

# REPLACING AIR FILTER ON A 2012-2017 HONDA GL1800 GOLDWING

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This is a step by step checklist on how to replace the air filter on a 2012-2017 Honda GL1800. I created this list primarily for my own use as I find this faster than trying to follow a video. This is not intended to assist first timers. If you have never tackled this task there are many very good videos and web posts that will much better describe this job in greater detail. This is meant only as quick guide for those who have done this job before. This list is for my 2015 GL1800/Nav

***\*\* These steps are valid for my bike only due to accessories installed on my bike.***

- ***\*\**** Remove arm rests from mounts – 7/16 wrench
- Remove seat bolts, 2 each side – 6mm allen
- Lift up seat from the rear high enough to see and reach under it.
- Unplug heated seat plug and ***\*\**** passenger Gerbings connector.
- Remove the seat.
- ***\*\**** Loosen but do not remove passenger floor board bolts. – 8mm allen
- Remove side covers
- Pop ignition cover/speaker grill loose. Start by lifting up near ignition, then pull out around speakers. Do not remove yet.
- Disconnect the plug that sits in front of ignition. This can be tough. Need to press down on locking tab while pulling connectors apart.
- Pull back rubber boots at speakers then unplug the speaker wires. These also require pressing an unlocking tab on connector.
- Cuss Honda engineers, take a deep breath and take a short break. 😊

- Remove the ignition cover/speaker grill.
- Remove 2 shelter rear nuts. 1 each side. – 10mm
- Remove left and right shelter outside trim. Gently pry up from inside.
- Remove left side glovebox by removing the 4 center push body pins.
- Remove the five 5mm allen bolts from left side. The upper left bolt has shortest collar, going clockwise, next is the black one. The remaining three are same size.
- Disconnect vent cable from left side.
- Pop radio control panel loose. Do not remove.
- Remove the seven 5mm allen bolts from right side. Starting upper right and proceeding clockwise. First 3 have short collar. Next 3 have longer collar. Last will be black.
- Lift Preload/Headlight adjust panel up.
- \*\* Remove accessory power port wires.
- Pull back boot and disconnect main plug.
- Remove the Preload/Headlight adjust panel from right side
- Pop loose the Nav adjust panel from right side. Do not remove.
- Disconnect the gray wire harness connector to Nav adjust panel.
- Remove 2 screws that hold the ignition surround.
- Gently pop the ignition surround up near rear and remove.
- Remove the 2 plastic body screws on shelter rear of the gas door where seat was.
- Open gas door, remove the 2 plastic center push body pins.

- Gently pop gas lid panel off.
- Remove the two 5mm allen bolts in front of center glove box that were exposed after ignition cover was popped off.
- Remove the four (2 each side) 10mm bolts on the sides of gas cap.
- Gently pop loose left shelter half.
- \*\* Disconnect driver Gerbings connector.
- Carefully work radio control panel through left shelter half as shelter is removed.
- Gently pop loose right shelter half then fish Nav adjust panel through right shelter as shelter is removed.
- Loosen and move aside the engine control module from left side.
- Remove the four 10mm bolts and two plastic body pins that hold the center glove box frame in place.
- Loosen 3 wire holders from right side of center glove box.
- Place the Nav control panel in the center glove box and gently work the glove box to the left side of bike. Air filter cover is now exposed.
- Remove the 6 screws that holds air filter cover.
- Lift air filter cover and replace air filter.
- Have a cold beer... then work this list in reverse.

**YOU DID IT!!!**