

NORTH CASCADE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP PRE-RIDE CHECKLIST

Some Things You Should Have

Portable bike lift
Tire gauge with tread depth indicator
Battery Tender
Flashlight
Spoke Wrench



TIRE PRESSURE

Check the pressure based on your tires when cold. Check tread condition and sidewall for weather check for cracks. Check tread depth. Make sure valve stems are tight.

FLUID LEVELS

Check your oil prior to a ride. Check oil when hot and on the side stand. Check brake fluids periodically. Dealer recommends synthetic oil.

INSPECT YOUR LIGHT SYSTEMS

Your light systems to ensure you will be seen. Remember that most accidents are caused by vehicles coming toward you. Make sure you can be seen.

CABLES

Feel your cables for correct free-play. Not too much not too little. Clutch and throttle cables too. Use the nickel trick to make sure you have the right amount of free play.

OIL AND FUEL LINES

Inspect oil, fuel lines for cracks, leaks

FEEL OF YOUR BIKE

Wiggle the bars, make sure your bushings aren't loose and bars are tight in clamps
Grab the seat and make sure it is locked into the correct slots on the frame,
Check seat screw. Check shift lever. Just go around the bike and make sure that things that are supposed to be tight are. Put your bike on a battery tender when you won't be riding for long periods.

BRAKES

Visually inspect your brake pads for wear. Feel your brake discs for grooves and snags. Make sure there is no oil on the rotors.

DRIVE BELT

Check the drive belt for some proper feel of tension, not too loose, not too tight. Visually inspect the belt for cracks, splits and rocks.

RIDING GEAR

Based on your ride do you have the right gear? Should you throw in an extra jacket or rain gear? Better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it. Make sure to protect your hands.

Wow! That was a great ride.