

# Gearing up for That First Spring Ride!

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As I mentioned in my President's Point article this month, we should all have a bit of extra time this year to attend to our gear and our equipment before we head out on the roads. To help you get started, here is some tried and true insight and direction.

TCLOCS is an acronym, which was created by the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) to help riders remember to check and verify the condition and function of critical systems of your bike, including Tires and Wheels, Controls, Lights and Electrical, Oil and Fluids, Chassis and Side stand. There are variations of TCLOCS I have heard of, but this a base.

Your owners manual will have much of the information you will need to perform TCLOCS, but you may need to look online, purchase a shop manual or ask the service folks at your local dealership.

Below are the basics to check.

## T (tires and wheels)

- Tread
- Pressure
- Rubber condition

*Easy  
Tread  
Test*



## C (Controls)

- Tight/Proper adjustment
- Cables in good condition/Lubrication
- / Clutch fluid

*Find a good Guide Book*

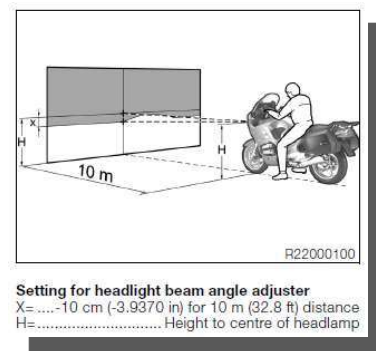


Brake

## L (Lights and electrical)

- Headlight (low/high beams)
- Directions indicators (Left and Right, Front and Rear)
- Stop/Plate
- Dash/fairing/gauges lighting

*Adjust  
Your  
Headlight  
Focus!*



## O (Oil and Fluids)

- Check engineer oil level
- Check clarity

## C (Chassis)

- Handlebars
- Head bearing smooth but not loose

## S (Side stand)

- Make sure it moves smoothly. Lubricate as needed

By performing TCLOCS at the beginning of the season and every time you ride, you can greatly reduce the possibility of having issues on the road and we all like that.

Looking forward to seeing you there...