

## Motorcycles

Not too many years ago, motorcycling was looked upon as a perversity and an outrage by society and as a criminal activity by the courts. Motorcyclists were forced to carry on their activities in the shadows—away from the watchful eyes of others—out of fear that they would be labelled abnormal or sick.

Fortunately, these "Dark Ages" of motorcycling are now coming to an end. They are being replaced by feelings of tolerance, if not outright acceptance. Most states are presently revising their criminal codes to allow motorcycling and other unusual vehicular activity so long as it only involves consenting adults.

Motorcyclists, themselves, are becoming more bold and open about their vehicular preferences. Not only is their number on the increase, they have organized clubs and lobbying organizations to fight for even further reforms.

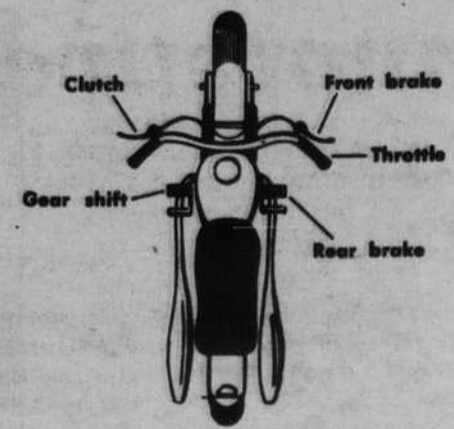
Because of all this, your State Motor Vehicle Department has started a program of licensing and public education to insure that these former vehicular outcasts may now drive with pride and respect in a predominately automobile oriented society.

**MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENTS** Before operating a two-wheeler on public roads, a motorcyclist must first get a special endorsement on his driver's license. He must show knowledge of the particular rules pertaining to his vehicle orientation, as well as prove to the examiner that he is qualified to operate the vehicle in traffic.

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**CONTROLS** As any fool can plainly see, the controls on a motorcycle are almost identical to the controls on an automobile, save a few minor exceptions. Therefore, as an average automobile driver, you should have little or no trouble adapting to a two-wheeled vehicle. The controls will be especially easy to master if you happen to have three hands and four feet and they are at odd locations.



### THE MOTORCYCLE RIDER

**CLOTHING** All motorcyclists are required to wear clothing while operating their vehicles on public roadways.

**ALERTNESS** The motorcycle rider should always be prepared to make a sudden stop. The State Highway Department, in cooperation with our office, has installed a number of potholes, steel bridge gratings, grooved pavement areas and old trolley car tracks in order to help motorcyclists stay awake and alert. A drowsy motorcyclist is a menace to everyone.

**APPEARANCE** One of the greatest assets to modern motorcycling is the rider who keeps himself and his cycle in a favorable light. High-rise handlebars, chain link clothing and outlandish tattoos (which are now prohibited in some states) only tend to destroy the image that most motorcyclists are trying to create.

### CYCLE SAFETY

- Never ride "no hands."
- Never carry more than three passengers on the front seat.
- Never tow a roller skater from your motorcycle.
- Never perform cycle "stunts" such as headstands, while on main thoroughfares.

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## The Driver Exam

The driver's license test is given in two parts—a written examination and a driving skills test. The written exam is based on information in this booklet. The driving skills test checks your ability to operate an automobile in normal traffic situations.

In order to help you prepare for the written exam, we have included some sample test questions below. Although none of these questions are exactly like the ones which will appear on the exam, they will help you to gauge your understanding of traffic rules and vehicle operation.

### Test Your Driving Knowledge

**1. If caught in a traffic jam, a driver should:**

- (a) Get out of the car and walk.
- (b) Honk his horn while screaming obscenities at other drivers.
- (c) Between 40 and 60 feet.
- (d) both (a) and (c).

**2. Before passing another vehicle, which of the following practices is best:**

- (a) Law.
- (b) Veterinary.

**3. After passing another vehicle, you should:**

- (a) Return immediately to the right lane.
- (b) Return to the right lane only after frightening approaching traffic.
- (c) Return to Great Britain, where you never have to use the right lane.

**4. A loud, high-pitched warble and a flashing blue light behind you means:**

- (a) Your brakes are locked.
- (b) It's mating season for the rufous-sided towhee.
- (c) Your insurance rates are going to go up.
- (d) You shouldn't have ordered a chili-dog at lunch.

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**5. To stop on snow or ice, a driver's best action is to:**

- (a) Pump his brakes rapidly.
- (b) Pump his tires rapidly.
- (c) Pump his heart rapidly.
- (d) Hit something.

**6. At which temperature is ice most slippery:**

- (a) 30 degrees above zero.
- (b) When you can see the entire vehicle in your rearview mirror.

**7. If a pedestrian steps in front of your car, you should:**

- (a) Start the motor anyway.
- (b) Swerve into oncoming traffic.
- (c) Run over the stupid son of a bitch.

**8. A car traveling 60 miles per hour travels:**

- (a) 64 feet per second.
- (b) 88 feet per second.
- (c) 112 feet per second.
- (d) To Pittsburgh in less than a week.

**9. The most important thing to remember about seat belts is that they:**

- (a) Prevent pregnancy.
- (b) Cost \$3.98 at Sears.
- (c) Save lives.

**10. The safest policy regarding hitchhikers is to:**

- (a) Ignore them.
- (b) Thumb your nose at them.
- (c) Ask them out for dinner.

**11. When your car starts to skid, the best thing to do is:**

- (a) Slam on the brakes.
- (b) Signal a turn.
- (c) Wear sunglasses.

**12. Applicants expecting to pass their examination on the first attempt, should:**

- (a) Slow down.
- (b) Take two aspirin and go to bed.
- (c) Think again.

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