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## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Kuryakyn 7438 Handlebar Riser/Setback system is designed to enhance rider comfort and control on Gold Wing motorcycles. This system provides three different handlebar position options, allowing for personalized adjustment of your handlebars. The kit includes all necessary components for installation, enabling riders to achieve an optimal ergonomic setup.

This product is compatible with 2001-2016 GL1800 and F6B models.



**Figure 1.1:** Kuryakyn 7438 Handlebar Riser/Setback components. This image displays the various parts included in the kit, such as the risers, setbacks, and associated hardware, designed for adjusting handlebar position on compatible Gold Wing models.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Read all instructions thoroughly before beginning installation. Improper installation can lead to loss of control and serious injury.

- If you are not confident in your mechanical abilities, seek assistance from a qualified motorcycle technician.
- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) during installation.
- Ensure the motorcycle is stable and secure on a level surface before starting work. Disconnect the battery if instructed or if working near electrical components.
- Verify that all cables (throttle, clutch, brake) and hoses (brake lines) have sufficient slack and are not stretched, pinched, or kinked at full steering lock after installation. Insufficient slack can impair control.
- After installation, test all controls (brakes, throttle, clutch, steering) for proper operation before riding.
- Regularly inspect all fasteners for tightness, especially after the first few rides.

### 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Verify that all components listed below are present in your package before beginning installation:

- Handlebar Risers (Quantity: 2)
- Handlebar Setbacks (Quantity: 2)
- Mounting Hardware Kit (Includes bolts, washers, and any specific spacers or shims required for installation)
- Instruction Sheet (This document)

*Note: The kit may include blocks and wedges. These components are designed to be used independently, not in combination. Select the appropriate components for your desired handlebar position.*

### 4. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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**Tools Required:** Refer to your motorcycle's service manual for specific torque specifications and tools required for handlebar removal and installation. Common tools include: Hex keys, Torx wrenches, Socket set, Torque wrench, Blue threadlocker (medium strength).

1. **Prepare Motorcycle:** Park the motorcycle on a firm, level surface. Secure it using a center stand or appropriate motorcycle lift to ensure stability. Turn the ignition off and remove the key.
2. **Access Handlebars:** Carefully remove any covers or fairing components that obstruct access to the handlebar clamps. Refer to your motorcycle's service manual for specific removal procedures.
3. **Loosen Handlebar Clamps:** Loosen the bolts securing the upper handlebar clamps. Do not remove them completely yet. Support the handlebars to prevent them from falling.
4. **Remove Handlebars:** Once the clamps are loose, carefully lift the handlebars from their mounting points. Be mindful of attached cables, wires, and hoses. Rest the handlebars on a soft cloth or secure them to prevent damage.
5. **Remove Stock Risers/Setbacks (if applicable):** Remove the original handlebar risers or setbacks from the triple tree. Clean the mounting surface thoroughly.
6. **Install Kuryakyn Risers/Setbacks:**
  - Determine your desired handlebar position. The Kuryakyn 7438 offers three options using combinations of risers and setbacks.
  - Select either the riser components or the setback components. **Do not use both blocks and wedges together.**
  - Place the chosen Kuryakyn riser or setback components onto the triple tree mounting studs. Ensure they are correctly oriented and seated flush.
  - Apply a small amount of blue threadlocker to the threads of the new mounting bolts (if supplied, or as per your motorcycle's service manual).

- Secure the Kuryakyn components to the triple tree using the provided hardware. Tighten bolts finger-tight initially.
7. **Reinstall Handlebars:**
- Carefully place the handlebars back into the new Kuryakyn clamps.
  - Position the handlebars to your preferred angle.
  - Install the upper handlebar clamps. Tighten the bolts evenly, alternating between bolts, until they are snug.
  - **Check Cable and Hose Slack:** Before final tightening, turn the handlebars from full left lock to full right lock. Verify that all control cables (throttle, clutch, brake) and hydraulic hoses (brake lines) have sufficient free play and are not stretched, pinched, or binding at any point in the steering range. Adjust handlebar position slightly if necessary to ensure adequate slack.
  - **Torque Fasteners:** Refer to your motorcycle's service manual for the correct torque specifications for handlebar clamp bolts and riser mounting bolts. Use a torque wrench to tighten all fasteners to the specified values. Overtightening can damage components; undertightening can lead to unsafe operation.
8. **Reassemble:** Reinstall any fairing components or covers removed earlier.
9. **Final Inspection:**
- Double-check all fasteners for tightness.
  - Ensure all cables and hoses move freely and are not obstructed.
  - Test the front brake, clutch, and throttle for proper operation and smooth movement.
  - Verify that the steering moves freely from lock to lock without interference.
10. **Test Ride:** Perform a slow, careful test ride in a safe area to confirm proper function and feel of the new handlebar position.

## 5. OPERATION AND ADJUSTMENT

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The Kuryakyn 7438 system allows for three distinct handlebar positions. These adjustments are made during the installation process by selecting the appropriate riser or setback components. Once installed, the handlebar position is fixed until the components are reconfigured.

- **Riser Option:** Elevates the handlebars, bringing them closer to the rider.
- **Setback Option:** Moves the handlebars back and potentially slightly up or down, depending on the specific setback component design, to optimize reach.
- **Standard Position:** If neither risers nor setbacks are used, the handlebars remain in their stock position (assuming the stock clamps are re-used or the Kuryakyn components are designed to replicate stock geometry when not actively adjusting). The Kuryakyn kit replaces the stock risers, so one of the Kuryakyn options must be chosen.

To change the handlebar position, you must repeat the relevant steps of the installation process (Section 4) to swap out the riser/setback components. Always re-check cable/hose slack and torque specifications after any adjustment.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your Kuryakyn Handlebar Riser/Setback system.

- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically inspect all mounting bolts for tightness. Vibrations from riding can cause fasteners to loosen over time.
- **Cleaning:** Clean the risers/setbacks with a mild soap and water solution. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that could damage the finish.

- **Damage Check:** Inspect the components for any signs of damage, cracks, or corrosion. If damage is found, replace the affected components immediately.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Handlebars feel loose or shift	Mounting bolts not torqued correctly.	Re-torque all handlebar clamp and riser mounting bolts to specifications. Use blue threadlocker if not already applied.
Cables/hoses are tight or binding	Insufficient slack after adjustment.	Re-evaluate handlebar position. If necessary, adjust handlebars or reroute cables/hoses to ensure adequate slack at full steering lock. If rerouting is not possible, the chosen riser/setback option may not be suitable for your motorcycle's cable/hose lengths.
Unusual noise or vibration from handlebars	Loose fasteners or improper seating of components.	Inspect all components and fasteners for proper installation and tightness. Ensure no parts are rubbing against each other.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Kuryakyn
Model Number	7438
Item Type Name	Handlebar Riser/Setback for Gold Wing
Compatibility	2001-2016 GL1800 & F6B Models
Adjustment Options	3 different positions (Riser, Setback, or combination thereof)
Material	(Not specified, assume durable metal construction)
Item Weight	680 g
UPC	651989707499
ASIN	B011J6MBF0

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Kuryakyn products are manufactured to high standards. For specific warranty information regarding your Kuryakyn 7438 Handlebar Riser/Setback, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Kuryakyn website.

For technical assistance, installation questions, or to report missing/damaged parts, please contact Kuryakyn Customer Support directly. Contact information can typically be found on their official website or on the product packaging.

**Kuryakyn Official Website:** [www.kuryakyn.com](http://www.kuryakyn.com) (This is a placeholder URL, please verify the actual Kuryakyn website for support.)

