



Safety Questions Prior to DSA Motorcycle Test

Identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check the engine has sufficient oil?

Dipstick or sight glass, level should be between Max and Min marks.

Show me how you would check that the horn is working?

Turn ignition on, sound horn, turn ignition off

Identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic fluid?

Identify reservoir, check level against max and min marks.

Tell me how you would check that the lights and reflectors are clean and working?

Turn on ignition, check visually for cleanliness and operation.

Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working?

Turn on ignition, operate each brake with hand over light, turn off ignition.

Tell me how you would check the condition of the chain?

Check the chain for wear: correct tension and wheel alignment. Tension should be adjusted as specified in the handbook. Chain should be lubricated. (To adjust chain, slacken off spindle and pull rear wheel back using the adjuster, retighten spindle)

Show me what checks you would make on the steering movement prior to using the bike?

Bike on main stand, press at rear of seat to raise front, move handlebars left and right. Should be a smooth movement without cables being stretched or pinched.

Tell me how you would check your tyres to ensure they are correctly inflated, have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.

Correct tyre pressure setting will be found in the owner's manual. Pressure to be checked using a reliable gauge. Tread depth must be at least 1mm deep, forming a continuous band at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the width of the tyre and all the way around. There should be no lumps, bulges or tears.

Show me how you would check the operation of the front brake?

Wheel the machine forward and apply the front brake.

Show me how you would check the operation of the brakes?

Check for excessive travel on the brake lever and the brake pedal for unusual play or sponginess.

Show me how you would check the operation of the engine cut out switch?

Operate switch, without the engine being started, return to on position.

Show me how you would switch your headlamp from dipped to main beam?

Switch ignition on, operate switch and check main beam warning light, return to dipped switch ignition off.

Balance question on carrying pillion passengers

What difference would carrying a passenger make to your riding style?

Braking: distance would be increased due to extra weight, would need to brake earlier and leave greater distance between me and the vehicle in front.

Acceleration: would be slower due to extra weight: I would need more time to pull out of a junction and to overtake.

Balance: higher centre of gravity would affect cornering.

Steering: would be lighter especially under acceleration.

What FOUR things may need to be adjusted when carrying a passenger?

Increase rear tyre pressure

Adjust rear suspension (stiffer)

Adjust front light (down)

Adjust mirrors

What advice would you give to a passenger before getting on the bike?

Wear a safety helmet, correctly fastened.

Get on when told to and not before, sit astride the motorcycle, facing forwards.

Keep feet on footrests and make yourself comfortable hold on to the motorcycle or the rider for safety.

Be aware of braking & acceleration (don't bang into the rider or lean back)

Lean into corners, do not try to get off or pull bike upright

Do not observe, indicate for me or wave to people

Stay on motorcycle until told to alight