

The Perfect Motorcycle

Pre-Ride Checklist

This checklist is included as part of the motorcycle buying process from 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

These are the most important 5 minutes you'll spend today
 Abort your ride, or remedy conditions immediately if any item isn't OK

Check every day PRICE

Non-Motorcycle	P Physical Fitness	Are you healthy enough? If you are sick, in pain, or lack the strength to ride, take a car or stay home.	OK
	R Release all Non-Riding Concerns	Is your head clear and focussed exclusively on riding?	OK
	I Internal Conditions	What is 1) your street address 2) birthday 3) phone number? 4) Add the digits of today's date	OK
	C Contingency Plan	Documents (license, insurance cards, and registration), tools, spares, cell phone	OK
	E External Conditions	Are you wearing appropriate gear for weather, time of day and traffic?	OK

GOAL

Off-Motorcycle	G Gasoline	Enough?	OK
	O Oil	Enough?	OK
	A Air pressure	Both tires	OK
	L Lights	1) Brake light 2) Taillight 3) Headlight 4) High beam 5) All 4 signal lights 6) Horn	OK

Check every time you get on

ASSEMBLE

On-Motorcycle	A All Aboard	Get on	OK
	S Stand Up	Kickstand and/or centerstand up	OK
	S Squeeze the Front Brake Lever	Bounce the suspension and wiggle bars. Check rear brake and bounce on the seat.	OK
	E Engine Started	Start your motor	OK
	M Mirrors Adjusted	Can you see clearly now?	OK
	B Breath	Take a breath. Clear your head. Be here, now.	OK
	L Look Around	Look at the area directly around you. Look at surrounding traffic conditions.	OK
	E Engage	Pull away and stay engaged the whole trip	OK