

Motorcycles need a lot of maintenance-it's an unfortunate fact. But some of the most common motorcycle problems are actually quite easy to avoid.



tire wear – zużycie opon

chain wear – zużycie łańcucha

sprocket teeth – zużycie kół łańcuchowych

If you only use your motorcycles a few times a year, you're vulnerable to issues caused by inactivity. First and foremost is fuel contamination. If fuel sits exposed to air for too long, the gasoline evaporates and turns to varnish. When this happens, the float bowl of your carburetor is clogged with deposits. You can avoid these stale gas issues by adding fuel stabilizers before putting your motorcycle in storage.

Another common problem caused by inactivity is a dead battery. Maintain your charge by getting a battery tender. It's less expensive than purchasing new batteries, and your motorcycle will be ready at any time.

Of course, riding causes problems, too. That's maintaining proper tire pressure is important. Low tire pressure leads to excessive wear, which forces you to purchase new tires properly eliminates unnecessary tire wear.

Even more important than tire pressure is chain tension. Chains that are too tight can bend sprocket teeth, while chains that are too loose grind against the chain guide. Either condition leads to chain wear and the likelihood your chain will give out while you're riding. Correct tensioning prevents avoidable maintenance as well as potential accidents.

**1. Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.**

- 1) What type of problems can affect motorcycles?
- 2) What type of wear affects how a motorcycle reacts with the ground?

**2. Read the magazine article. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F)**

- 1) \_ Fuel stabilizers prevent gasoline from becoming varnish.
- 2) \_ Excessive wear is caused by having too much air in tires.
- 3) \_ A loose chain will damage sprocket teeth

**3. Match the words(1-7) with the definitions (A-G)**

- 1) \_ deposit
- 2) \_ varnish
- 3) \_ inflate
- 4) \_ give out
- 5) \_ excessive
- 6) \_ chain tension
- 7) \_ battery tender

- A. More than usual
- B. A device that maintains an electrical charge
- C. A solid substance that forms in liquid
- D. To break or become unusable
- E. How tight or loose a chain is
- F. To force air into a tire
- G. A substance created when gasoline evaporates

**4. Read the sentence pair. Chose where the words best fit the blanks.**

- 1) Fuel stabilizer / fuel contamination

\_\_\_\_\_ can start in just a few weeks.

Add \_\_\_\_\_ to your tank before storing your bike.

- 2) Stale gas / float bowl

The carburetor failed because it was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ .

Once varnish forms, a carburetor's \_\_\_\_\_ must be cleaned thoroughly.

- 3) Tire wear / chain wear

\_\_\_\_\_ can be avoided with proper tensioning.

Low pressure can increase \_\_\_\_\_ .

- 4) Sprocket teeth / chain guides

\_\_\_\_\_ catch the chain to transfer power to the sprocket.

\_\_\_\_\_ lead chains onto sprockets.