

SAFETY CORNER

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SAFE RIDING

Greetings, Everyone!

Last meeting we briefly touched on the 5 digit code used to operate your Harley without a fob being present, or a fob with a bad battery. Harley normally sets it to 11111, or the last 5 digits of the bikes VIN at the factory. So, anyone can take your bike and ride away with it if you haven't changed the code!

BTW, remember to use your ignition lock. That will help deter that thief who is in a hurry. I purchased a brake disc lock. It is a "C" style that fits over the front disc and it has a stud that goes through one of the cooling vent holes on the disc. It also has an audible alarm that goes off if movement is detected. This prevents the front wheel from rotating as this lock will not pass the fork. The bike will have to be lifted and carried away.

OK, so how to change the odometer code. I've taken this right out of the 2023 owners manual:

1. Select a 5 digit code, 1 to 5, no 0s and record it
2. With the fob present, switch the stop rocker to off.
3. Turn ign. switch on
4. Cycle the engine kill switch twice; run, off, run, off, run.
5. Press LEFT ts switch TWO TIMES--enter PIN will scroll through the odometer window.
6. Press RIGHT ts ONCE and release.---turn signals will flash three times. Current PIN will appear in odometer, the first digit will be flashing.
7. Enter first digit of new PIN by pressing and releasing the LEFT ts switch until the selected digit appears.
8. Press RIGHT ts switch once and release---the new digit will replace the current in odometer window.
9. Enter the second digit of selected PIN by pressing and releasing the LEFT ts switch until the selected digit is present.
10. Press RIGHT ts switch once and release. -- the new digit will replace the current in odometer window.
11. Enter the third digit of the selected PIN by pressing and releasing the LEFT ts switch until the selected digit is present.
12. Press RIGHT ts switch once and release---the new digit will replace the current in odometer window.
13. Enter the FORTH digit of new PIN by pressing and releasing the LEFT ts switch until the selected digit is present.
14. Press the RIGHT ts switch once and release---the new digit will replace the current in odometer window.
15. Enter the FIFTH digit of the new PIN by pressing and releasing the LEFT ts switch until the selected digit is present.
16. Press RIGHT ts switch once and release----the new digit will replace the current in odometer window.
17. Turn the engine kill switch off, then turn the ignition switch off. Pushing the engine kill switch to off stores the new PIN in the module.

I am encouraging all of you to install a new PIN if you haven't done so already!

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Here are some interesting facts for you to ponder:

- Florida led the nation in motorcycle accident related deaths in 2022, 668 fatalities.
- younger riders, 25-29 had the most accidents.
- teen aged riders had the most fatalities.
- speed was found to be the main cause of motorcycle accidents, next was bikes hitting left turning cages coming from the opposite direction.
- Severe head injuries were found to be the leading cause of deaths in bike wrecks.
- According to the National Highway Safety Council, 40% of all bike wrecks were caused by other vehicles, drivers not seeing the bike.

*With that said, I'll say it again. Stay back, stay visible! Consider riding with the highbeam on in daylight, especially near busy intersections. Be careful not to switch it on too close to the intersection as drivers may assume you're giving them right of way.

*Don't signal your intended turn 3 streets ahead, as drivers may assume you're going to turn onto the street where they're at and pull out on you! The law requires a minimum of 100ft to signal your intended turn.

*When riding near trucks and busses, be sure you can see the driver in the mirrors of the vehicle, and pass as soon as able. Don't shadow or ride behind these large vehicles. You may not see the debris in the road in time to avoid it!

I am honored to bring you my two cents worth of motorcycle safety each month.

I welcome your comments always.

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I'll see you down the road!

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Safety is of the Lord

Proverbs 21:31



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