

# Motorcycle Pre-Ride Readiness Checklist

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Do a thorough pre-ride check of your motorcycle to make sure it's in full working order before getting on the road. Start out with a walk around your bike, then check individual parts.

## Lights and electrics

**Check to make sure all lights are working properly and lenses are not cracked or broken**

- ☐ Turn signals    ☐ Brake lights    ☐ Headlamp

### Battery

- ☐ Make sure battery terminals are clean and tight and that the electrolyte level is correct
- ☐ Check the vent tube is hooked to the vent outlet and not kinked

### Horn

- ☐ Check to make sure it works

## Control levers

### Levers

- ☐ Make sure they are not bent or broken and move easily

### Cables

- ☐ Check for fraying and lubricate

### Hoses

- ☐ Check for cracks, leaks, bulges, and chaffed areas

### Throttle

- ☐ Make sure that it moves freely and closes easily

## Chassis

### Steering head

- ☐ Move handlebars back and forth to check for tight spots or binding

### Neck bearings

- ☐ Hold the front brake and rock the bike front to back to check for tight spots or binding

### Suspension

- ☐ Check the front forks and rear shocks for smooth travel and air pressure

### Belt or chain

- ☐ Check belt tension and look for any objects stuck in it

### Fasteners

- ☐ Check for any loose nuts or bolts in the fasteners and tighten, if needed

## Tires and wheels

### Check tire

- ☐ Tread depth and wear    ☐ Air pressure

### Wheels

- ☐ Check to see if any spokes are loose or if the rim is bent or cracked
- ☐ Check to see if the wheel turns freely, but is not loose on the axle

### Brakes

- ☐ Brake pads (depth)    ☐ Check brake function
- ☐ Check for brake line leakage

## Kickstand

- ☐ Check for ease of operation and spring action

## Oil and fluids

**Make sure all fluid levels are correct for:**

- ☐ Fuel    ☐ Hydraulic brake fluid
- ☐ Engine oil    ☐ Coolant

