

PRE-TRIP SAFETY CHECKS

PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

This guide is intended check some of the basic components of your motorcycle, especially if you are heading off on extended trips like holidays.

These checks are not intended to provide an alternative to regular authorised maintenance of your bike.

All checks should be done and be compliant with the manufacturer's specifications.

Basic visual checks and inspections are important and you should always take the bike to a qualified mechanic if you are unsure how to properly perform any of these checks.

ENGINE OIL

KEY CHECK: Is it very dark? Visual inspection.

KEY CHECK: Are oil levels correct? Visually inspect.

KEY CHECK: Are there any oil leaks? Visually check over the engine and on the ground.

We recommend replacing your oil every 6000klms for modern road bikes or at least once a year to keep your engine clean. Regular oil replacements reduce wear and tear on expensive engine parts.

NOTE:

- Never mix oils when topping up.
- Always use the oil recommended by the manufacturer.

CHAIN & SPROCKETS

KEY CHECK: Is the chain rusty? Visual inspection.

KEY CHECK: Is the chain loose? Manually move chain.

KEY CHECK: Does the chain make a noise? Audial inspection.

Chains should be lubricated lightly every 500km and cleaned and adjusted as needed. More frequently if you have been riding in the rain or on dirty roads.

FUEL

KEY CHECK: Does the fuel have a funny smell? Use your nose.

KEY CHECK: Have you left it sitting idle for extended periods of time?

KEY CHECK: Is your bike running rough? Awareness.

Fuel goes off after periods of inactivity. If you have let your bike sit for a season or two or for more than 6 months, you will need to remove all fuel from the system and tank, flush and replace with fresh fuel.

This can be done by our specialised mechanics along with a full safety check to get you back on the road with confidence. We also recommend having full post-slump inspection. Post-slump is anytime you leave your bike idle for extended periods of time. See the document for Post-Slump maintenance.

BATTERY

KEY CHECK: Is your bike cranking slowly all of a sudden? Awareness.

KEY CHECK: Does your bike have trouble starting? Awareness.

KEY CHECK: Is the battery is more than 3-4 years old? Check paperwork.

Infrequent use, cold weather and your batteries age, all affect starting and reliability.

COOLANT

KEY CHECK: Is your bike overheating? Visually monitor temp gauge, temp light or engine light.

KEY CHECK: Check the level of the reservoir. Visual inspection.

KEY CHECK: Is your bike using more coolant than normal? Visually inspect & monitor.

KEY CHECK: Do you notice any coolant leaks? Visual inspection.

If it is low, it will need topping up – make sure you use the same coolant or water if in a pinch. If your bike has been running hotter than normal, you need to check this immediately. Overheating can cause the engine to seize, resulting in costly repairs.

Coolant should be replaced every 3-5 years, or according to the service schedule for your bike.

You should check coolant levels monthly and book it in to have any concerns remedied straight away.

NOTE:

- Never mix coolants when topping up.
- Always use the coolant recommended by the manufacturer.

TYRES

KEY CHECK: Check air pressure. Inspect with a quality air pressure gauge.

KEY CHECK: Check for wear. Visual inspection.

KEY CHECK: Check for cracking. Visual inspection.

This should be done regularly, especially if you are doing a lot of kilometres.

If you notice your tyre pressures are going down, you need to get this checked out. It can be a sign of a faulty valve or a leak in the tyre from damage or puncture. A small loss of 1-3 psi a week is regarded as normal, so add air when necessary.

Tyres should also be checked for wear and cracking. Cracking can be a sign of an aging tyre degrading or due to regular wear and tear. In either case the tyre should be replaced immediately.

BRAKES

KEY CHECK: Do they feel soft? Awareness.

KEY CHECK: Is the fluid low? Visual inspection.

KEY CHECK: Is the fluid discoloured? Visual inspection.

KEY CHECK: Is the material on brake pads low? Visually inspect.

KEY CHECK: Are there any brake fluid leaks? Visually inspect over the bike.

These are all important checks and indicators for the health of your braking system and your personally safety.

It is important to get these checked by a professional if you have any concerns and have them rectified immediately.

LIGHTS/ELECTRICS

KEY CHECKS:

- Head light (high & low beams). Visual check.
- Tail light. Visual check.
- Front/brake lights. Visual check – Front & Rear.
- Indicators. Visual check.
- Number plate light. Visual check.
- Side stand switch. Start check.
- Clutch switch. Start check.

You should not be able to start the bike with the side stand down and engine in gear.

You should be able to start your engine, with the side stand up, and in gear with the clutch held in.

Our Commitment to You

Western Motorcycles have fully qualified and certified mechanics specialising in all aspects of motorbike maintenance and repairs.

All work is guaranteed and performed according to manufacturer's recommendations.

We only use quality parts and oils.

We can pick up and deliver, home or work, when you get your bike serviced. T's & C's apply.

Contact Josh on 02 4733 1733 ext 2 for any further information or to make a booking.

SERVICING OPTIONS

MAJOR & MINOR SERVICES

PRE-TRAVEL INSPECTIONS: Holidays, weekend trips etc.

TYRE SALES & FITTING

eSAFETY CHECKS (rego check-pink slip) needed to register your bike.

PRE-REGO CHECKS If you need to get your bike ready for rego and want to know what work needs to be done. This is done prior to rego, giving you enough time to get your bike fixed up and ready for rego without the hurry, giving you more time while helping you spread any costs.

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