

Technical Services Bulletin Motorcycle & Scooter Tires

Breaking In (running in) of Motorcycle & Scooter Tires

Why is it necessary to break in new motorcycle/scooter tires?

It is important is **to scuff up the tread to develop traction** (especially for tires without our "Traction Skin" technology). New tires have a smooth, slippery surface that must first be roughened by moderate use. Only when the surface structure has been broken-in can the tire build up its maximum grip by interlocking with the rough surface of the road.

Even though Continental's "TractionSkin" technology contributes to greater safety on the first ride, it is necessary for the rider **to condition the tires for the demands of high-power motorcycles** by loading them moderately and evenly during the break-in period, thus preventing tire damage. It is easy to damage a modern high-performance sport/touring tire by mounting it and then immediately subjecting it to severe stress (especially high-speed riding). The tread compound will be damaged by destroying the cross-linking of the high-tech polymers we are using to create our outstanding grip performance. It is a kind of habituation to high stress like a marathon runner - it does not work without training.

During the break-in period (approximately 150 km / 100 miles), **heavy acceleration and braking, high lean angles and especially high-speed riding must be avoided**. We recommend driving a twisty road and to start gently with low speed and lean angle and then slowly increase speed and acceleration unless you've got a dull/rough finish across the usable tread surface.

Remove the tire labels before riding.

Always warm up your tires each time you ride by gently braking, accelerating and turning for the first few miles.

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