

Courtesy of Forum member YAussie (OneFromOz)

Guidelines:

Well, if you go with the Cavalcade bags and frames, here's some general guidelines. When I say general, I'm pointing out the changes done with mine but the guidelines can't line up mounting holes as you have to add 3 mount plates so you'll have to line those up. The guidelines and mounting height depends on what exhaust you have. I have the Roadhouse 2 into 1 and it is below the rear axle. A higher exhaust means higher mount points.

There's 4 attached photos. One of them is from the eBay add I bought them from. The other three are them mounted without the bags. I've added comments in each photo to explain things a bit clearer.

Fitting the frames:

I started on the right side as they had to clear the exhaust. Left doesn't need to clear anything and can be copied from the right later.

I put a cloth over the exhaust and then a 1" bar and taped them tight around the exhaust. This prevented the exhaust from being scratched and provided adequate clearance for the frames later.

Forward mount first. You'll need to heat & straighten this bar as the original curves up. Then gradually cut some off it. See the photo of the bar mounted and you'll see a bracket was added so it could mount.

Second mount. Need to add @ 1" and then add a mount to the top passenger peg bolt. Longer bolt needed here.

Rear mount. Need to remove the surplus where circled. Then weld some more plating so it can mount to the bolt.

How I lined it all up was with the frame sitting on the 1" bar on the exhaust. You have to stand back and ensure it's level and the fronts not tucked in or out. It takes a couple hours per side to get all correct but the right side takes the longest.

Once you've done the right side, the left is a lot easier as to can use identical parts from the right side.

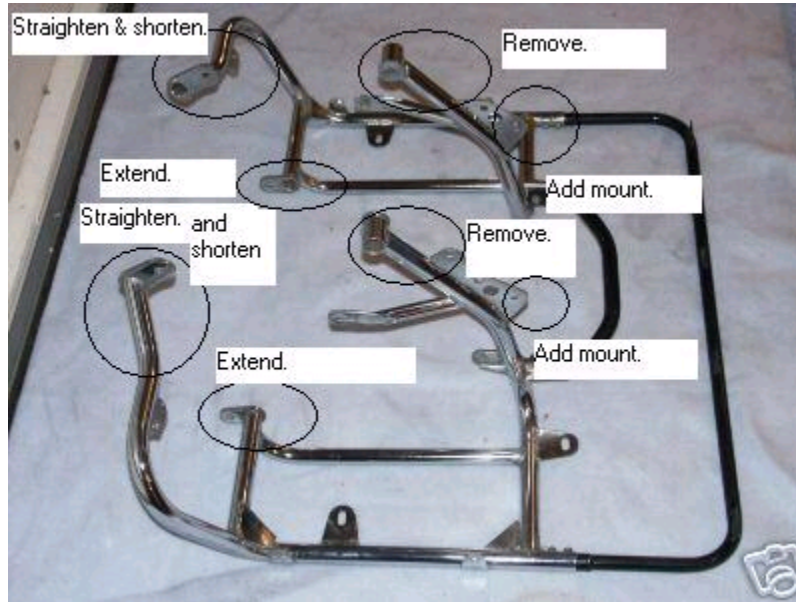
I got some chrome caps from Ace hardware to fill the open parts up near the rear mount and the lowest rear part. To cover the side where the stock chrome bumper goes, I bought an aluminium strip from Ace and shaped it (see pic) and had it chromed when the frames were re-chromed.

The bags have four mount points onto the frames. If you want to use the full capacity of the bags, you'll need to remove the huge taillights and have the holes filled in. Or you can use them to really light up the back of your bike!!

As the bags take up most of the room between the passenger pegs and rear turn signals, I'd recommend getting peg extenders and CW boards. Using both will bring them forward a lot

which is needed for passenger comfort.

For traveling, get some bag liners so you can pack and unpack the bike in seconds.





Weld steel bracket and mount where the bolt is.

Heat & straighten this section.

New mount to go to top passenger pet bracket - needs a longer 8M screw.

Need to add about an inch between original mount and new mount.



Need to weld on some more to extend the original bracket.

Remove access here as the original goes higher.



Instead of buying the original Cavalcade chrome side, I just made two aluminium strips and had them chromed. The originals wanted to meet with the rear bumper and would have looked tacky.