

Motorcycle Tech Tip

Hot Weather Maintenance

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It is HOT! If you are riding a V-Twin Harley-Davidson, Big Dog, Texas Chopper or other Custom Motorcycle, it is air cooled. That means that when it is hot, the air cooling your engine is hotter, and you need to think about several things. To protect your big V-twin, keeping friction down is very important when air temperatures are over 90 degrees.

Engine manufacturers recommend changing your oil to heavier weight oil, as heavy as 25/60. The heavier oil maintains superior engine protection when the temperature rises above 90 degrees, and will extend the life of your ride.

You will also want to upgrade your transmission lube to an 85/140 weight. The upgrade in lubrication allows smoother shifting and cooler transmission temperatures. Not forgetting the chain driven primary drives, think about using RED LINE M.Y.L. synthetic lubrication.

Hotter weather is also hard on tires. They can get hot, and higher temperatures increase tire pressure, making it easy to over inflate your tires. Over inflation will affect performance, and lessen the overall life of motorcycle tires. Tire manufacturers recommend checking tire pressure daily, and when it is hot, inflate 2 to 3 P.S.I. less than recommended on your tires sidewall.

Use the right oil, check your tire pressure, and don't forget your body. It needs more fluids, so drink more. Water! (You think I meant something else?)

Ride smart and be safe this summer.



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