

Step 3: Left Engine Guard Cover Removal

This is by far the easiest item of all to remove. In fact, I would be willing to bet that most ST1300 owners have already removed and replaced the left engine guard cover after.... uh... testing the bank angle limit switch by placing the bike on its side and scuffing the cover. In case you haven't had the opportunity to replace a guard cover yet and you feel you need to, you can order the guard (part number 64265-MCS-G01 for the left, 64260-MCS-G01 for the right) from [Service Honda](#) for \$12.12, a savings of \$3.84 from retail. These prices were as of August 28, 2006. Prices may change without notice.

Simply use a 5mm Allen Wrench to remove the socket bolt (see the arrow in the picture below). Then use both hands to squeeze the top and bottom of the guard together releasing the tabs from the middle cowl. The guard will basically pop out in your hands.



Note: When installing the engine guard it should go in easily with the bolt immediately lining up properly. If the bolt doesn't line up right and you have to do a lot of pushing and shoving.... Well... bad news. Your engine guard is bent. The good news is that they aren't that hard to replace and their price isn't all that high, especially considering what it is that they are protecting. The left engine guard is part number 64216-MCS-G00 and the right engine guard is part number 64206-MCS-L01. Each guard can be purchased from [Service Honda](#) for \$70.44 apiece.

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