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The z-Start Pro Clutch

# INSTALLATION GUIDE

## Clutch Cable Actuated Models

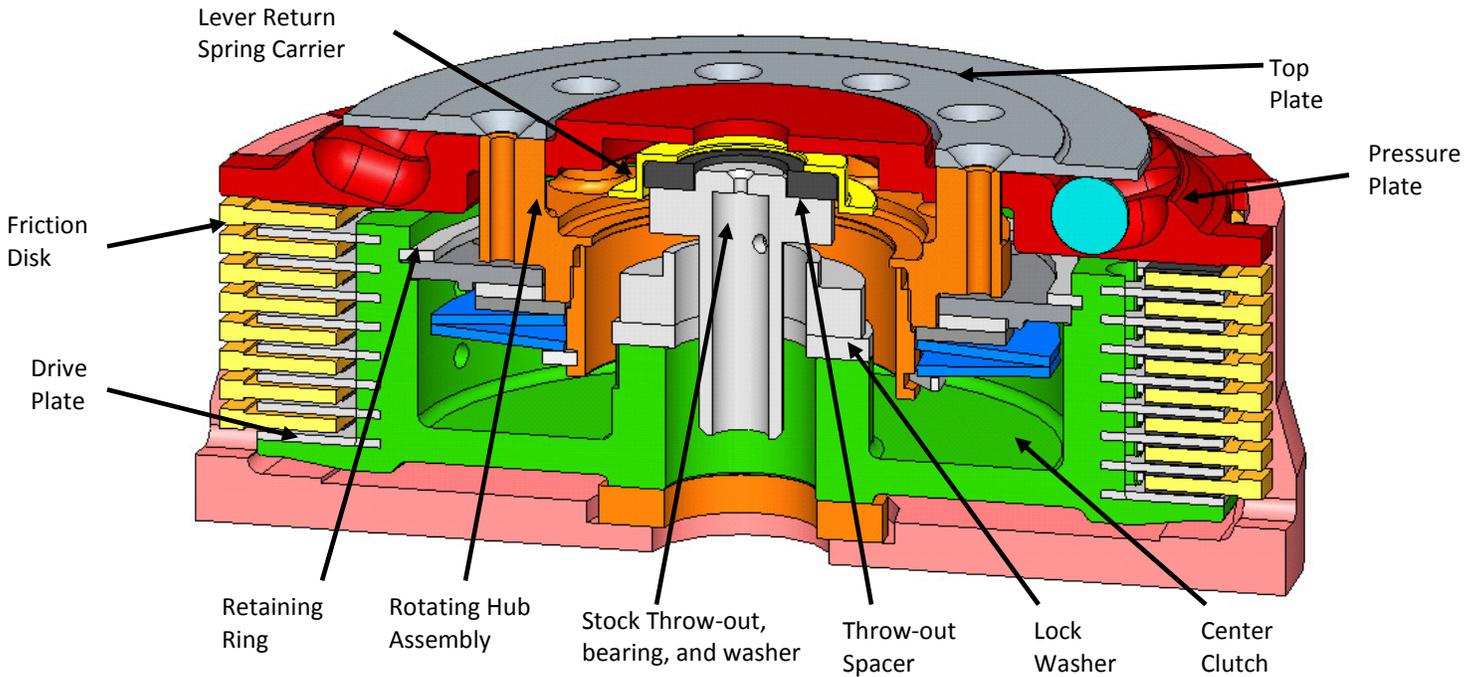
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# Z-START PRO CROSS-SECTION VIEW



## INCLUDED PARTS

### Item

- Top Plate
- Pressure Plate
- Rekluse Center Clutch
- Retaining Ring
- (8) RMS Measured Drive Plates
- (1) RMS .065" **OR** .060" Drive Plate (Adjustment Plate)
- Rotating Hub Assembly
- External Tab Lock Washer
- Lever Return Spring Carrier
- Rekluse Throw-out Spacer
- Rekluse Oil Spigot (CRF250R Only)

### Item

- (27) 7/16" Chrome Steel Ball Bearings (big bore bikes)
- (30) 3/8" Chrome Steel Ball Bearings (small bore bikes)
- (10) M4x12 Torx Head Screws
- Wave Springs – See Included Tuning Chart for your Model
- T-20 Torx Bit
- Blue Loctite 243
- Rekluse Clutch Cover Gasket
- Rekluse Wire Gauges

## REQUIRED TOOLS

- 8mm socket
- 10mm socket
- 27mm or 30mm socket

- (for center clutch nut)
- T-20 Torx bit (supplied)
- Impact Wrench

## BIKE PREPARATION AND DISASSEMBLY

1. Before you begin, read these instructions carefully and check to ensure all parts are present.
2. Disconnect the clutch cable at the clutch perch.
3. Shut off fuel at petcock. Lay bike on left side. CAUTION: fuel may drain from carburetor; to prevent fire hazard, place a suitable container beneath bike to catch fuel.
4. Remove clutch cover.
5. Remove bolts and springs from OEM pressure plate.
6. Remove OEM pressure plate.  
**NOTE:** Flat throwout thrust washer (coupled with needle bearing and OEM throwout) may be stuck to bottom of OEM pressure plate. Retain as it will be re-used.
7. Remove OEM clutch throw out and set aside. It will be re-installed.
8. Remove the clutch pack (friction disks and drive plates). Separate the friction disks from the pack as they will be re-installed.
9. **2008 CRF250 ONLY:** remove clutch boss spring located at base of OEM center clutch. It will not be re-installed.
10. Remove the OEM center clutch hub following the steps outlined in the vehicle manufacturer's service manual. Also, see the center clutch removal tip sheet (Appendix A) for further assistance.
11. Retain OEM thrust washer located between OEM clutch basket and OEM center clutch hub.  
**NOTE:** thrust washer may be stuck to bottom of OEM center clutch hub.
12. **Aprilia 450/550 and Suzuki RM250 2-stroke owners ONLY:** Remove stock clutch basket and install Rekluse Clutch Basket prior to step 13. Refer to included Rekluse Clutch Basket Installation Guide for instructions.

# CLUTCH BASKET INSPECTION

**NOTE:** The following outlines Clutch Basket Damper Failure. Some Clutch baskets will last a season, and some last only hours. If the dampers go unchecked, clutch damage will result. After inspecting the basket, continue with the z-Start Pro installation.

## Clutch Basket Damper Operation

Most OEM Clutches use elastomer dampers to protect the clutch from shock loading applied to the basket by the drive train and/or engine during normal operating conditions. The dampers are located between the clutch basket body and the ring gear. These dampers take up the slack between the ring gear and clutch basket so that under normal loading they rotate as one. Under extreme loading the dampers provide a cushion so the ring gear and basket can float independently and keep shock loads from being transferred to the clutch.

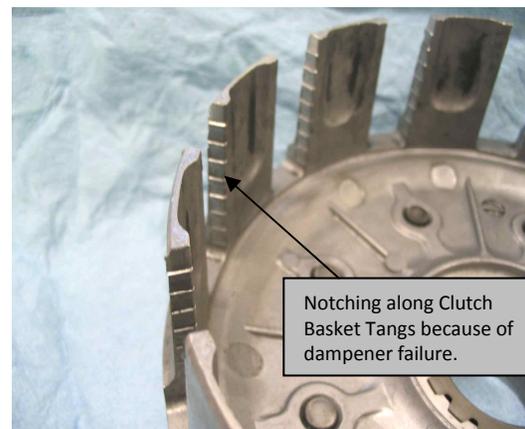
As the dampers wear, the system gains slack and shock loads start getting transferred to the clutch. This creates a hammering effect between the clutch basket and ring gear. The hammering transfers to the clutch plates and causes the plates to wear away at the clutch basket and center clutch hub. If the dampers continue to go unchecked, the hammering progresses until the clutch fails.

## Checking Your Clutch Basket for Damper Failure

Prior to installing the z-Start Pro, it is recommended that you check the condition of your Clutch Basket and Center Clutch Hub.

An indication of failing clutch basket dampers is grooving or notching of the Clutch Basket Tangs—where the tabs of the friction discs index into the clutch basket. See the following picture.

Another indication of failing dampers is notching of the center clutch hub where the steel drive plates index to it.



## Maintaining Clutch Basket Dampers

Unfortunately the OEM clutch basket does not provide a means to maintain the dampers. After the dampers wear out, the clutch basket must be replaced. The choice is either an OEM clutch basket, or an aftermarket basket. The advantage of an aftermarket basket is that the dampers are serviceable. Rekluse offers aftermarket clutch baskets specially designed for greater performance with the z-Start Pro.

**WARNING:** Installing the z-Start into a worn out clutch basket can greatly reduce clutch performance, and damage the z-Start Pressure Plate.

## INSTALLING THE Z-START PRO CENTER CLUTCH

13. Install the Rekluse Center Clutch with the OEM thrust washer behind it on top of the basket.
14. Install the included Rekluse external tab lock washer\* over the main-shaft on top of the Rekluse center clutch.

**\*NOTE:** KX/KLX/KFX450F, KX250F, '04-'06 RMZ 250, '06-'08 RM250, YZ/WR250F and 2012 WR450 use OEM lock washer.

**NOTE:** Some Honda models use a flat washer under the OEM lock washer. For these models, re-use the OEM flat washer under the Rekluse lock washer.

15. Torque the center clutch nut to the specified torque found in the manufacturer's service manual.
16. Using a pair of adjustable pliers, bend remaining two tabs of external tab washer up against the nut to secure it. **See photo below.**



# INSTALLING THE CLUTCH PACK

17. The 8 Rekluse steel drive plates packaged with the Rekluse Center Clutch come pre-measured and are the 8 steel drive plates you will start with.

Install 1 Rekluse steel drive plate onto the Rekluse Center Clutch.

**NOTE:** A Rekluse steel drive plate must be the first clutch plate installed.

18. Install the stock friction disks with a Rekluse steel drive plate between each one. (**Aprilia owners** – see tuning guide before proceeding). **See following chart:**

**NOTE:** Some bikes have 9 friction disks stock. **With the z-Start Pro you use 8 Friction disks.**

**WARNING:** Do not install the OEM 2-piece clutch boss spring (located at the base of the stock center clutch) if your bike had one.

*Top of Pack*

**Stock Friction disk**  
Rekluse Steel Drive Plate  
**Stock Friction disk**  
Rekluse Steel Drive Plate

**Last Plate In**

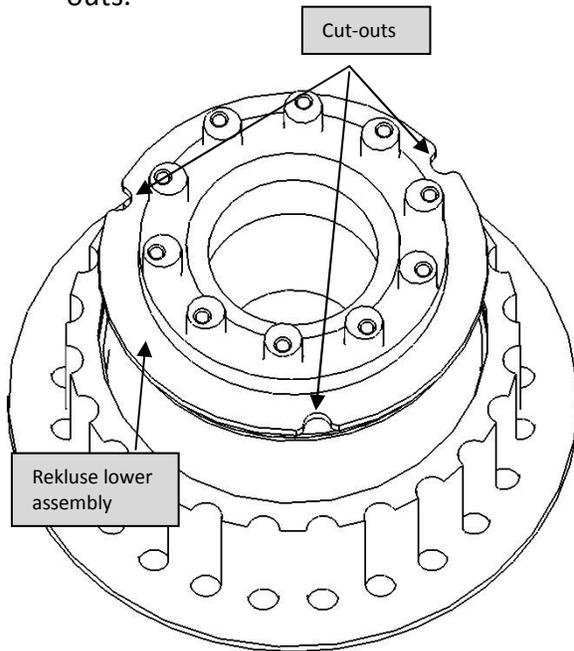


**First Plate In**

*Bottom of pack*

# INSTALLING THE Z-START PRO CLUTCH

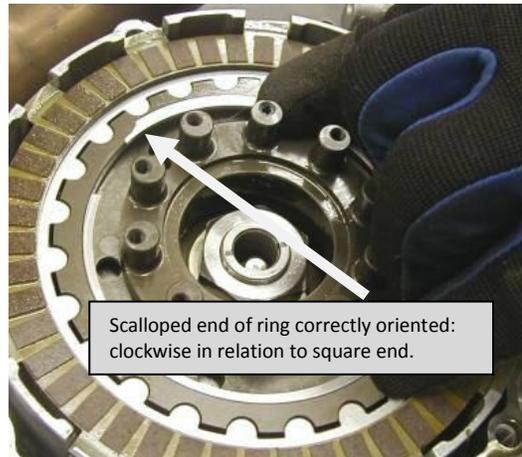
19. Place lower assembly into Rekluse center clutch hub. You must align the three cut-outs in the lower assembly with the corresponding tabs in the center clutch. **NOTE:** some models only have two cut-outs.



20. Using a pair of mechanics gloves (the edges of the ring can be sharp and may cut you), install the retaining ring into the Rekluse Center Clutch ring groove.

You must ensure the retaining ring is snapped into the groove. Start the square end of the ring and thread the ring into the groove as shown, ensuring that the scalloped end of the ring is clockwise in relation to the square end.

**WARNING: Scalloped end of ring MUST be oriented as shown above-right.**



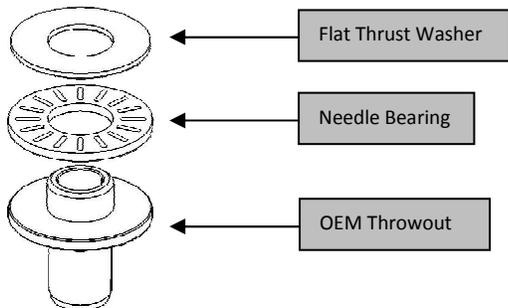
Threading retaining ring into groove



Use a screwdriver to ensure the ring is seated by sliding along the ring's inner diameter.

**WARNING: It is CRITICAL that the retaining ring is fully seated using a screwdriver, or clutch damage WILL occur.**

21. Install OEM clutch throw-out with bearing and washer on top into the transmission shaft. Ensure the needle bearing and flat thrust washer is placed on top of throw-out. Note: some models may have a circlip that retains washer and bearing to throwout.



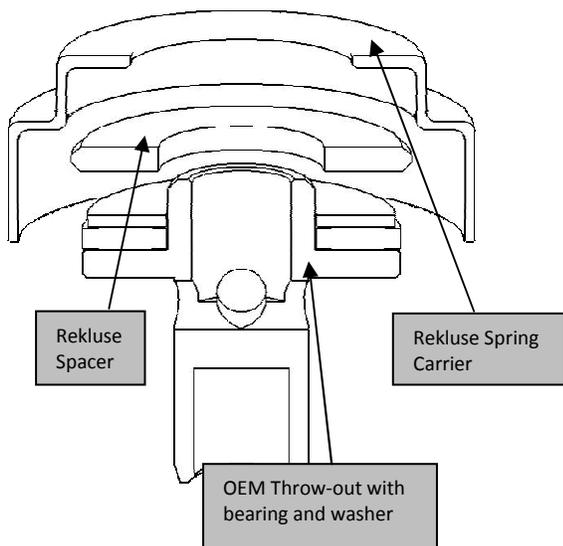
**NOTE:** RMZ250 bearing has rollers on only one side. Rollers **MUST** face down onto throwout.

22. Install the Rekluse throw-out spacer on top of the throw-out.

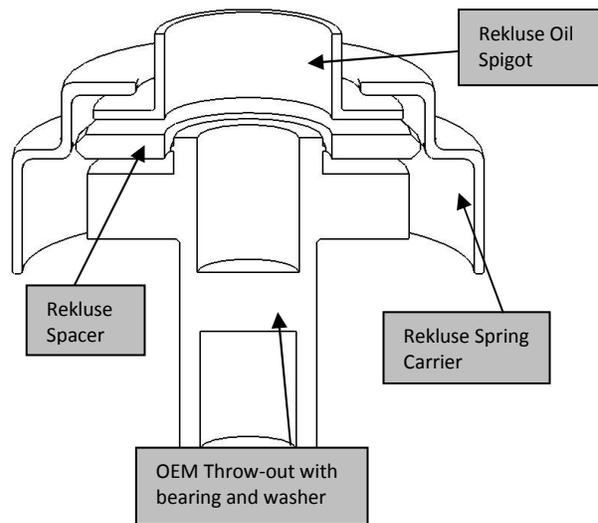
**NOTE:** YZ250 owners be sure to use throwout spacer (etched with part #002A) and **NOT** brake spacer (which has raised surface) referred to in step 37.

23. Configure throwout according to following diagrams:

All models **EXCEPT** 2004-2009 CRF250R/X:

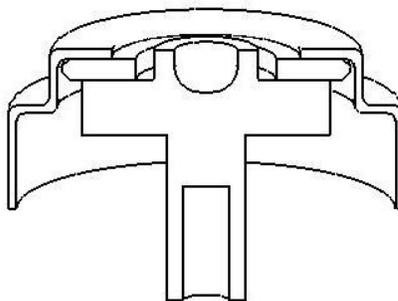
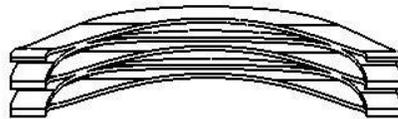


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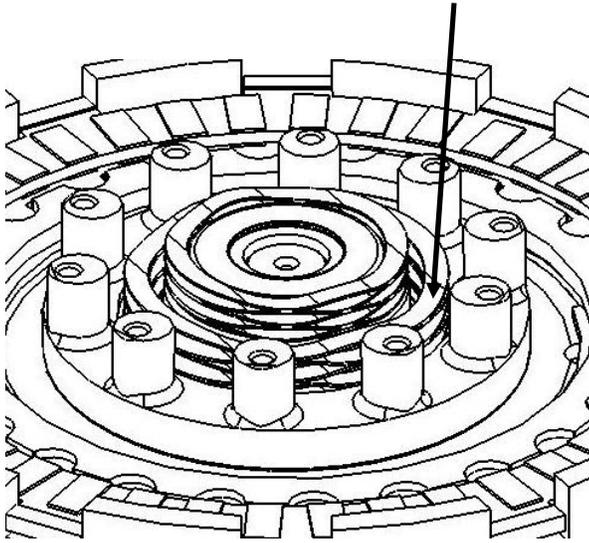


24. Read the Setup and Tuning Guide to determine desired spring setting.

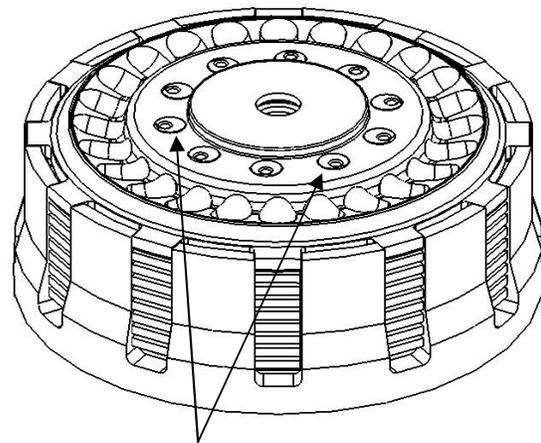
25. Install the C150 wave spring on top of clutch lever return spring carrier.



- 26.** Install the C200 wave spring (if used by chosen configuration) on top of rotating hub into the locating pocket.



- 27.** Place a small amount of oil into the ball grooves of the Rekluse Pressure Plate.
- 28.** Away from the bike, install the steel balls into the pressure plate ball grooves. Refer to Setup and Tuning Guide for desired number of balls and proper distribution pattern.
- If your basket has 2 sets of slots, make sure you index the Rekluse pressure plate tabs into the main/deep slots.
- 29.** Push and hold the pressure plate down, overcoming the wave spring(s) so the 10 rotating hub posts index into the 10 pressure plate holes.



Rotating hub posts indexed into pressure plate holes.

- 30.** While holding down the pressure plate so it is indexed with the basket and 10 rotating hub posts properly, place the Rekluse top plate over the Rekluse pressure plate and thread in 2 torx head screws 180° across from one another. Lightly tighten the 2 screws to secure the Rekluse top plate.



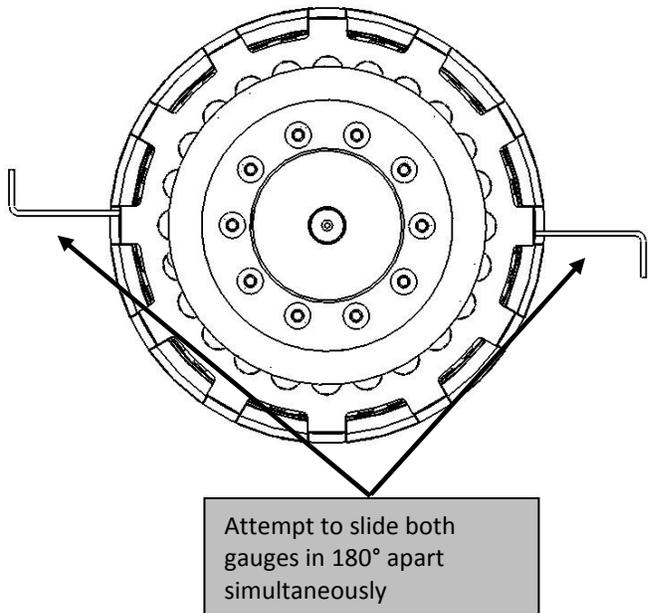
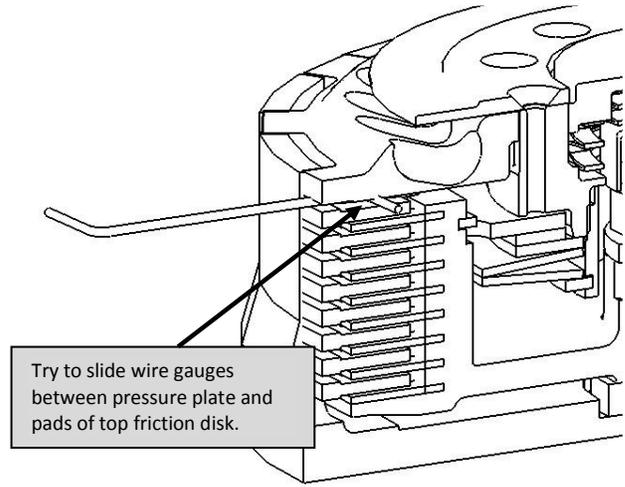
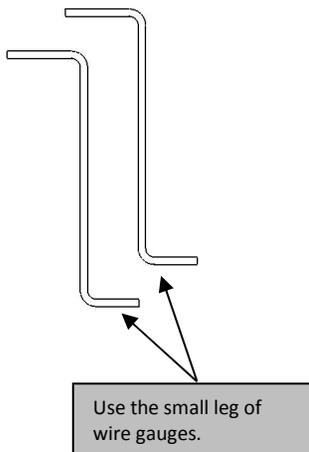
# DETERMINE THE INSTALLED GAP OF THE Z-START PRO CLUTCH

**NOTE:** Installed gap is measured using two no-go wire gauges. Therefore, if gauges **do not** slide between Rekluse pressure plate and **the pads** of the top friction disk, your **installed gap is correct**.

If gauges **do** slide between the Rekluse pressure plate and **the pads** of the top friction disk, you **need to adjust your installed gap** according to step 33.

31. Verify that the top-most friction disk moves up and down freely between the Pressure Plate and top-most steel drive plate by pulling up and down on top-most friction disk. If no “float” exists, top-most **steel drive plate** has become disoriented during previous step and needs to be re-installed.
32. Attempt to slide the shorter legs of the 2 included .050” no-go wire gauges **between the Rekluse pressure plate and the friction pads** of the top friction disk 180° apart.

If clutch pack wear exists, gauges will slide in with slight resistance. Do not force the gauges in; if the gauges **do not** slide in smoothly then the Installed Gap is good and you can move on to step 34.



33. If the wire gauges slide in **smoothly**, the clutch pack needs adjustment. Swap the thick Rekluse adjustment drive plate for the top drive plate. Repeat step 33.

**NOTE:** The adjustment drive plate is .060” for small bore bikes and .065” for big bore bikes. Once the drive plate has been used and the clutch wears enough so the wire gauges slide in again, the friction disks need to be replaced.

- 34. Install the remaining 8 Torx head screws using blue Loctite 243 and torque to 25 in-lb (2.08 ft-lb).
- 35. Remove the 2 screws originally installed without Loctite, apply Loctite and torque.
- 36. Re-install the clutch cover with thicker Rekluse Gasket—only the YZ/WR 250F, CR500, and 2010+ CRF250R do not require a thicker gasket. Lightly tighten all of the cover bolts before full torque is applied, or you may break the cover. **Note:** Aprilia models refer to tuning chart before installing clutch cover.

**WARNING:** If your kit came with two gaskets, you **MUST** use both or clutch damage will result.

*(Exception 1: CRF 450R. If you have the RMS-813 kit, two gaskets are included; one gasket applies to 02-08 model years and the other to 2013+ models.) If your bike is 09-11, disregard this message and use the one supplied gasket.*

*(Exception 2: CR 250R. This kit includes two gaskets; one gasket applies to 97-01 model years and the other to 02-07 models.)*

- 37. **'99-'04 YZ250 only:** Install the brake pedal spacer with the raised surface towards the brake pedal as shown:



- 38. Reconnect the clutch cable to the lever and stand the bike upright.

**IMPORTANT: SEE NEXT PAGE OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPER CABLE SLACK SETTING**

Adjust the cable slack for the z-Start Pro **(SEE NEXT PAGE)**.

# SETTING CLUTCH CABLE SLACK

**IMPORTANT:** Cable slack adjustment is **critical**. The cable slack must be adjusted properly and maintained frequently. Failure to do so will result in clutch failure.

Adjusting cable slack is different with a z-Start Pro Clutch installed. Cable slack adjustment requires starting the motor in neutral and revving to a minimum of 4500 RPMs (approximately ½-throttle) while checking for lever free play. **There must be clutch lever free play while holding a minimum of 4500 RPM.**

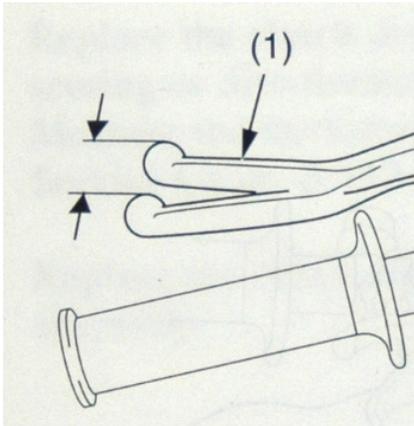
**If there is not enough cable slack, the clutch will slip excessively causing the clutch to fail.**

Too much cable slack reduces the ability to disengage the clutch at higher RPMs.

**WARNING:** *Ensure the bike is in neutral* or it could lunge forward unexpectedly when revving the engine.

**Place the bike into neutral and start the engine.** While holding a minimum of 4500 RPM, check for 1/2" (1cm) of play at the end of the clutch lever before you feel significant resistance. Adjust cable slack accordingly using stock cable slack adjuster(s).

In other words, when revving the engine, clutch lever free play should feel like stock.



**Tip:** Use one finger with light pull when checking for lever free play. This will make it easier to distinguish between the light resistance of the lever return spring and the significant resistance felt when disengaging the Rekluse pressure plate.

**Note:** Be sure to review the included Break-in and Maintenance Guide for clutch pack wear adjustments.

**WARNING:** After a 20 minute break-in period, the clutch plates will seat in and you must re-measure the Installed Gap to guarantee the Installed Gap is within the prescribed range—make drive plate adjustments if necessary. Clutch break-in re-measurement of the Installed Gap is necessary whenever new clutch plates are installed.

Refer to the “Safety Warnings” and “Break-in Tuning and Maintenance Guide” before operating the z-Start Pro clutch.

## APPENDIX A – CENTER CLUTCH REMOVAL TIP SHEET

The following covers 3 methods for removing the OEM center clutch from your motorcycle or ATV. **At no time should you ever pry against the standoffs of the OEM center clutch because they are easily broken.**

**Note:** If your bike has an external tab lock washer, use a flat blade screwdriver to pry the tabs away from the nut. Next use a hammer and punch to lightly tap the tabs flat.

**1. Pneumatic or electric impact gun:**

Place the bike in gear and remove the nut

**2. Clutch Holding Tool:**

Example: Motion Pro # 08-0008

Use the clutch holding tool to hold the center clutch while using a wrench to remove the center clutch nut.

**3. Holding the Rear Brake:**

Place the bike in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> gear (a higher gear gives you more mechanical advantage). Apply the rear brake firmly and hold firmly while using a wrench to remove the center clutch nut. A second set of hands is helpful.