

# **Rekluse Motor Sports**

## **The z-Start™ Clutch**

**KTM RFS 400**

**KTM RFS 520**

**(2000 – 2001)**

### **Installation Guide**

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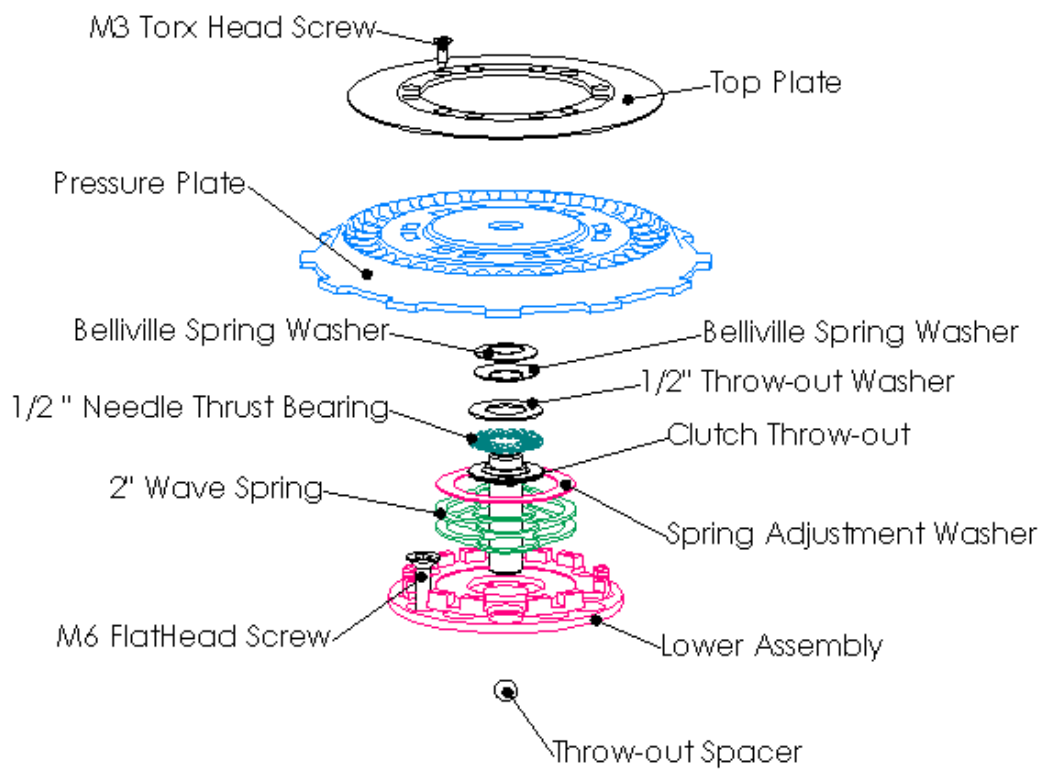
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## Required Tools

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

### 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	2" (51mm) Wave Spring (C200L2)
Pressure Plate	2" (51mm) Wave Spring (CS200L1)
Lower Assembly	2 x 2" (51mm) Wave Spring Adjustment Washer
Clutch Throw-out	12 x M3 #10 torx screws
3 x .047 (1.2mm) Drive plates	6 x M6 Threaded Studs (to assist mounting)
6 x M6 Flat Head Screws	30 x 3/8" (9.53mm) balls
1/4" (6.35mm) ball Throw-out Spacer	5 x 3/8" (9.53mm) Tungsten Carbide balls
1/2" (12.7mm) Throw-out Needle Thrust Bearing	42 x .010" (0.25mm) Mounting Shims
1/2" (12.7mm) Flat Throw-out Thrust Washer	KTM RFS Gasket
1 x 0.625" (15.9mm) Bellville Spring Washer	0.045" (1.14mm) Center Clutch Guide
	12 x M6 – 1.52mm washers (to go back to stock)

## 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.
- The z-Start only applies pressure to the hydraulic clutch system when the engine is running. **Pulling the clutch lever repeatedly during the install, or when the motorcycle is off and the z-Start is installed can damage your clutch system.**
- **Be very careful not to drop any screws, washers 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. Turn the gas petcock to the off position and route the gas cap vent tube into the air. When you lay the bike over on it's side, the gas in the bowl will drain out of the overflow tube. Be prepared to catch the gas in a suitable container to prevent a fire hazard.
2. Carefully lay the bike on its left side so the clutch-cover faces up.
3. Remove the kickstart and rear brake pedal. Remove the clutch cover bolts with an 8mm socket and carefully remove the clutch cover.
4. Using a 5 mm allen key, remove the bolts holding the 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**. (Do not remove the Throw-out shaft).

Pressure plate, 6 bolts and springs, and stock clutch lifter assembly are not reinstalled.

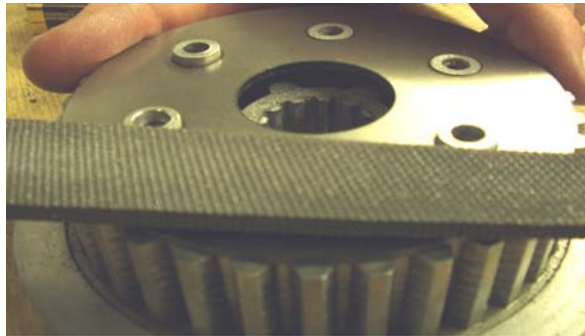
5. Remove your clutch pack and set it aside. Try to keep it in order because it will be re-installed.

## Modifying the Stock Center Clutch

6. Remove the center clutch by using the snap ring pliers to remove the snap-ring from the center clutch. Take the center clutch to a place where no filings can be dropped into the crankcase opening. Place the included *0.045" Center Clutch Guide* over the studs on the center clutch and use a fine tooth file to file the studs down smooth with the Center Clutch Guide. Remove the guide and use some emery cloth to smooth the studs' edges.

**Note:** 12 - M6x0.06 washers are provided so the clutch can be re-assembled to the stock configuration by placing 2 of the 0.06" washers on top of each standoff.

**File studs down so they are flush with the included Center clutch guide.**



7. Re-install the center clutch and secure by re-inserting the snap ring.

## Installing the Lower Assembly

8. Insert the included *M6 studs* into the bike's center clutch stand-offs 2 to 3 turns. Carefully place 7 *Mounting Shims* over the studs **see picture below**

**Install M6 studs and carefully place exactly 7 Mounting Shims over each stud.**

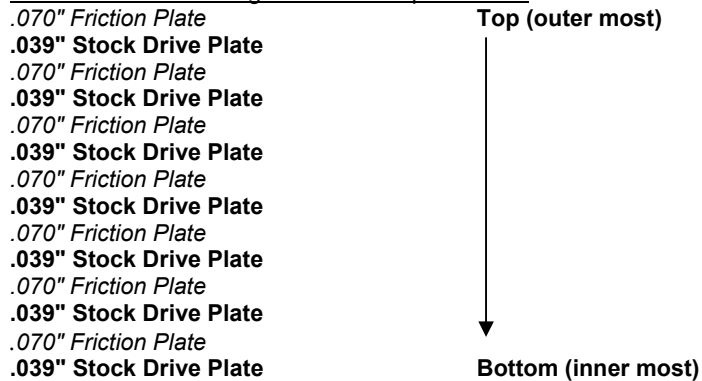


9. Place the z-Start *Lower Assembly* over the M6 studs. (There are two sets of 6 holes in the *Lower Assembly*. Use the inner set of holes to mount on the KTM.)

Carefully remove M6 studs one at a time and replace them with the M6 flat head screws—**apply a small amount of blue Loctite 243 to each screw**. Make sure none of the *Mounting Shims* fall out from under the z-Start *Lower Assembly*. Torque the M6 screws to 96 inch pounds with a torque wrench. After screws are torqued-down, the *Rotating Hub* should spin freely.

10. Replace your clutch pack so it matches the stock configuration in your manual. Remove the top most steel drive disk. The top of your clutch pack must be a friction disk. **See following chart.**

New Clutch Pack Configuration from top to bottom:



**Warning:** The top of your clutch pack must be a friction disk or you will damage the z-Start Pressure Plate.

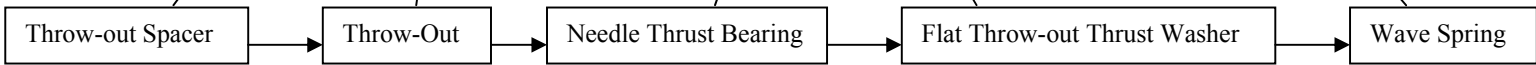
**Note:** The top Steel Drive Plate does not get re-installed.

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

11. Guide the 0.25" **Rekluse throw-out spacer ball** 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 throw-out shaft.

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 Belleville Spring washer, curve side down, on top of the flat Thrust Washer.

Place the 2" **C200L2 Wave Spring** on top of the Lower Assembly. The **C200L2 Wave Spring** is the taller of the two wave springs provided with the kit. This is our recommended setting for engagement RPM—refer to the chart on the last page of these instructions for other adjustment settings. **See following pictures.**



Belleville Spring Washer

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

12. 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.**

**Note:** The remaining 5 steel balls are used for adjustment. See the chart on the last page of these instructions.

**Note:** Tungsten Carbide balls are twice as heavy as steel balls and are duller gray in color.

13. Place the z-Start *Pressure Plate* over the z-Start *Lower Assembly*. Index the outer tabs of the *Pressure Plate* into the "half-moon windows" of the clutch basket. **The outer tabs of the *Pressure Plate* do not rest in the same clutch basket windows as the outer tabs of the friction disks.**

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.**

Throw-out assembly passing through center of *Pressure Plate*.



Tabs Passing through *Pressure Plate*.

14. 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.**



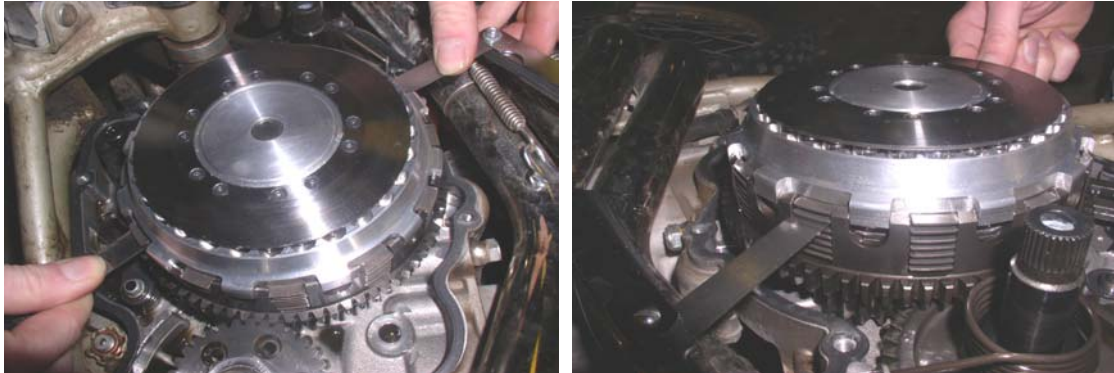
Holding down *Pressure Plate* until *Top Plate* is securely fastened.

**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

15. 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 be 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" exchange one of the *Rekluse .047" (1.2mm) drive plates* for one of the stock .039" (1mm) drive plates. Repeat steps 16 and 17 until your installed gap is correct.

## Final Installation Steps

16. 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.

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

17. Re-install your clutch cover **with included KTM RFS gasket**. We recommend threading the 6 Threaded studs, used to install the Lower Assembly, into the engine case to aid in lining up the gasket when installing the clutch cover—the **included gasket must be used or significant clutch damage will result.**

To provide enough clearance for the z-Start, **you must re-use the stock gasket**. If you choose not to re-use the stock gasket, the z-Start may rub the clutch cover slightly. A small amount of rubbing is generally not a problem and will not harm your engine. Hand-tighten each of the clutch cover bolts, then torque to 6 to 8 foot/pounds in 2 steps. Replace the kick-start and brake pedal.

**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 15. 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.**

Steps for Adjusting the z-Start are provided on the next page.

## Adjusting the z-Start Engagement RPM

The engine speed at which the z-Start begins to engage the clutch, also called the stall speed, can be adjusted. Included with the z-Start are two 2" *Wave Springs* and two 2" *Flat Steel Washers* to fine tune the z-Start stall speed. The *Wave Springs* and *Flat Steel Washers* are located inside the z-Start between the *Pressure Plate* and *Lower Assembly*. To adjust the stall speed, it is necessary to remove the engine side cover and the M3 screws holding the z-Start *Top Plate* to access the *Wave Spring and Flat Steel Washers*. Refer to the z-Start Parts View and the installation instructions for detailed information on how to change the *Wave Spring and Flat Steel Washer* configuration.

**Use the following chart** as a guideline for setting the stall speed. Remember many factors can affect the stall speed from bike to bike so the following chart is only a guideline. You can also make fine tuning adjustments by adjusting your idle speed.

CS200L1 Wave Spring	0 x Flat Washers	Very Low Stall Speed (generally below a low idle)
CS200L1 Wave Spring	1 x Flat Washer	Low Stall Speed (typically just above idle)
CS200L1 Wave Spring	2 x Flat Washers	Medium Stall Speed
C200L2 Wave Spring	0 x Flat Washers	Medium Stall Speed (very near previous setup)
C200L2 Wave Spring	1 x Flat Washers	High Stall Speed

**Note:** do not use more than 1 Flat Washer with the *C200L2 Wave Spring*.

**Note:** If you would like to adjust more slip into the clutch beyond the above spring chart, you can exchange the 5 extra steel balls into the Pressure Plate for the 5 Tungsten Carbide balls.