



Pre Riding Checks (BETOPS) (or POWDDERSS from Roadcraft)

Brakes

- Apply firm pressure to front brake lever for 3-4 seconds to ensure pressure sustained
- Check fluid sight glass and for leaks at reservoir / upper union, Trace brake fluid hose to caliper(s). Check lower union(s) / caliper(s) for fluid leaks. Check ABS sensor/wiring if fitted.
- Check brake pads for wear, i.e. thickness using visible grooves
- Check condition of brake disc - scoring / wear at rim / contamination / dust in holes

Electrics

- Function of side light / dipped / main beam / headlamp flash / instrument cluster / tail lights (on side & headlight) / number plate light (remember to check lenses for cracks).
- Brake light on front & rear brakes (Also check with lights on in case of wiring fault)
- Indicators - left / right / hazard warning
- Kill switch / side-stand / neutral indicator switches
- You MUST NOT test horn whilst stationary on public roads (Do in garage at home!)

Tyres

- Check for wear and damage through 360 degrees - use valve core as guide
- Check condition of wheel rims & spokes.
- Check tyre pressures, valve cores & valve caps.
- Highway Code minimum
- Check wheel bearings for play / roughness. Check rear swing arm for play.

Operations

- Check throttle operation (& clutch if cable operated & choke if fitted) through full movement of steering head & check for trapped wires / loom, cables / hoses, and no fouling of bodywork.
- Check steering head bearings for roughness / free play.
- Check clutch lever operation (if hydraulic)

Petrol/Fluids

- Check petrol turned on (if there is a fuel tap) & fuel in tank (or fuel gauge)
- Check for fuel leaks(fuel hoses / carbs)
- Check oil level dipstick/window, engine for oil leaks & oil cooler (if fitted) for leaks/damage
- If water-cooled - check coolant reservoir for coolant level, check radiator & hoses for leaks / damage / fin blockage
- Check clutch fluid sight glass / reservoir leakage / hose & slave cylinder condition
- Check fork legs /seals for leaks and rear damper unit(s).
- Check shaft drive (if fitted) for leaks / rubber bellows condition

Security

- Visual examination for damage and leakage
- Check mirrors / headlamp / indicators / handlebars / levers / tank / seat / side panels / foot rests / pedals / number plate / tax disc holder / mudguards / exhaust etc
- Check accessible nuts / bolts for tightness (make sure they are there).
- Check tank-bag / luggage/ top box / panniers for security & load distribution
- Check chain tension / condition and lubrication & condition of rear wheel sprocket.

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