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Motorcycle Safety Inspections

Good Morning,

The SMSA office is looking for information regarding motorcycle safety inspections.

Does your state require motorcycle safety inspections?

Annually

Only on purchase or re-sale

Periodically

How long is the inspection valid?

Thank you

IOWA

The Iowa DOT does not require any inspections - I would assume prior to the motorcycle leaving a shop - it has gone through a thorough inspection when it is sold.

~Toni Kerkove

COLORADO

The State of Colorado does not require motorcycle safety inspections at any time.

~Emiliano Barela

MASSACHUSETTS

Good morning SMSA,

Yes. Annually (May 31st). Purchase and Re-Sales is within 7 days.
One year.

~Eugene Carabine

MINNESOTA

Minnesota does not require motorcycle inspections.

~Bill Shaffer

IRON EAGLE- NEVADA

Random inspections. In 48 years of riding, I have never had a bike inspected by the DMV.

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NEVADA in statute and theory requires inspections on sale re-titling.

In reality, at best, random inspections. In 48 years of riding, I have never had a bike inspected by the DMV.

Although the practice is discouraged as time intensive in state sponsored programs which make up the bulk of teaching in Nevada, pending more independent school providers entering the market, in teaching courses, I require all bikes be inspected before participation.

This includes MSF BRCII and advanced courses.

This is because of the lack of oversight and number of substandard machines on the road.

~James Kimsey

VERMONT

Vermont requires motorcycle to be inspected.

Inspections are required annually and are valid for one year.

~Paul Graves

TEXAS

Texas requires the annual safety inspection.

~John Young

SOUTH DAKOTA

Not in SD...car or cycle.

~Rick Kiley

MARYLAND

In Maryland any time a vehicle is sold and a new title is created the vehicle must be inspected. The only other time an inspection would be required is if the owner is issued an ERO (Equipment Repair Order). Some ERO's could require a full inspection, while others, like for a burned out headlight, require a visit to a police station in the jurisdiction where the ticket was issued to confirm the repair was made.

We have a Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) and motorcycles are exempt.

Hope this helps.

~Phil Sause

TENNESSEE

Tennessee.....No

~John Miliken

VIRGINIA

Virginia requires motorcycle to be inspected.

Inspections are required annually and are valid for one year.

~Bruce Biondo

MICHIGAN

Michigan only inspects motorcycles when they are used to take a skills test, or a training course or if they are home-made and an "assembled vehicle title" is being applied for.

~Joe Kelly

IOWA

No inspections required in Idaho other than a VIN verification for titling an out-of-state private sale motorcycle (and even that depends on the mood of the DMV clerk).

~Sunshine Beer

ALASKA

In Alaska motorcycles are only inspected if a repair ticket is issued, if used in a classroom (BRC,BRC2) or in a skills test.

~Craig Breshears

NEVADA

Nevada - no safety inspections

~Peter Vander Aa

OREGON

No safety inspections in Oregon - either motorcycle or auto.

~Michele O'Leary

RHODE ISLAND

Per our DMV

"All Motorcycles registered in Rhode Island are required to pass a RI Safety Inspection prior to June 30th each year.

Motorcycles registered as "New" are exempt for two years from the date of purchase or until the motorcycle has accumulated 24,000 miles (whichever occurs first)

Motorcycle inspections stickers expire June 30th of the year following the approval."

~Despina Metakos

WASHINGTON

There are no motorcycle inspections required in WA. If a rider wants to use their own bike for a training course, there are a few minor things that must be checked/confirmed before the bike can be used in training.

~Andrea Nygard

"Roadkill" NEW YORK

+New York requires annual inspections, and also at the time of purchase/resale.

Ride on.

~Roadkill

HAWAII

Aloha! Hawaii requires a safety inspection every year in order to renew the annual registration. This goes for all motor vehicles except mopeds and motorized bicycles.

Have a great weekend everyone!

~Christy Cowser

PENNSYLVANIA

Motorcycle inspections in Pennsylvania are annual and valid for one year.

~John Zimmerman

NEBRASKA

Nebraska has no periodic motor vehicle inspection program for motorcycles. The only safety inspection for any vehicle, including motorcycles, occurs when there is an application for a new title and that vehicle has been reconstructed or assembled.

~Fred Zwonechek

MAINE

Yes, Maine requires motorcycles to be inspected when purchased (new & used) and annually thereafter. Hope this helps with your data collection.

~John Kohler

FLORIDA

We have no vehicle/motorcycle inspections in Florida

~Edith Peters

NEW MEXICO

NM does not have initial or recurring safety inspections for motorcycles licensed in NM. I believe there may be a one-time inspection for vehicles that come in from other States and are intended to be licensed in NM.

~David Smith

OHIO

Vehicle inspections are at random roadside checkpoints.

~Chuck Stiteler

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina requires a yearly safety inspection. It must be completed within 90 days of plate renewal or the registration will be rejected until the inspection has been done.

~Bob Wagner

MICHIGAN

No inspections in Michigan.

~Chad Teachout
