

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

Here's your chance to put all those hours of watching CSI to good use. You're going to take a "crime scene" tool kit and a checklist along to look at specific motorcycles and to interview sellers, and determine which bikes you should make offers to buy.

Inspection Tool Kit

- Camera—with enough batteries and memory (or film) along
- Dark shoe polish for engine VIN (if hard to read)
- Smooth ceramic magnet to check steel tank and bodywork
- A 12-inch length of 1/4-inch or 3/8-inch diameter clear plastic tubing coiled in a baggie
- Tire pressure gauge
- A penny
- Flashlight (check the battery before you leave)
- Long flat and long Phillips screwdrivers
- Inspection mirror
- Rubber gloves (plenty)
- Rags
- Clean piece of cardboard
- Optional—sparkplug sockets, compression tester, and adjustable stand for improvised centerstand (a list is provided in the appendix) for motorcycles without centerstands.

Inspection Reminder List

- Plan 40 minutes for inspection, 20 more if test ride

Bring:

- Your completed pre-inspection checklists
- Multiple blank copies of the inspection checklist
- Inspection toolkit, including clean cardboard and camera
- Optional friend
- Riding gear for test ride