



# AltRider Skid Plate for Suzuki V-Strom DL 1000 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The most up to date instructions can be downloaded from the product page at [altrider.com](http://altrider.com), under the instructions tab.

Dear Rider,  
Thank you for choosing AltRider! Whether a seasoned world adventurer or a first time ADV-Newbie, we welcome you to the AltRider experience. You can install your new product with the utmost confidence. AltRider designs, tests, and manufactures all of its products here in the United States. We are proud to do what we do, and honored to present to you the product of our labors.

Enjoy it, show it off, and most of all, RIDE IT!

Venture On,  
Jeremy LeBreton



You will need either a center stand, a friend, or a wheel chock to hold your bike upright for a small portion of this installation. (steps 3-8)



## AltRider Skid Plate for Suzuki V-Strom DL 1000

Package Contents:  
- Skid Plate  
- instructions  
- hardware kit

---

## AltRider LLC

mailing: 4000 Aurora Ave N Ste 100  
Seattle, WA 98103 USA

phone: 206-922-3618

email: [info@altrider.com](mailto:info@altrider.com)

web: [www.altrider.com](http://www.altrider.com)



Rev 1



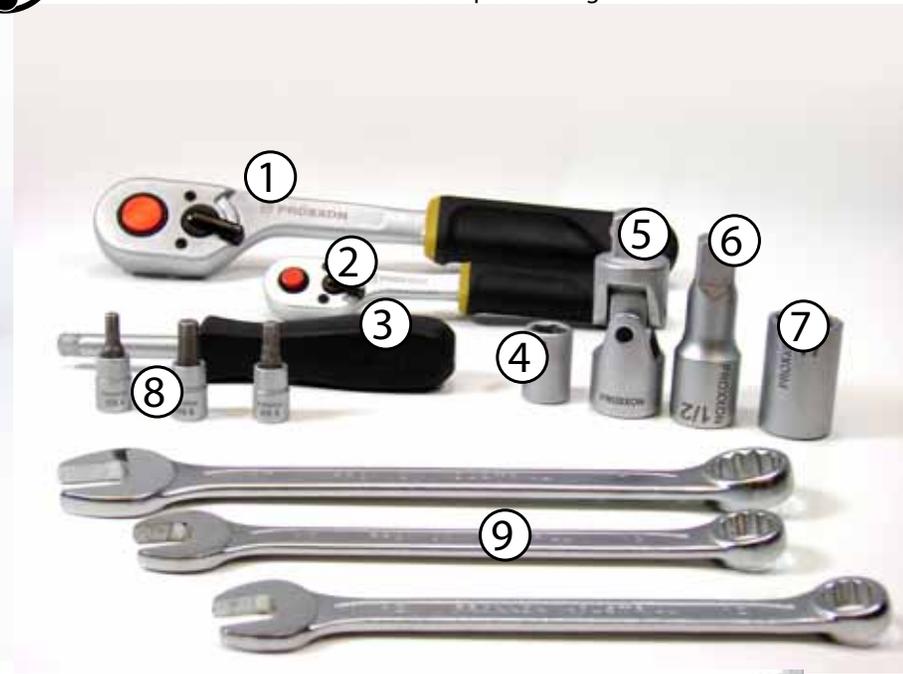


## Kit:

- ① Skid Plate
- ② Stainless bracket
- ③ instructions (in english)
- ④ (4) M6 x 25 socket head cap fasteners
- ⑤ (4) M6 washers
- ⑥ (2) M8 x 22 flat head fasteners
- ⑦ (3) M8 washers
- ⑧ (2) M8 locking nuts
- ⑨ (1) M8 x 45 hex cap fastener
- ⑩ (2) M12 x 35 hex cap fasteners
- ⑪ (2) M12 washers



If you have not yet installed the AltRider crash bars for your DL1000, please reference the instruction sheet that came in the box with the crash bars and install them before proceeding with this installation.



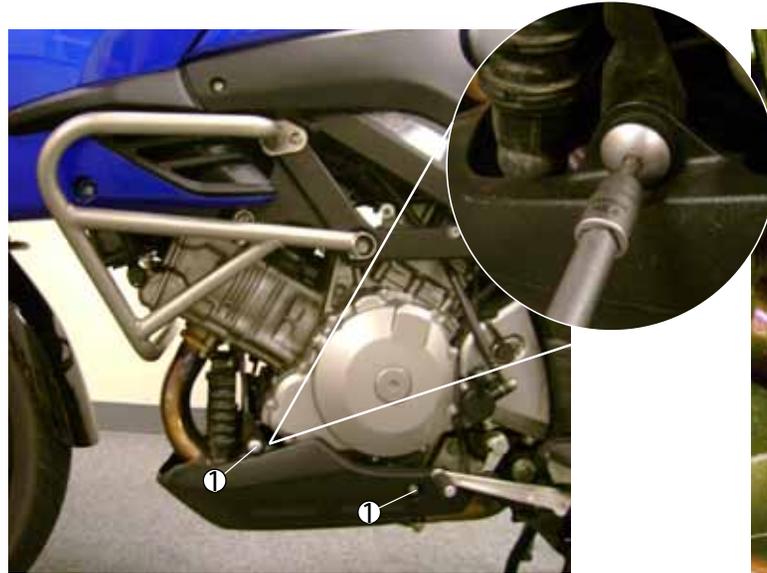
## Recommended tools:

- ① 1/2" ratchet
- ② 1/4" ratchet
- ③ 1/4" driver
- ④ 12mm socket
- ⑤ 1/2" universal joint
- ⑥ 1/2" short extension
- ⑦ 17mm socket
- ⑧ 4, 5 and 6 allen tool
- ⑨ 12, 13 and 17mm spanners
- ⑩ (1) .5ml bottle of thread locker





If you have previously installed AltRider crash bars on your DL1000, begin by removing the (4) countersunk M6 screws from the cross-bar.



- ① Remove the four button head fasteners from the existing belly pan. There are two on the left and two on the right side.



Pro Tip: you can remove the OEM mounting brackets for the plastic guard after removing the skid plate for a cleaner look!



- ② Pull the plastic belly pan off by gently pulling out on each side to release the rubber washers from the mounting brackets. Store the old part with its fasteners in a safe place.



**WARNING:** bike must not be on the side stand while loosening or tightening this bolt!

- ③ Use a 17mm spanner or the inset Proxxon assembly to remove the bolt on the inside of the side stand mounting bracket.



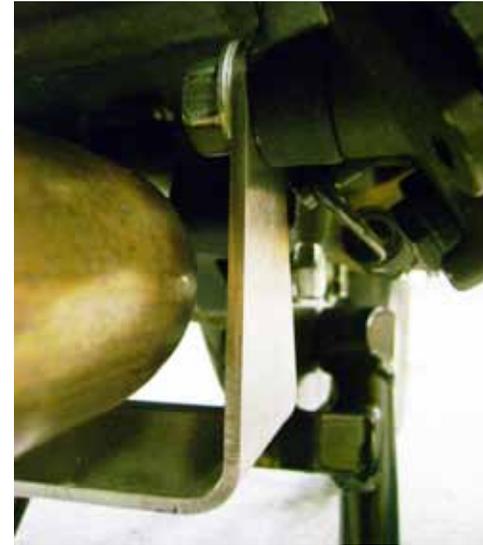
- ④ Use a 12mm spanner or a socket to remove the bolt from the exhaust hanger on the right side.





Note: the mounting bracket is not symmetrical. The small hole should go on the side with the exhaust hanger. Also the slanted portion edges should always face the front of the bike.

- ⑤ Slide the skid plate bracket in between the exhaust hanger and the exhaust flange. Reinsert the bolt/washer and finger tighten.



- ⑥ Line up the bracket on the side stand hanger and attach using (2) supplied M12 bolts.



- ⑦ Use a 17mm spanner or the inset Proxon assembly to tighten the bolt just enough to make the bracket stiff, but moveable.



- ⑧ Use a 12mm spanner or a socket to tighten the bolt on the exhaust hanger, tension as step 7.





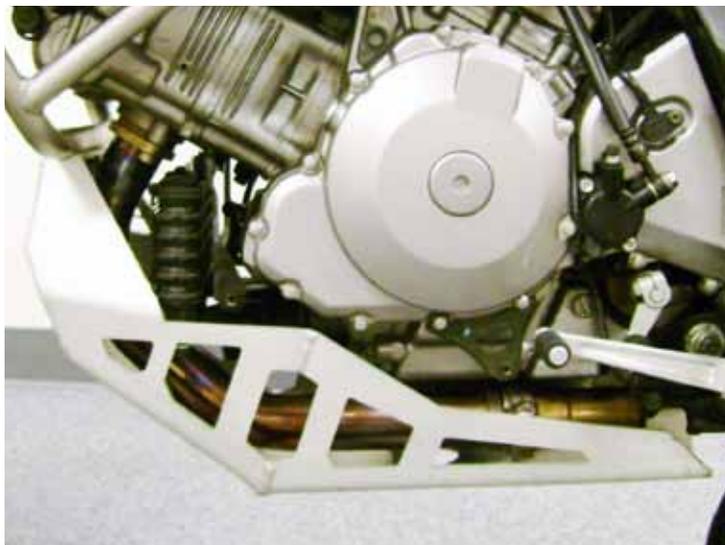
Loctite these fasteners!  
One drop of Loctite on the last couple of threads.



- ⑨ Use one hand (or a knee) to stabilize the skid plate while inserting the M6 with a right-angle hex wrench. The cut outs were designed specifically to allow for this. Tighten 4 turns.



- ⑩ With the skid plate loosely bolted up front, you can move to the back and place the M8/washer/nut assembly with the washer/nut on top of the bracket. You'll need a 13mm wrench for the nut.



- ⑪ Your assembly should look like this. Now you can go back and tighten all the bolts: (a) Tighten M8 bracket bolts. Make sure bracket is flat on the skid plate. (b) Tighten 4 M6s up front. (c) Tighten side stand & exhaust bolts

⚠ Note: Double-check that you have tightened all fasteners after this step!



- ⑫ If you have the 56pc Proxxon toolset we recommend using the configuration shown to tighten the side stand hanger bolt.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**You've completed your installation. If at any point you have questions about your installation or have any feed back for us, we'd love to hear it. A downloadable version of these instructions can be found at our web site. [www.AltRider.com](http://www.AltRider.com)**

**email: [info@AltRider.com](mailto:info@AltRider.com)**  
**phone: +1 206-922-3618**  
**address: 4000 Aurora Ave N**  
**Ste 100**  
**Seattle, WA 98103**



### TERMS OF USE, WARRANTY AND LIABILITY WAIVER

AltRider LLC, a Washington company, having its principal place of business in Seattle, WA ("AltRider") offers its motorcycle accessories (the "Product") with the terms, conditions and notices as follows:

#### Terms of Use

This Product is offered to you conditioned upon your acceptance without modification of the terms, conditions, and notices contained herein. Installation and/or use of this product implies acceptance of all such terms, conditions, and notices. If you do not agree to these terms, do not buy the Product. If you have already bought the Product and do not agree to these terms, return this Product promptly including the packaging and all written materials, to AltRider.

#### Limitation of Liability and Warranty Disclaimer

You may return your merchandise for a full refund or exchange, less any original or return shipping fees under these conditions:

1. Only if the merchandise is in 100% factory condition. Original manufacturer's packaging and same condition as sold – original boxes, packaging material, instructions, documentation, parts, and attached tags.
2. Only unused, unscratched, uninstalled, undamaged merchandise will be accepted. Do not install equipment until you are sure you want to keep it. Package items carefully in protective materials before returning them. Never ship an item in its original manufacturers packaging – it will arrive damaged. Please use a postal box or other adequate packaging to ensure your return or exchange is not damaged on the way back to AltRider.com.

To read more about our exchanges and returns policy, on the web, navigate to [www.alt rider.com/index.php/symfony/exchangesAndReturns](http://www.alt rider.com/index.php/symfony/exchangesAndReturns)

Excepting the warranties stated in the preceding paragraph, AltRider hereby disclaims all other warranties and conditions with regard to the Product including all implied warranties and conditions of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. There are no warranties which extend beyond the description on the face hereof. AltRider does not warrant against damages or defects arising out of use or installation of the Product. Installation instructions are provided for your convenience. AltRider is not responsible for any damages arising out of the installation, improper or otherwise, of the Product. No warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, is made regarding the safety of this Product.

To the extent allowed by law, AltRider shall not be held liable for any direct, indirect, punitive, incidental, special or consequential damages arising out of, or connected with, the use or misuse of this Product. Buyer assumes all risks and liability arising from use of this Product.

#### Entire Agreement

This document states the entire obligation of AltRider with respect to the Product. If any part of this agreement is determined to be void, invalid, unenforceable or illegal, including, but not limited to the warranty disclaimers and liability limitations set forth above, then the remainder of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

#### Applicable Law

This agreement is governed by the laws of Washington, USA. You hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of Washington, USA, in all disputes arising out of or relating to the use of this product.



**Pro tip:** AltRider worked hard to make sure you get maximum ground clearance with the skid plate installed. However this skid plate is wider than the OEM plastic guard. When clearing obstacles or riding over taller rough terrain, try to keep the bike as upright as possible to minimize impacts.

