

IDBIG's Tech Tips

BIKE LIFTS; NAME BRAND OR KNOCK-OFF



Most of us in the motorcycle world understand the importance of the equipment we rely on. In nearly any shop around you will find predominately name brand bike lifts being used by professional techs. But on the flip side of that, more and more enthusiasts are purchasing lifts for home uses like detailing, storage, and light maintenance. Many consumers seek out the least expensive equipment they can find that will get the job done. Unfortunately for most, the sweetness of savings is short lived when and if that treasured machine topples off that not so reputable device.

A few individuals who feel any investment as great as the bike itself, deserves nothing less than the best and most reliable tools available. These individuals research all aspects of safety and security for their machine. Personally, I side with this mentality. Yes I am a professional, but even at home I prefer to take the same measures to insure my scoot doesn't get any unnecessary body mods because I cut corners. I have seen many different styles and shapes of lifts on the market, and only a very select few would ever grace my shop or garage.

For those of you who have ever thought of, or are currently planning on buying a lift, here is what I suggest. Research. Know and trust the origin of the product. Where is it built? How thick and strong is the steel? What's the warranty? You can get an overseas, inferior lift for 300 bones from those roadside brand x stores, but isn't your ride more valuable to you than that? Hell, for about \$250 or so more you can get a pretty decent lift that won't groan or simulate an earthquake when trying to raise it in the air. The moral to this story is that if you wouldn't put discount store oil in your bikes motor, then why risk it toppling to the floor off some rickety excuse for a jack? Think about it. That's it for now; see you all in the spring.

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