

# Motorcycle Checklist

Your motorcycle is a complex piece of machinery with so many components tightly packed into a chassis that can take your life. Is it worth it to check your motorcycle? Yes! People often forget that motorcycles, although more reliable now than in the past, are still not as reliable as the average car or truck. They need more maintenance and you need to be much more careful.

## Checklist

Did You Check Your...	Yes	No
Windshield – Crack Free and Not Loose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seats – Clipped in securely and not torn.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handlebars – Nothing dangling or out of place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cables – No Fraying, Kinks, or Binds – Adjusted Properly – Ends and Shafts Lubed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hoses – No damage or leaks – Properly Routed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Throttle – No Excess Play – Snaps closed freely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronics – Turn Key and Check Instrument Cluster.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Levers – Pivot bolt and nut – Action correctly – Pivots lubed if necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tail Lights (Signal & Brake) – Both levers actuate brake light – Bulbs all work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headlight (High & Low Beams) – Properly Aimed – In Working Order – No Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lenses – Clean and no Condensation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reflectors – In Tact and Clean.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Battery – Clean, Tight and Secured – Vent Tubes are unobstructed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wiring – No Pinching, Fraying, or Corrosion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil & Fluid Levels – Condition - Brake, Oil, Final Drive, Transmission, Coolant, Fuel – No leaks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frame – Paint lifting or peeling – Check for Cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspension – Smooth Movement – Proper Adjustment – No Leaks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chain or Belt – Lube – Look for Wear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fasteners – Look for missing Clips, Clamps, Screws, and Pins.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kickstand – Retracts – No Bending or Damage – Cutout Switch Works	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Why did we create this?

We've created this checklist to explain how you should check your motorcycle before you ride it. Every time you ride, you and your motorcycle are exposed to the elements. Tires, frame, wiring, mirrors, brakes, chain, and other components will all deteriorate over time. Let's take a detailed step by step approach on how you should check your motorcycle before you ride.



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