

The Perfect Motorcycle

Test Ride Evaluation Form

Track your progress toward acquiring your next motorcycle as detailed 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

(Circle answers below with results of test ride)

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
 Displacement (Engine Size) _____ Color _____ Advertised Price _____
 Owner _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

Expressed Owner's Consent Y N

If motorcycle is used, don't test ride if:

- Bias and radial tire mix
- Cords visible through face of tire
- Low tire pressure
- Missing spokes or cracked wheel
- Leaking gas
- Not current registration

Ask for a route for a varied ride.

Before you ride:

- Make sure the kickstand is up
- Adjust the mirrors
- Check all switchgear, levers and pedals to familiarize yourself with their locations
- Check the horn
- Apply the front brake, bounce and wiggle, notice anything unusual
- If the tires are brand new, they will be slippery. Avoid hard cornering and heavy acceleration or braking.
- Is the fuel tap on? Is there enough fuel for a ride?

After starting motor but before leaving, check the clutch engagement point.

On your ride, check all functions at three speeds—slow, moderate and highway speeds. Note anything other than smooth, stable, comfortable performance.

Upon your return, circle the results of your findings:

Brakes			
Front	OK	Grabby	
Rear	OK	Grabby	
Acceleration	Smooth	Flat spots	
Engine Vibration	Smooth	Rough	
Clutch Operation	Smooth	Grabby	
Transmission Shifts	Smooth	Notchy	Missed
Sound from Drive Chain	Steady	Changing/Modulating	
Stable Steering	OK	Pulls to One Side	
Suspension Tightness	OK	Tops out	Bottoms out
		Too fi rm	
Comfort	OK	Uncomfortable	
If Uncomfortable (circle problem)			
Seat	Handlebar Reach	Wind	Foot Position
Other	_____		

Mirrors OK Blurry

Overall Impression (5 = Excellent, 1 = Bad) 1 2 3 4 5

Rank the seller (5 = Excellent, 1 = Bad) 1 2 3 4 5

Other notes
