

The Perfect Motorcycle

Questionnaire Life-Cycle Stage

Interpretation of your answers to this questionnaire are in the book *The Perfect Motorcycle: How to Choose, Find and Buy the Perfect New or Used Bike* which is available at www.amazon.com and www.theperfectmotorcycle.com

Your answers to the following questions will help determine the appropriate age of bikes you should consider.

Answer each question by circling a number from one to five that best describes your current situation. These numbers correspond to a range of possibilities. The low- and high-end of the range are always described by numbers one and five. If you fall in the exact middle of the range, circle the middle number, three.

- 1) How much discretionary time do you have?
1 2 3 4 5
 1. I don't have any extra time.
 5. I live to ride and have a lot of extra time.
- 2) How much discretionary money do you have?
1 2 3 4 5
 1. I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, if I die Thursday, at noon.
 5. I've got plenty.
- 3) How many of your friends and/or relatives are motorcyclists? 1 2 3 4 5
 1. I don't know anyone who rides a motorcycle.
 5. Everyone I know rides.
- 4) Rate your mechanical skill. 1 2 3 4 5
 1. I do not know which end of a hammer you should use to change a light bulb.
 5. I can take my bikes apart and put them together with a Leatherman, in the dark.
- 5) What is your personal mechanical shop like?
1 2 3 4 5
 1. What shop? I have a mechanic for that.
 5. My three-stall garage is stocked with every tool in the Snap-On catalog.
- 6) How much do you like "do-it-yourself" maintenance and repair? 1 2 3 4 5
 1. I would just as soon have others do the work.
 5. I really enjoy working on my vehicles.
- 7) What are your spending habits? 1 2 3 4 5
 1. My pocket's got a permanent hole in the bottom.
 5. Frugal, leaning toward tight wad.
- 8) How do you feel about gadgets and high technology? 1 2 3 4 5
 1. Nothing of any real value was made since 1952.
 5. I've got a GPS integrated with my Bluetooth PDA/cell phone and a heads-up display with Internet, satellite radio, CB radio, and NOAA weather updates.
- 9) Do you enjoy performing a break-in period?
1 2 3 4 5
 1. I really like having a brand-new motor and taking care to ensure it will break-in correctly to be reliable.
 5. I just want to ride. Having to coddle a new bike like that drives me nuts.
- 10) How do you feel about an unexpected breakdown, and the expense of fixing it? 1 2 3 4 5
 1. That drives me nuts.
 5. No biggie.
- 11) How do you feel about getting a lemon? 1 2 3 4 5
 1. I hate being taken advantage of and being stuck with a bad product.
 5. It's just a machine, ultimately understandable and fixable if problems arise.