

SAFETY CORNER

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SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR BIKE

Want your motorcycle to run smoother, last longer, and cost less to maintain?

Some riders crave speed. Others just want to turn heads. But the smartest, most experienced motorcyclists know how to keep their bikes running flawlessly while saving serious money.

One way is stop skipping warm-ups. Most people fire up their bikes, rev the throttle a little, and hit the road. What they don't realize is that this simple habit is slowly damaging their engines. Cold oil moves like syrup, sluggish and thick, especially on a cold morning. For those first few seconds, your engine parts aren't properly lubricated. Every time you do this, you're causing microscopic wear on that vital components. Over time, that adds up.

This fix is ridiculously simple. Let your bike run for at least 30 seconds. Also gently ride your bike slowly for the first few minutes. This gives your oil time to warm up and flow smoothly. This way, your gears shift better, and your engine runs cleaner extending its life.

Everyone worries about low tire pressure. Over inflated tires get stiff and lose their ability to absorb bumps. That shock gets directly transferred into your wheel, bearings, forks, and frame and it adds up fast.

The tire pressure changes as the temperature rises. If you overinflate on a cold morning, by the time it heats up, you might be riding on dangerously over pressurized tires. This shrinks your contact patch, reduces grip, makes braking harder, and increases wear on your suspension. Always check your tire pressure cold with a good tire gauge.

All the above improves your safety for you and your bike.



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