INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLING A 2012 and Newer DL650 FORK BRACE

The brace comes with both halves bolted together with four bolts.

Remove the bolts with a 5 mm Allen wrench and separate the front and back halves. A 5 mm Allen comes in the V-Strom tool kit.

The brace for the 2012 and newer DL650 can be installed with the bolts going into the brace from the front or back of the bike. The bolts are slightly easier to get to when installed from the front, but not significantly and the choice is really aesthetic.

When installed the brace should be level with the metal top of the fork tube. This ensures adequate space between the brace and the fender.

Slide the back half into place being mindful of the brake hoses.

Insert and hand tighten the two longer 35 mm bolts in the two inside holes. Make sure that the brace is level with the top metal surface of the fork tube and some clearance exists between the brace and the fender.

Note: It's very important to tighten the two inside bolts first, before tightening the outside bolts.

Hand tightening the bolts is adequate. If you want to use a torque wrench DO NOT TIGHTEN THE BOLTS OVER 14.5 FT LBS.

Insert the 25 mm bolts in the outer holes and hand tighten.

There will be a gap on the outside. This is normal and allows the outside bolts to tighten around the fork tubes.