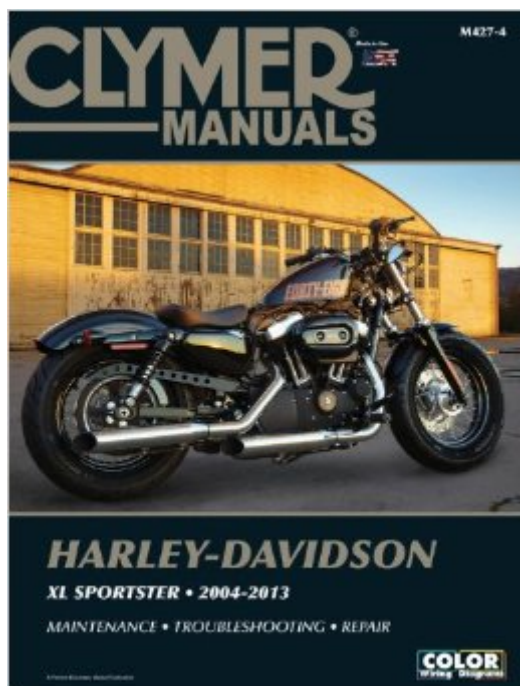


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They simply took a repair manual from pre-EFI sportsters, and added, literally added an appendix at the end for the fuel injection years. So, when you need to do something, you wind up flipping around several different parts of the book to get all the instructions. They obviously did this to save money. They should have a manual for the electronic fuel injection model years specifically, and separately. But the sad thing is, there's not much out there for EFI. Were stuck with this.

You still should have and use the factory Harley-Davidson service manual due to its enhanced size and details, but this Clymer manual picks up favorable points to buy this book. This manual has fantastic step-by-step troubleshooting flow-charts and instructions for troubleshooting the electric and electronic and all of the engine sensors and how to test those sensors to see if they are functioning. That is worth the price of this book alone! You really do need this Clymer manual to find out what is wrong with the bike/engine before you can fix it. The H-D manual lacks troubleshooting of the electrical/sensors. If you can not afford the H-D manual and need one manual to get started,

then get this Clymer manual. Engine/transmission/drive train overhaul are also covered and great detail is given to measure wear on components (bearings/shafts/gears) which I found to be pleasing to see in a shop manual. Do yourself a favor, get this Clymer manual. You will be satisfied!

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A can't live without. I've referenced this for multiple repairs/upgrades in the first 5 months and it's been incredibly helpful. Although some descriptions are generic across different years of different sportsters; it's mostly spot on. The images and descriptions have saved me a few times from making a mistake, or missing a small, critical step. If you wrench on your bike, you must have this. For example; when installing a Stage 1 air cleaner, the crappy directions didn't include torque settings. Instead of hunting the internet (and hoping I got the right info), open book and 30 seconds later I'm good to go.[...]. Thank you.

The manual contains more information than a person would normally need, but when you need it, you need it. I've had Clymer manuals for all of my bikes (Hondas, Triumphs, Suzukis, and Harleys). The only complaint about this one is that my 2013 Sportster Forty-Eight is not covered in the main text. Features of this bike are included in the supplement at the end. So now I have to cross reference between the normal text and the supplement at the back of the book to do anything. With electronic publishing on-demand, it seems that it would have been easy to integrate the supplement with the main text. I guess I just bought this book in the wrong year. It also seems to me that this would be a good product to publish as a pdf or some other electronic format so that one could view it on their laptop while working on the bike.

This is a must have for anyone who has a H-D Sportster. I bought this after I bought my bike. I have the owner's manual but, it really doesn't cover all the things you need to know to keep your bike working and about routine maintenance.

I was very surprised with the amount of detail in certain chapters, especially the top and bottom end overhaul sections. Great pictures and easy to follow text. Definitely a must if you are doing your own maintenance and work.

Like other reviewers state, going back and forth for the fuel injection appendices are kind of meh where a proper rewrite would have been more efficient for the wrenchers. Barring that, though, it's

good information and was helpful for the in-depth getting-to-know-you stage of owning my first motorcycle.

Provides all the info that you need. As other reviews have stated, the EFI specific information is in a separate section in the back of the book. They took the 2004-2006 manual and added this section to make this book. This works if you have no other manual but if you've already got the 04'-06' manual or the Harley-Davidson one then I would probably not recommend it.

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