

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GUARDIAN® SECURE™ MOTORCYCLE COVER

Congratulations on your purchase of a GUARDIAN® SECURE™ motorcycle cover. Properly cared for, your cover will last for many years of service. GUARDIAN® SECURE™ is a premium all-weather cover manufactured from heavy-duty urethane coated polyester fabric which has excellent water and weather resistance and may be used either inside or outside. An aluminized heat-resistant coating is applied to the inside bottom portion so that the cover may be applied over warm engine pipes. Your cover also contains an elastic shock cord that is sewn into a continuous hem. This feature eliminates the need for tie-downs. The integral vent allows moisture to escape. The following information should be used to ensure maximum longevity.

**Note:** All DOWCO Inc. covers are sized to fit based on stock motorcycles. It is very important that you have the correct one for your application. The addition of accessories such as windshields, saddlebags, racks & sissy bars may require a larger size. If you are uncertain that your GUARDIAN® SECURE™ cover is the correct size, please contact your dealer or DOWCO Inc. to verify your fit before attempting first-time use.

**This cover is not designed for covering your motorcycle while it is trailered or in the back of a pick-up truck.**

### **⚠ WARNING**

In severely windy conditions, "ballooning" of the cover may occur, which may result in the wind causing the motorcycle to tip over. It is strongly recommended that your motorcycle be sheltered whenever high winds are expected. If sheltering is not an option, facing into or rearward of strong gusts may reduce the potential for wind damage. Attaching a bungee cord or cable through grommet areas may also help prevent "ballooning" in high winds.

### **⚠ WARNING**

This cover must be completely removed prior to starting or operating the vehicle. Failure to do so could result in serious injury and/or property damage.

Continue threading the tether strap through the opening until the alarm unit is fully in the pocket and the tether strap freely hanging from the pocket corner opening (see fig. 2). Be careful not to pull the tether so much that the tether pin is pulled from the alarm unit as this will activate the alarm. Close the velcro fastener.

### Installation

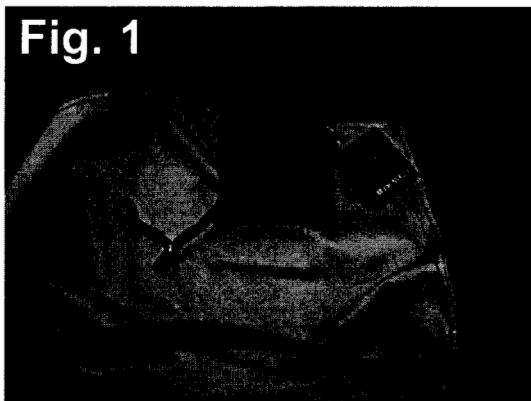
Read instructions before using.

**Note:** Alarm requires one (1) 9-volt battery (not included).

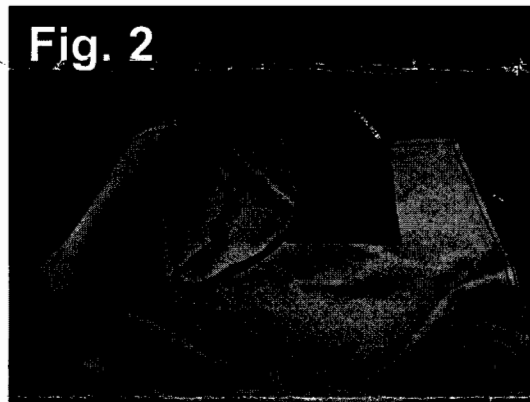
Unfold cover and remove Warranty Card and foam block from vent area. Locate "BACK" tag. Your cover has four alarm pocket locations sewn into the lower portion of the cover. Locate these four locations and determine the most appropriate one for you to use. **NOTE:** The pocket chosen should be in a location so that the snap swivel on the tether strap of the alarm can reach and be hooked on to a fixed part of the motorcycle (such as a wheel spoke, brake disc or frame member).

Insert the snap swivel and tether strap of the alarm system through the velcro opening in the corner of the chosen pocket (see fig. 1).

**Fig. 1**



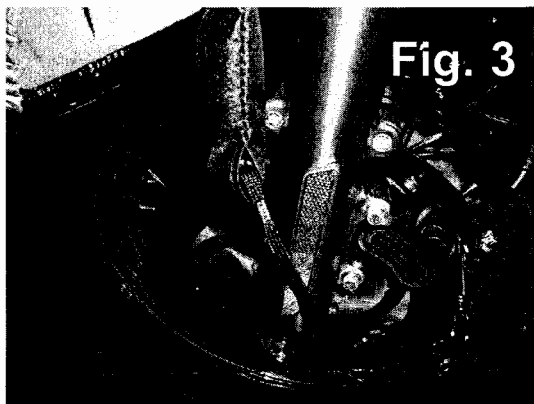
**Fig. 2**



Position the front of the cover on motorcycle with the vent positioned approximately over the seating area. Starting in the front wheel area, pull down the cover over the windshield and "tuck" the elastic hem under the centerline of the wheel.

Working toward the rear of the motorcycle, slide the cover down the sides, avoiding "snag" points. The cover should be long enough to allow the elastic hem to fully wrap below the centerline of the rear wheel and have a tight fit along the perimeter. Care should also be taken to avoid placing the black material against hot engine components as melting or burning may occur.

The alarm contained within the pocket should be on the inside of the cover, next to the motorcycle. Locate the pocket that contains the alarm and lift the cover to expose the tether strap and snap swivel. Attach the snap swivel to a fixed point on the motorcycle (see fig. 3) and carefully lower cover. Cover alarm is armed and ready.



To remove the cover without activating the alarm, reach under the cover at the location of the alarm and detach the snap swivel prior to removing the cover. In the event that you should accidentally activate the alarm, you will need to replace the alarm plug that is connected to the tether in the plug receptacle on the alarm. This may require you to locate the plug receptacle through the corner hole of the alarm pocket in order to insert the plug.

**Caution:** Mirrors, muffler ends, shifters, brakes and foot pegs are common wear points. Do not allow fabric to “snag” around them. Antennas are capable of puncturing the cover – use extreme care.

#### Important

The aluminized heat-resistant coating is designed to protect the cover from melting or burning when in contact with hot engine parts, pipes and mufflers. Waiting approximately five-ten minutes for cool-down before placing the cover on the motorcycle will greatly increase the life of your cover.

**Note:** The aluminized coated fabric is similar to high quality ironing board cover materials. The coating may experience some minor “flaking” during normal use and this will not affect the performance of the cover.

Grommet patches are provided to enable you to securely lock the cover under the motorcycle. A cable lock or chain is recommended. However, should you be unable to unlock the cover, it may have to be cut through the hem and grommet area to be removed.

#### Care and Cleaning

Your cover requires very little maintenance. Normal dirt and grime should be brushed off with a soft terry cloth or removed with warm water and a mild detergent using a sponge or terry cloth. The cover should be thoroughly dried before using.

**Caution:** Do not place in washing machine and do not wring or twist the cover to remove moisture.

A water-repellant spray material, such as 3M Scotchguard®, is recommended for increased water resistance.

Although protected with UV inhibitors, the fabric may fade in direct sunlight after continuous use. This is normal wear.

#### Important

Failure to comply with the above directions may reduce the life of your cover. If you have any questions or comments, please contact either your dealer or DOWCO Inc..

#### Warranty

##### **Limited Lifetime Cover Warranty:**

DOWCO, Inc. provides a lifetime warranty to the original purchaser, for this cover to be free from defects in material and workmanship.

This warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, neglect, accident or improper installation, allowing the item to come in contact with petroleum products, battery acid, chemicals or tree sap, allowing water or ice to accumulate or pocket, not properly securing the cover, allowing sharp objects to damage cover or damage to the cover as a result of transporting the covered motorcycle in an open vehicle.

If your cover is used in direct sunlight for extended periods of time, fading may occur. This is normal wear.

##### **Limited One-Year Alarm Warranty:**

DOWCO, Inc. provides a limited one-year warranty to the original purchaser for this alarm unit to be free from defects in material and workmanship.

This warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, neglect, accident or improper installation, allowing the item to come in contact with petroleum products, battery acid, chemicals or other liquids.

##### **Procedure:**

If these items fail to perform properly, please call DOWCO, Inc. for a return authorization number and send prepaid to:

**DOWCO, Inc.  
4230 Clipper Drive  
Manitowoc, WI 54220  
(800) 558-7755**

All items must be returned prepaid. Proof of purchase must accompany order. DOWCO, Inc. will repair or replace your cover at their discretion. Alarm electronics will be replaced upon receipt of \$4.95 (check, money order or credit card) to cover shipping and handling.

Do not return the cover or the alarm to the dealer.