IMPORTANT** - If you plan to ride with a passenger, ensure that the passenger pegs are still operational.

**Tip** - If you decide to trim your strap material, cut it at an angle so it will easily feed through this buckle and take the time to singe or melt the new strap end so it does not unravel.

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Now you are ready to start packing your gear. We recommend starting with your tools, spare parts and other heavy items that will be stowed in the Lower Side Compartments. These are custom shapes that will 'keystone' into the lower compartment, notice that they are slightly smaller on the forward end for easier loading into the compartment in a wedge style. If there is also a left and right bag for the Left Side or Right Side exhaust version. That should be fairly obvious as the larger 8" wide bag will only fit in the 8" wide compartment.

**IMPORTANT** - Do not stow tools or sharp objects loosely into these dry bags as vibrations will cause those items to rub through the fabric. Use a tool pouch or other soft device to protect your luggage from loose items. Also, try to pack your gear into these bags to create a trapezoid shape. You will discover a place for everything needed and will be glad to be organized when you need to access tools for trail or road-side repairs!

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Shown on the left is the Top Case properly positioned and the Lower Side Compartments correctly secured with the ramp connected to the Upper Side Compartment roll top and the horizontal side release buckle capturing the ramp.

**IMPORTANT** - All roll tops will be 100% water proof with 3 rolls before securing the side release buckles.

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Your Hemisphere Soft Pannier is a robust and flexible system that has many uses for temporary transportation of items other than your adventure gear. Use the Top Case metal cam lock buckles and full-strength webbing to secure items for short trips from the store back to camp!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**You've completed your installation. If at any point you have questions about your installation or have any feed back for us, we'd love to hear it. A downloadable version of these instructions can be found at our web site. [www.AltRider.com](http://www.AltRider.com)**

**After a short test ride, confirm that your straps are secure and the Saddlebag is not interfering with the performance of the motorcycle.**

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