

GIVI GRT718

GIVI GRT718 Waterproof Saddlebags Instruction Manual

Model: GRT718

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the GIVI GRT718 Waterproof Saddlebags. These saddlebags are designed for adventure motorcycles, dual sport, and enduro use, offering a robust and waterproof solution for carrying your gear. Each saddlebag provides 15 liters of storage capacity and features reflective elements for enhanced visibility. This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your new saddlebags.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and understand all safety instructions before installing and using the GIVI GRT718 saddlebags. Failure to follow these instructions may result in property damage or personal injury.

- **Secure Attachment:** Always ensure the saddlebags are securely attached to your motorcycle according to the installation instructions. Loose bags can interfere with vehicle operation and pose a hazard.
- **Weight Distribution:** Distribute weight evenly between the two saddlebags. Avoid overloading, as this can affect motorcycle handling and stability.
- **Clearance:** Verify that the saddlebags do not interfere with any moving parts of the motorcycle, such as wheels, chain, exhaust, or suspension components. Ensure adequate clearance from hot exhaust pipes.
- **Visibility:** While the bags feature reflective inserts, always ensure your motorcycle's lights and turn signals are not obstructed.
- **Regular Checks:** Periodically check the attachment straps and mounting points for wear, damage, or loosening, especially during long rides or after riding on rough terrain.
- **Speed and Handling:** Be aware that adding luggage can change your motorcycle's center of gravity and handling characteristics. Adjust your riding style accordingly.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

The GIVI GRT718 package includes the following items:

- 1x Pair of GIVI GRT718 Waterproof Saddlebags
- Mounting Straps (pre-attached or included separately)

Note: Please inspect all components upon unpacking. If any items are missing or damaged, contact your retailer or GIVI customer support.

4. SETUP & INSTALLATION

The GIVI GRT718 saddlebags are designed for universal fitment on most adventure, dual sport, and enduro motorcycles using a strap-based mounting system. Follow these steps for secure installation:

4.1 Initial Placement

Position one saddlebag on each side of your motorcycle's rear section. Ensure they are balanced and do not obstruct passenger footpegs, exhaust, or rear wheel movement. The bags are typically designed to rest on a luggage rack or passenger seat.



Image 1: GIVI GRT718 saddlebags shown mounted on the rear of an adventure motorcycle. This illustrates the typical placement and how the bags sit on either side of the bike.

4.2 Securing the Top Straps

Utilize the main nylon/polyester straps with hook-and-loop fastening located at the top of each saddlebag. These straps

are designed to pass over the motorcycle's seat or luggage rack, connecting the two bags securely across the top. Adjust the length of these straps to ensure a snug fit, preventing the bags from shifting laterally.

4.3 Securing the Lower Straps

Locate the lower attachment straps on each saddlebag. These straps are intended to be secured to the motorcycle's frame, passenger footpeg mounts, or other sturdy points. Tighten these straps firmly to prevent the bags from swinging or moving vertically during riding. Ensure all straps are clear of hot exhaust components and moving parts.

4.4 Final Check

Before riding, perform a thorough check:

- Gently pull on each saddlebag to confirm it is firmly attached and does not wobble.
- Ensure all straps are taut and buckles are securely fastened.
- Check for adequate clearance around the wheels, chain, exhaust, and suspension.
- Confirm that the bags do not obstruct your view of mirrors or interfere with your riding position.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Loading the Saddlebags

Each GRT718 saddlebag has a capacity of 15 liters. When loading, distribute weight evenly and place heavier items at the bottom and closer to the motorcycle's center of gravity. Avoid overfilling the bags to ensure proper closure and maintain the waterproof seal.



Image 2: A single GIVI GRT718 saddlebag, showcasing its waterproof material and roll-top closure. Note the reflective strip for visibility.

5.2 Waterproof Closure

The GRT718 saddlebags feature a roll-top closure system, which is essential for maintaining their waterproof integrity. To close:

1. Expel as much air as possible from the bag after loading.
2. Roll the top edge down at least three times.
3. Secure the side buckles to compress the roll and create a tight seal.

This method ensures your contents remain dry in wet conditions.

5.3 Enhanced Visibility

The saddlebags are equipped with reflective inserts and prints. These elements are designed to increase your visibility to

other road users, especially in low-light conditions. Keep these reflective surfaces clean for optimal performance.

5.4 Additional Load Attachment

The saddlebags include rapid attachment straps at the top and base. These can be used to mount additional compatible loads, such as the GIVI GRT717 bag or other small dry bags. Ensure any additional load is securely fastened and does not exceed the motorcycle's weight limits or obstruct safe operation.

6. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will extend the life and performance of your GIVI GRT718 saddlebags.

- **Cleaning:** Clean the saddlebags with a damp cloth and mild soap. Do not use harsh chemicals, solvents, or abrasive cleaners, as these can damage the material and waterproof coating. Rinse thoroughly and allow to air dry completely before storage.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the fabric, seams, straps, and buckles for any signs of wear, cuts, tears, or damage. Address minor issues promptly to prevent further deterioration.
- **Waterproofing:** While the bags are designed to be waterproof, extreme conditions or prolonged exposure to water can test their limits. Ensure the roll-top closure is always correctly sealed. If the material's waterproofing appears to diminish over time, specialized fabric waterproofing sprays designed for nylon can be applied, following the product manufacturer's instructions.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the saddlebags in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Ensure they are clean and dry before storage to prevent mold or mildew.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your GIVI GRT718 saddlebags.

- **Bags feel loose or shift during riding:**
 - Ensure all top and bottom attachment straps are tightened securely.
 - Verify that the bags are balanced in terms of weight distribution.
 - Check if the mounting points on the motorcycle are appropriate and sturdy.
 - Consider adding additional bungee cords or straps for extra security if needed, ensuring they do not interfere with motorcycle operation.
- **Water leakage:**
 - Confirm that the roll-top closure is rolled down at least three times and the side buckles are securely fastened.
 - Inspect the bag material for any punctures, tears, or compromised seams.
 - Ensure no water is entering through the attachment points if not properly sealed.
- **Difficulty closing the bags:**
 - The bag may be overloaded. Remove some items to allow for proper roll-top closure.
 - Ensure items inside are not obstructing the rolling mechanism.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	GRT718
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Brand	GIVI
Capacity	15 Liters per bag (Pair)
Material	Nylon
Color	Black
Closure Type	Hook (Roll-top with buckles)
Mounting Type	Frame Mount, Strap (Nylon/polyester straps with hook-and-loop fastening)
Vehicle Service Type	Motorcycle (Universal Fit)
Item Weight	2.27 Kilograms (Total for pair)
Dimensions (Approximate)	15"L x 6.5"W x 12.5"H (Each bag)

9. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

9.1 Manufacturer Warranty

The GIVI GRT718 Waterproof Saddlebags are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding the warranty period, coverage, and terms, please refer to the warranty documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official GIVI website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

9.2 Customer Support

If you have any questions, require technical assistance, or need to report an issue with your GIVI GRT718 saddlebags, please contact GIVI customer support or your authorized GIVI retailer. When contacting support, please have your product model number (GRT718) and proof of purchase readily available.

For more information, visit: www.givi.it

