

# CHECKLIST:

## 10 motorcycle maintenance tasks you can do

Being able to carry out key maintenance tasks on your motorcycle will help keep it in tip top condition and may even save you money in garage fees because you are able to stop issues from developing in the first instance.

### Before you start...

- **Workshop Manual** - Rather than flying blind, it's a good idea to get hold of a workshop manual for your bike, as it will detail precisely how to approach basic maintenance tasks.
- **High quality tools** - It's also prudent to invest in some high quality tools. Better tools will last you for years and will make maintenance easier.

#### ○ 1. Tyre pressure

Should be checked every week. Handling and braking can both be affected by under-inflated tyres.

#### ○ 2. Chain tension

Avoid unnecessary sprocket and gearbox wear - not to mention transmission issues - by keeping your chain at the right tension.

#### ○ 3. Battery

Keeping your battery well-maintained – and replacing it if necessary – will reduce your chances of a breakdown.

#### ○ 4. Coolant level check

Not all motorcycle owners know how to check this, but being able to do so will help keep your bike in good working order. It takes just a few minutes.

#### ○ 5. Change the oil

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### ○ 6. Adjust **oil cables**

For a smoother, more responsive motorcycle, it's worth investing in a hydraulic cable oiler. Failure to do this could impair throttle or clutch function.

### ○ 7. Change **air filter**

This keeps dirt and grime from getting into your bike's internal components. It needs to be cleaned routinely – and eventually replaced.

### ○ 8. Replace **spark plugs**

Your motorcycle will run more smoothly if a high quality set of spark plugs are fitted.

### ○ 9. **Grease** your bike's components

This effort will extend the life of your motorcycle's parts and help it run smoothly.

### ○ 10. Replace **brake pads**

Easier than you might think, but seek assistance if you are unsure of how to do this, since properly fitted brake pads are vital for your safety.