

Pre-Ride Inspections

Pre-ride inspections help ensure a trouble-free ride and provide confidence that your motorcycle will respond properly. The primary source of information about how a motorcycle should be inspected and maintained is its owner's manual. Be sure to absorb all of its important information. A motorcycle will continue to ride like new if it is properly maintained and routine inspections become part of its maintenance cycle.

A pre-ride inspection of the motorcycle should be as routine and automatic as checking the weather forecast before heading out for the day. It's quick and easy to check the critical components, and a convenient reminder is T-CLOCS. Below is a chart of a T-CLOCS inspection, all of which should be checked before every ride.

T – Tires & Wheels

- Air Pressure
- Tread
- Cracks, dents, loose spokes
- Bearings
- Brakes

C – Controls

- Levers
- Switches
- Cables
- Hoses
- Throttle

L – Lights & Electrics

- Working Condition

O – Oil & Other Fluids (coolant, hydraulic fluid, fuel)

- Levels
- Leaks

C – Chassis

- Suspension
- Drive components (chain, belt or driveshaft)

S – Sidestand

A pre-ride inspection should not take more than a few minutes. If done before every ride, it can help you identify changes before they become a problem.