Motorcycle Checklist

A T-CLOCS-style pre-ride inspection covering tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis, stands and riding gear before every trip.

Tires & Wheels

- [ ] Check tire pressure when cold against the recommended figures
  Found on the chain guard, manual or swingarm sticker
- [ ] Inspect tread depth and look for cupping or uneven wear
- [ ] Look for cuts, cracks, embedded objects or bulges
- [ ] Spin each wheel and check for wobble or damaged rims
- [ ] Check spokes for tension and cast wheels for cracks
- [ ] Confirm wheel bearings have no play or roughness

Controls

- [ ] Test front and rear brake levers for firm feel and free travel
- [ ] Work the throttle and confirm it snaps fully closed
- [ ] Check clutch lever engagement and free play
- [ ] Inspect cables and hoses for fraying, kinks or leaks
- [ ] Confirm handlebars turn lock to lock without binding

Lights & Electrics

- [ ] Test headlight on low and high beam
- [ ] Check brake light triggers from both front and rear brakes
- [ ] Confirm tail light, turn signals and hazard lights work
- [ ] Test the horn
- [ ] Check the battery is secure and terminals are clean
- [ ] Verify dash warning lights and indicators function

Oil & Fluids

- [ ] Check engine oil level and condition on level ground
- [ ] Inspect coolant level if liquid cooled
- [ ] Check brake fluid level in front and rear reservoirs
- [ ] Confirm there is enough fuel for your planned ride
- [ ] Look under the bike for any fresh leaks or drips

Chassis

- [ ] Check drive chain or belt tension and lubrication
- [ ] Inspect sprockets or pulleys for wear
- [ ] Press the front forks to check suspension action
- [ ] Bounce the rear and check the shock for leaks
- [ ] Verify fasteners, footpegs and brackets are tight

- [ ] Check mirrors are clean and adjusted

Stands & Rider Gear

- [ ] Confirm the side stand springs up and stays retracted
- [ ] Check the center stand and any cut-out switch
- [ ] Wear a properly fitted, undamaged helmet
- [ ] Put on gloves, over-the-ankle boots and abrasion-resistant clothing
- [ ] Use eye protection and check your visor or goggles are clear
- [ ] Confirm any luggage is secured and balanced