

PRE-TRIP

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Okay Kids, don't try this! I am a trained professional!

So, for the last 2 months, I have felt a slack in the steering of my bike.

I was constantly adjusting my path because the bike was drifting left and right. I was never feeling unsafe, but unsure what was causing the drifting. I would give the bike a good look.

You know, kick the tires, shake the wheels and look at the bike tread wear. Nothing looked wrong!?! This past week at Tallahassee Harley Davidson, I asked to borrow their air gauge to check the P.S.I. in my tires.

I was SHOCKED to find out I only had 25 P.S.I. in my rear tire. After adding 13 P.S.I. to my rear tire that is recommended to have 38 P.S.I., the bike handled a lot better.

Lesson learned! You need to use an air gauge to check your air pressure. Also, with the cooler weather upon us, the air pressure is going to be lower even with no leak.

Tire Manufactures say that air pressure goes down 1 to 2 lbs. for every 10 degrees of temperature loss. Add that to the fact that tires still lose air pressure with time.

Words to the wise, CHECK YOUR TIRES!

Stay safe
Lee

