

Major components. many variations within one type, see detailed BOM for part numbers. (Revision 6)	Year	1952 K	1953 K	1954 K	1955 K	1956 K	1957 XL	1958 XL	1959 XL	1960 XL	1961 XL	1962 XL	1963 XL	1964 XL	1965 XL	1966 XL	1967 XL	1968 XL	1969 XL	1970 XL	1971 XL	1972 XL	1973 XL	1974 XL	1975 XL	1976 XL	1977 XL	1978 XL	1977 XLCR	1979 XL	1980 XL	1981 XL	1982 XL	1983 XL	1984 XL	1983/4 XR-1000	Year
	Engine	740cc 45cid flat head no trap door		900cc 55cid flat head		900cc 55cid OHV											900cc 55cid OHV elect start					.1000cc 61CID		Speedo drive removed from transmission		All-new case, no timed breather, different oil pump, different sprocket and pinion bearing and flywheels to match				No kickstarter planetary electric start			like 81-84 but alum heads, cylinder studs		Engine		
	Engine XLCH	NA				Same case, 900cc 55cid OHV											Same case, no elect															Engine XLCH					
	Front Brake	Side drum											Hub drum					Bana disk														single disk		Dual disk rattler			
	Rear Brake	Drum rod																					Drum cable		Disk rattler		Disk modern		Rear brak								
	Shifter																						Right side														
	Frame	Cast joints, no dent in under side of top tube					Cast joints, dent in under side of top tube										Cast joints, dent in under side of top tube, angled rear tubes					Welded joints, dent in under side of top tube, angled rear tubes				Triangle		Modern loop		Frame							
	Gear case	Mount distrib and magneto																	Cone, old pinion shaft				Cone, new pinion shaft							Gear case							
	Primary	Single rib aluminum					Sportster logo XLH, Tin XLCH 1958-1969										Hump aluminum (other than 67-69 XLCH)							Hump aluminum new case							Primary						
	Gen	6-volt											12V Prestolite																	12-volt Hitachi				Gen			
	Starter	NA											Prestolite							Hitachi		Back to Prestolite				Nippon denso planetary				Starter							
	Gas XLH	Large flat- bottom					Large dented bottom					Turtle															Peanut		CR tank	Peanut new mount		Peanut yet a new mount	Peanut, yet a different mount		Gas Tank		
	Gas XLCH	NA					Peanut																	NA	XLS:Large maybe gage		XLS: rubber mount	XLS: Dash		NA	Gas XLCH						
	Front fender	Struts, rear flair				Struts, no flair			Valenced							Struts, no flair			Top mount, braces; 1983 XLXTop mount one off 59031 -83														Top mount 59007-84		Front fender		
	Front fender XLCH	NA					Struts, no flair																													Front fender XLCH	
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	Oil tank K, XLH	Kidney																	Triangle										Loop				Oil tank K, XLH				
	oil tank XLCH	NA					Horse shoe					Lunch box																									
	Battery	6V											Two 6V		12V H12 28AH 28AH										YB16-B fact 65991 -75C				YB16-B fact 65991- 82A				Battery				
	Battery XLCH	none																	12V 7AH															Battery XLCH			
	Tail lamp	Hood				Hole in fender, two lenses											One piece lens										Tail lamp										
	Rear shocks	Early											middle							Showa			12.7 13.5 opt		12.5		late				Rear shocks						
	Exhaust	Single, separate front and rear pipes					Single comb front and rear pipes	Inter connected duals, short mufflers, high pupe XLCH 1959					Staggered duals, many others fit or were optional							integrated quiet	Staggered duals		Staggered dual with crossover		Single muffler	Dual both sides will fit 54-78		staggered duals new mount			left side		Exhaust				
	Head lamp	Bottom mount							Eye brow XLCH, New bot mount XLH with nacelle										Eye brow															Head lamp			
	Clutch	Dry																	Wet, 1980 and later has diff ring gear										Clutch								
	Kick starter	Yes																	No										Kick starter								
	Carb	Linkert					L-carb										Tillotson					Bendix			Keihin butterfly							del orto dual	Carb				
	Front end	Cow bell		Gator, axle fender mount												Top mount fender					Kaya	Showa single disk			Showa dual disk				Modern single disk		Front end						
	Trans mission	4-spped crash box																	Trans mission																		
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