

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