

# **Rekluse Motor Sports**

## **The z-Start™ Clutch**

**YFZ 450**

### **Installation Guide**

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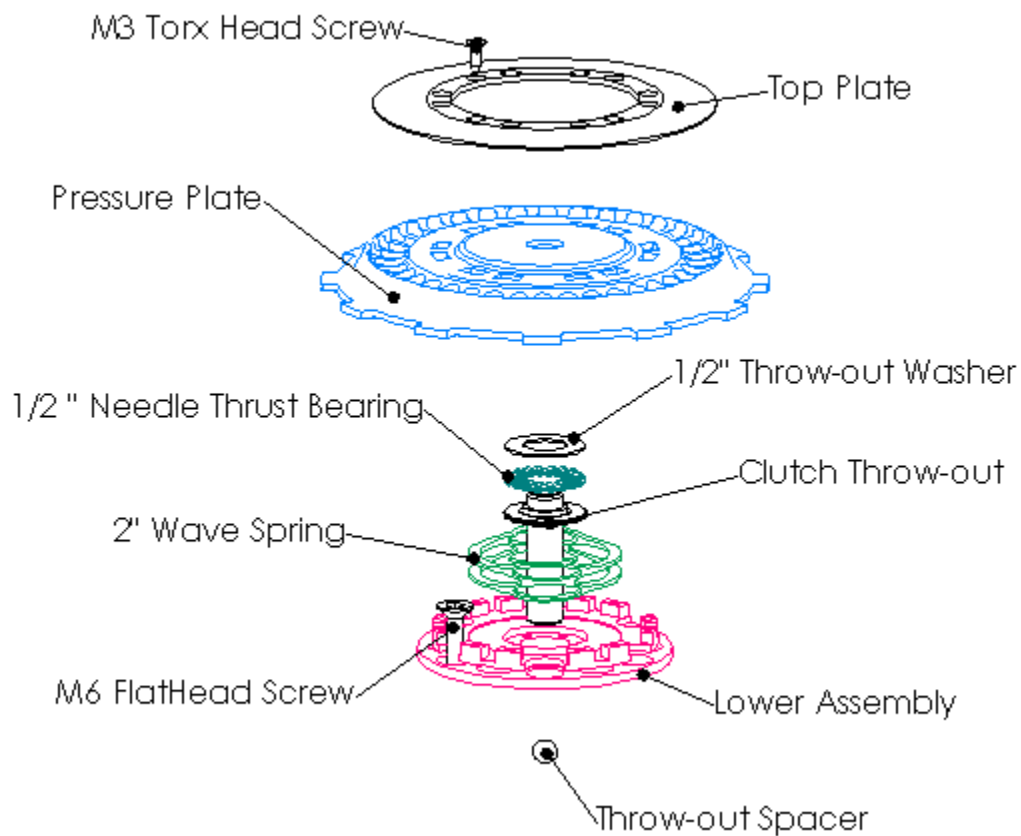
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## Required Tools

8mm socket	2 Sets of feeler gauges
10mm socket	Inch Pound Torque Wrench
4mm allen key socket	Torx T10 driver tip (included)
3mm allen	Blue Loctite 243 (oil resistant)
1/4 inch driver (for included Torx T10 driver tip)	

### z-Start Overview



**Note:** The Lower Assembly is packaged underneath the Pressure Plate and held in place with two screws through the Top Plate.

## Included Parts for the z-Start Clutch

**Note:** spare screws, balls and shims may be included with your clutch

Top Plate	6 x M6 Threaded Studs (to assist mounting)
Pressure Plate	60 x .010" (0.25mm) Mounting Shims
Lower Assembly	6 x M6 Flat Head Screws
Clutch Throw-out	2" (51mm) Wave Spring (C200L1)
0.775" (19.7mm) Throw-out Spacer (round rod)	12 x M3 #10 torx screws
1/2" (12.7mm) Throw-out Needle Thrust Bearing	25 x 3/8" (9.53mm) balls
1/2" (12.7mm) Flat Throw-out Thrust Washer	5 x 3/8" (9.53mm) Tungsten Carbide balls
5 x .055" (1.4mm) Drive Plates	1 Clutch Cover Gasket

## Basic z-Start Clutch Operation

The z-Start Auto Clutch functions through centrifugal force. As engine RPM increases, the balls contained in the z-Start Pressure Plate travel up the ball ramps and push against the Top Plate. This action forces the Pressure Plate to engage the clutch pack.

## Installation Tips

In order for the z-Start Clutch to perform properly, it must be mounted properly.

- Measuring and maintaining the Installed Gap is **critical**. If the Installed Gap is too big the clutch will slip excessively and cause rapid clutch wear. If the Installed Gap is too small, the clutch will drag and cause engine stall.
- Recognize that the Pressure Plate travels along the tabs of the Lower Assembly as it engages and disengages. Anything preventing this travel will prevent full engagement and cause the clutch to slip excessively.
- If you will be installing the Rekluse *Perch Adjuster* as a manual override for your z-Start Clutch, it is critical to have the cable slack adjusted properly. First complete the installation of the z-Start Clutch using this manual and ensure proper installed gap. Then refer to the Rekluse *Perch Adjuster* manual to ensure proper cable slack adjustment.
- **Be very careful not to drop any screws, washers, balls, or springs into the crankcase opening!** It is surprisingly easy to drop a little screw or washer down into your crankcase. It is not always so easy to get it out. Make sure all parts going in and coming out are accounted for before you finish the installation. A strong magnetic probe can often be used to retrieve little parts if you happen to drop something in.

## Bike Preparation and Disassembly

1. Unhook the return spring on the clutch actuator arm located on top of your engine case. Use a flat blade screwdriver to push the hook of the spring off of the clutch actuator arm so the spring no longer pushes against the clutch actuator arm.
2. Disconnect your clutch cable from the perch and lever.
3. Turn the gas petcock to the off position and lean the quad against a fixed stationary object at a suitable angle so that the quad is stable—the further you lean it over the easier the install will go. Place blocks or stands under front and rear wheels to prevent the quad from falling. When Quad is tipped on its side be prepared to catch the excess gas and oil in a suitable container to prevent a fire hazard.
4. Remove the clutch cover bolts with an 8mm socket and carefully remove the clutch cover.

- Using a 10mm socket, remove the bolts holding the stock pressure plate to the inner clutch hub. Lift off the pressure plate and the clutch lifter assembly. The clutch lifter assembly consists of the **Clutch Throw-out**, a **bearing**, and a **washer**.

Stock Pressure plate, stock throwout spacer and 6 bolts and springs are not reinstalled.

## Clutch Pack Configuration

- Remove the clutch boss spring form the bottom of your clutch pack. This will require you to pull out your entire clutch pack.

**Note:** The clutch boss spring consists of two rings, one bevel shaped and one flat, which locate in the inner diameter of the bottom friction disk. **You must remove both rings.**

- Move the Narrow (Bottom) friction disk to the middle of the clutch pack and replace with one of the 7 regular friction disks.
- Remove 4 of the stock .062" steel drive plates from the clutch pack and replace them with 4 of the *Rekluse .055" steel drive plates*.

**Note:** At this point you will have 4 stock steel drive plates and the 2-piece clutch boss spring removed from your clutch pack.

**Warning:** The top of the clutch pack must be a **friction disk**.

## Installing the Lower Assembly

- Place the included M6 studs into the bike's center clutch standoffs and place 9 Mounting Shims over each standoff. **See picture below.**

**Install M6 studs and carefully place exactly 9 Mounting Shims over each stud.**

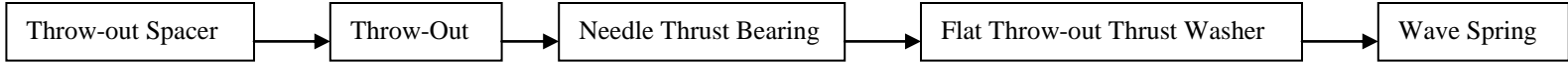


- Place the z-Start *Lower Assembly* over the M6 Threaded Studs so the Threaded Studs pass through the corresponding set of 6 countersunk holes in the z-Start *Lower Assembly*.
- Carefully remove M6 Threaded Studs one at a time and replace them with M6 Flat Head Screws. **Apply a small amount of blue Loctite 243 to each screw** and torque to 96 inch pounds with a torque wrench. **Make sure none of the Mounting Shims fall out from under the z-Start Lower Assembly.** After the screws are torqued-down, check to ensure the top part of the *Lower Assembly* spins freely.

## Assembling the Rekluse Throwout, Pressure Plate, and Top Plate

12. Guide the 0.775" **Rekluse throw-out spacer** (not shown in left photo below) followed by the **Rekluse Clutch throw-out** into the hole in the transmission input shaft. Be sure that the spacer is in place between the Rekluse Clutch throw-out and the stock ball spacer on top of the throw-out rod.

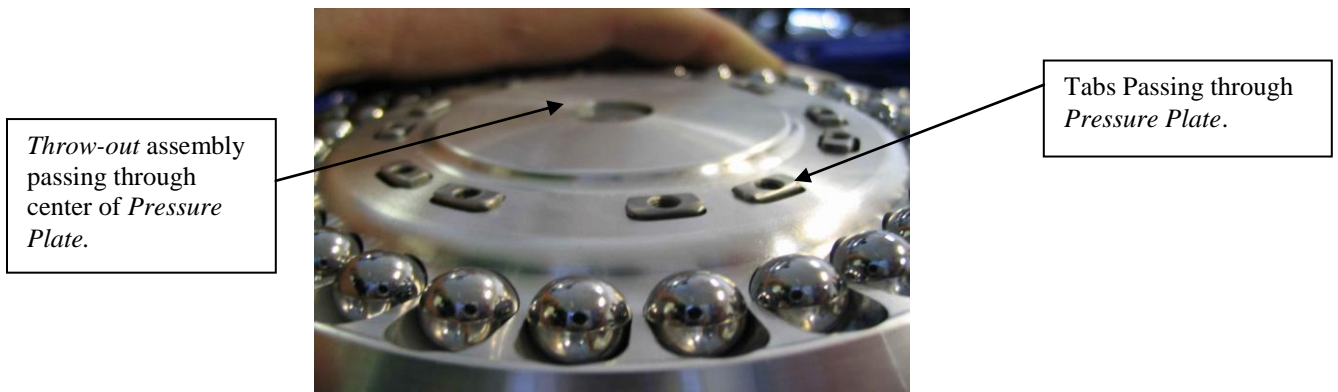
Place the 1/2" **Needle Thrust Bearing** on top of the **Rekluse Throw-out** followed by the 1/2" **Throw-out Thrust Washer**. Place the **Wave Spring** on top of the Lower Assembly. **See following pictures.**



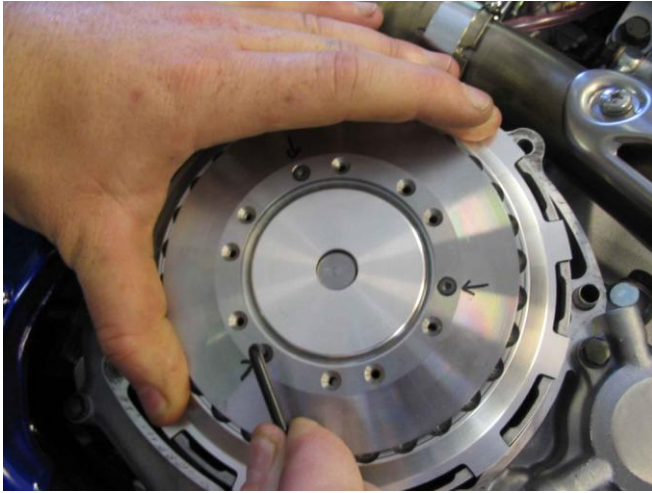
**Warning:** Perform the next step away from the bike to keep the balls from falling into the transmission.

13. Place a small amount of oil in each of the **Pressure Plates** ball grooves. Place 1 **Tungsten Carbide ball** followed by 5 **steel balls**. Repeat the pattern until all slots contain a ball. **It is very important to have the Tungsten Carbide balls spaced evenly around the pressure plate.**
14. Place the **Pressure Plate** with the 30 Balls in place over the z-Start **Lower Assembly**. Index the outer tabs of the **Pressure Plate** into the windows of the clutch basket. **The outer tabs of the Pressure Plate must rest in the same clutch basket windows that the outer tabs of the friction disks do.**

Also insure that the tabs of the **Lower Assembly** pass through the associated cut-outs in the **Pressure Plate**. Make sure the top of the **Rekluse Throw-out** assembly passes through the hole in the center of the z-Start **Pressure Plate**. **See following picture.**



15. While holding the *Pressure Plate* down place the *Top Plate* over the *Pressure Plate* and fasten it to the tabs of the Lower Assembly with three of the M3 screws, through the three marked holes in the *Top Plate*. Lightly tighten each screw using a 1/4 inch driver and the included Torx T10 driver tip. **See following picture.**



Holding down *Pressure Plate* until *Top Plate* is securely fastened.

**Note:** You will have to overcome the z-Start *Wave Spring* and hold the Pressure Plate down until the 3 screws are securely fastened in order to tighten the Top Plate down properly.

### Determine the installed gap of the Z-Start

16. Measure the installed gap of the z-Start. Two sets of feeler gauges are required to measure the Installed Gap. The feeler gauges must be placed between the top most **friction disk** and the top most **steel drive plate** in the clutch pack 180 degrees apart. **See following pictures.**

**Note:** Insert the 2 sets of feeler gauges directly across from one another (180 degrees apart) to avoid the clutch pack from rocking resulting in an inaccurate measurement. Find the thickest feeler gauge that still slides back and forth with slight resistance.



**The installed gap should measure between .030" (0.76mm) and .042" (1.07mm).** If the gap is correct, move on to the next step. If the installed gap measurement is off, then the installed gap needs to be adjusted due to manufacturing variances in the bike's center clutch. If the measurement is *greater than .042"* replace one *Rekluse .055" (1.4mm) drive plate* with a stock *.062" (1.6mm) drive plate*. If the measurement is *less than .029"* replace one stock *.062" (1.6mm) drive plate* with a *Rekluse .055 (1.4mm) drive plate*.

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

## Final Installation Steps

**Note:** Use 243 Loctite (Blue, oil resistant) to secure all M3 Torx screws

17. Using a small amount of Blue Loctite 243, install the rest of the M3 torx head screws and torque to 10 inch/pounds. 10 inch-pounds requires a good crank with the included Torx T10 driver tip, but be careful not to bend the head of the T10 driver tip. Remove the three marked M3 screws, add Loctite, and tighten.
18. Re-install your clutch cover with the 1 included Rekluse *Clutch Cover Gasket*. Hand-tighten each of the clutch cover bolts, then torque to 6 to 8 foot/pounds in 2 steps.

**Warning:** The Rekluse gasket must be used or considerable clutch damage will result!

19. Refer to the included z-Start External Perch Adjuster instructions to complete the installation.

**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. See step 14. Clutch break-in re-measurement of the Installed Gap is necessary whenever new clutch plates are installed.

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