

Fork Tin Removal

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To remove the upper tins...



1. You have to remove the upper tree. Take the stem nut off.



2. Loosen the fork tube clamp bolts.



3. Then pull the upper tree off, you can leave the handlebars attached, just put a towel over your tank to rest it on.



4. Once the upper tree is off, you slide the upper tins up off the fork tubes.



Then move onto the lower tins...



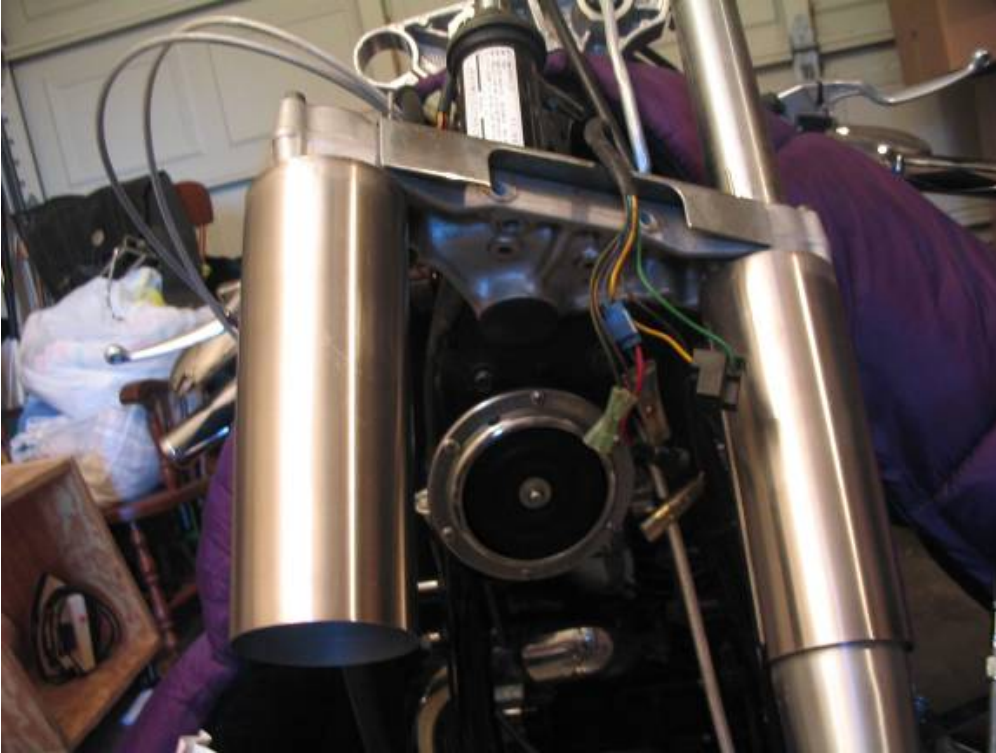
5. You need to remove the fork tubes from the lower tree.

6. Remove the front wheel and fender so that you can take the fork tubes out separately.
(already done in pictures for working on other mods)

7. Loosen the two lower tree fork tube clamp bolts.



8. Slide the fork tubes out of the lower tree. (I measured how the length of the fork protruding above the lower fork prior to removal to help with replacement.)



9. Unbolt the tree bolts that hold the lower tins to the tree.





Install reverse of removal. Hope this helps.

Before



After



Q: Can I assume correctly that once I pull the upper tree off that the lower fork will want to fall to the ground?

A: No, the fork tube is clamped to both the upper and lower tree. The tubes will come out once you loosen the lower tree clamp bolts.

Q: Sounds like you have done this before. My question / worry is aligning the forks back up when going back together.

Is this a problem or do they pretty much align themselves back up? So the lower part of the tree will stay on the bike with the top part of the tree removed or do I need to prop up the front end to keep the assembly from sliding out of the neck?

A: I just chromed my front end, so I had the pleasure of disassembling and reassembling my front end. To get proper alignment of the fork tubes on reassembly, this is what you do... Install the upper tree temporarily. Slide each fork tube up through the lower tree, into the upper tree, until the fork cap is flush with the upper tree top. Then when both fork tubes are in, tighten the lower tree clamp bolts. Then remove the upper tree to install the upper tins. The lower tree and neck stem will stay on the bike. The stem nut you remove just holds the upper tree on, there are two more nuts under it that hold the stem in the neck.

Remove fender, brake calipers, front wheel, and loosen up the center nut of your triple tree.

Use an allen wrench to loosen the retaining bolts on your forks. The top cover has a hole that a pin on the lower tree slides into. You tip the top of the cover out, and lift it up. You will then see three allen screws that hold the bottom cover on.

BTW, you will need a 27mm socket to remove the stem bolt on the upper tree!

Instructions come from several unknown members contributing to the 650CC&D Forum.
Thanks guys, I couldn't have done it without you!!!
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