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Model: 6038J

1. INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides detailed information for the installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Puig 6038J Matt Black Rear Hugger. This product is designed to enhance the protection of your motorcycle's rear suspension and chain from road debris, mud, and water, while also contributing to the aesthetic appeal of the vehicle.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Puig 6038J Rear Hugger is a precisely engineered component for motorcycles, featuring a matt black finish. It is constructed from durable materials, including aluminum and stainless steel, ensuring longevity and effective protection. The design is aggressive and incorporates a stainless steel detail for a refined appearance.

2.1 Key Features

- **Precise Fit:** Engineered for specific motorcycle models to ensure optimal integration.
- **Durable Construction:** Made from high-quality aluminum and stainless steel for robust protection.
- **Aesthetic Design:** Features an aggressive design with a matt black finish and stainless steel accents.
- **Enhanced Protection:** Shields the rear shock absorber, chain, and other components from road grime and debris.

2.2 Package Contents

Upon unpacking, verify that all components are present and undamaged. The package typically includes:

- 1 x Puig 6038J Matt Black Rear Hugger
- Mounting hardware (bolts, zip ties, brackets as required for installation)



Figure 2.1: The Puig 6038J Matt Black Rear Hugger, showing the main fender component, mounting bolts, and zip ties. This image displays the complete product as it would appear out of the box, ready for installation.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Installation of the Puig 6038J Rear Hugger requires basic mechanical aptitude and common tools. It is recommended to perform the installation on a stable surface with the motorcycle securely supported. Refer to your motorcycle's service manual for specific torque specifications for any existing components that need to be removed or loosened.

3.1 Tools Required

- Metric Allen keys (4mm, 5mm, and potentially shorter versions for tight spaces)
- Wrench set (if hex head bolts are used)
- Torque wrench (recommended for proper fastening)
- Side cutters or snips (for zip ties)
- Protective gloves

3.2 Installation Steps

1. **Prepare the Motorcycle:** Ensure the motorcycle is cool and stable. Place it on a stand or secure it to prevent movement during installation.
2. **Identify Mounting Points:** Locate the designated mounting points on your motorcycle's swingarm or frame. These typically align with existing bolt holes or require the use of supplied brackets.
3. **Attach Brackets (if applicable):** If separate aluminum support brackets are provided, attach them to the

motorcycle's swingarm using the specified bolts. Some users have found it beneficial to replace supplied Allen head bolts with hex head flange bolts for easier access in tight spaces, particularly for the front-most bolts.

4. **Position the Hugger:** Carefully position the Puig Rear Hugger against the motorcycle's swingarm, aligning the mounting holes on the hugger with the brackets or existing mounting points.
5. **Secure the Hugger:** Insert the supplied bolts through the hugger and into the mounting points. Hand-tighten all bolts first to ensure proper alignment before fully tightening.
6. **Tighten Fasteners:** Using the appropriate Allen key or wrench, gradually tighten all bolts. Apply even pressure and tighten to the manufacturer's recommended torque specifications for your motorcycle, if available. Avoid over-tightening.
7. **Utilize Zip Ties:** If zip ties are provided, use them to secure any additional parts of the hugger or cables as instructed. Note that some users have found the supplied zip ties to be too small and have used larger ones for better security.
8. **Final Inspection:** After all components are secured, visually inspect the installation to ensure the hugger is firmly attached, does not interfere with any moving parts (e.g., chain, wheel, suspension travel), and is properly aligned.



Figure 3.1: The Puig 6038J Rear Hugger installed on a motorcycle, viewed from the left side. This image demonstrates how the hugger integrates with the motorcycle's swingarm and wheel, providing coverage over the chain and rear suspension.



Figure 3.2: The Puig 6038J Rear Hugger installed on a motorcycle, viewed from the right side. This perspective highlights the coverage provided to the rear shock absorber and the overall fitment around the tire.

4. OPERATION

The Puig 6038J Rear Hugger operates passively by providing a physical barrier between the rear tire and critical motorcycle components. Once installed, it continuously works to:

- **Reduce Debris Spray:** Minimizes the amount of mud, water, and road grit thrown up by the rear tire onto the rear shock, chain, and underside of the motorcycle.
- **Protect Components:** Helps to keep the rear suspension cleaner, potentially extending its lifespan and maintaining performance. It also reduces the accumulation of grime on the chain, which can contribute to longer chain life and smoother operation.
- **Maintain Cleanliness:** Contributes to a cleaner motorcycle overall, especially the rear section, reducing the frequency of intensive cleaning required after rides in adverse conditions.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your Puig Rear Hugger will ensure its longevity and continued effectiveness.

- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the hugger with mild soap and water to remove accumulated dirt and grime. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that could damage the matt black finish.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the hugger for any signs of damage, cracks, or loose fasteners. Check the mounting bolts for tightness, especially after initial installation and after riding on rough terrain.
- **Component Check:** Ensure that the hugger does not rub against the tire, chain, or any other moving parts. If rubbing occurs, re-check the installation and alignment.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Hugger does not fit or align correctly.	Incorrect model for motorcycle; improper alignment during installation; minor manufacturing variations.	Verify the hugger model number (6038J) is compatible with your specific motorcycle year and model. Re-align the hugger and mounting points carefully. Some minor adjustments or slight bending of brackets may be necessary for a perfect fit.
Difficulty tightening mounting bolts.	Limited access to bolt heads, especially front-most bolts.	Use shorter Allen keys or consider replacing the supplied Allen head bolts with hex head flange bolts for easier access with a wrench.
Hugger is loose after installation.	Bolts not tightened sufficiently; bolts vibrating loose over time.	Ensure all mounting bolts are tightened to appropriate torque specifications. Apply thread-locking compound (e.g., Loctite blue) to bolt threads to prevent loosening from vibration. Regularly check bolt tightness.
Excessive road grime still reaching components.	Hugger not providing full coverage; extreme riding conditions.	While the hugger significantly reduces spray, it may not eliminate it entirely, especially in very wet or muddy conditions. Ensure the hugger is correctly positioned and not damaged.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
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Model	Puig 6038J
Brand	Puig
Color	Matt Black
Material	Aluminum, Stainless Steel
Item Weight	1.1 pounds (approx. 500 grams)
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	24 x 15.5 x 10.5 inches (approx. 60.96 x 39.37 x 26.67 cm)
Exterior Finish	Painted
Auto Part Position	Rear
Vehicle Service Type	Motorcycle
Country of Origin	Spain

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Puig 6038J Matt Black Rear Hugger, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official Puig website. Warranty terms and conditions may vary by region and retailer.

For technical support, installation assistance, or inquiries about replacement parts, please contact Puig customer service or your authorized Puig dealer. Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or on the product packaging.