



# STATE ON-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

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	Safety Helmet	Eye Protection	Rearview Mirror	Brakes	Handlebar Height	Passenger Seat*	Passenger Footrests*	Passenger Handhold*	Headphones Prohibited	Turn Signals	Speedometer/Odometer	Daytime Headlight Use	Periodic Inspection
Alabama	•	•k	•	•13	•17	•	•	•	•	•#			•25
Alaska	•p,27	•j	•11	•13	•17	•	•	•	•				•23
Arizona	•4	•j	•	•12	•19	•	•	•	•				
Arkansas	•6,26	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•	•n	•b		•i	•25
California	•26	•	•	•13	•t	•	•	•	•o			•	•25
Colorado	•4,26	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•				•	
Connecticut	•4,26	•j	•	•13g	•19	•	•	•		•	•22a	•e	•25
Delaware	•1,7	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•		•	•20#	•	•
Dist. of Col.	•	•j	•	•13	•17#	•	•	•			•20	•	•
Florida	•v,26	•	•	•13	•19	•	•	•	•o			•	
Georgia	•26	•j	•	•13g	•17	•	•	•	•9	•d		•	
Hawaii	•4,26	•j	•	•12	•17	•	•	•		•#		•	•
Idaho	•4	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•				•	
Illinois	•	•	•	•12	•19	•	•	•	•o			•	
Indiana	•4,m,26	•4	•	•13	•17	•	•	•				•	
Iowa	•	•	•	•12	•17	•	•	•				•h	
Kansas	•4,26	•j	•10	•	•	•	•	•		•b		•21	•25
Kentucky	•r,26	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•					
Louisiana	•26	•j	•10	•12	•17	•	•	•	•n, o			•	•
Maine	•3,28	•i	•	•13	•19	•	•	•				•	•
Maryland	•26	•j	•11	•13	•17	•	•	•#	•n		•#	•	•24
Massachusetts	•26	•j	•	•13	•17, (19#)	•	•	•	•	•b			•
Michigan	•26	•2j	•	•13	•17	•	•	•				•	•25
Minnesota	•4,m,26	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•	•n			•	•25
Mississippi	•	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•					•
Missouri	•26	•	•	•12	•17#	•	•	•				•	•
Montana	•4,26	•	•	•13	•	•	•	•				•	
Nebraska	•26	•j	•11	•12	•16	•	•	•					
Nevada	•26	•j	•	•13	•19	•	•	•		•			
New Hampshire	•	•j	•	•12	•19	•	•	•#		•b	•#		•
New Jersey	•1,26	•i	•	•12, (13q#)	•19	•	•	•					•
New Mexico	•4,26	•j	•	•13	•	•	•	•					•25
New York	•26	•	•	•13	•19	•	•	•	•n	•s	•20f	•	•
North Carolina	•26	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•			•20	•	•
North Dakota	•1,4,26	•	•	•13	•19	•	•	•			•		•
Ohio	•4,8,26	•j	•	•12	•17	•	•	•	•n, o	•w			•25
Oklahoma	•4,26	•j	•11	•13	•15	•	•	•		•x	•20	•	•25
Oregon	•26	•	•	•12	•	•	•	•		•y		•	•
Pennsylvania	•z,26	•	•	•13#	•	•	•	•	•9		•a#	•14	•
Rhode Island	•5	•	•(10#)	•12	•17	•	•	•			•20a#	•	•
South Carolina	•1,6	•6j	•	•13	•	•	•	•				•	•
South Dakota	•4,26	•j	•	•13	•19	•	•	•				•	•
Tennessee	•26	•j	•	•12	•	•	•	•				•	•
Texas	•q,26	•	•	•13	•17#	•	•	•				•u	•
Utah	•4,26	•	•10	•12	•19, (17#)	•	•	•#		•a#	•22	•	•
Vermont	•1,26	•j	•#	•12	•17	•	•	•#					•
Virginia	•27	•j	•	•13c	•	•	•	•	•n, o				•
Washington	•26	•j	•11	•13a	•18	•	•	•	•o	•		•	•25
West Virginia	•27	•	•	•12	•17	•	•	•				•	•
Wisconsin	•4,m,26	•k	•	•12	•18	•	•	•				•	•25
Wyoming	•4	•	•10	•12	•19	•	•	•				•	•

- Requirement in law
  - \* If carrying a passenger
  - 1. Reflectorization
  - 2. Where speeds exceed 35 mph
  - 3. Under 18 yrs.; for 1yr. after obtaining license; with learner's permit & passengers of operators so required
  - 4. Under 18 yrs.
  - 5. Operators under 21 yrs.; for 1yr. after obtaining license; & all passengers
  - 6. Under 21 yrs.
  - 7. Possession by all, wear under 19 yrs. & by instruction permit holders
  - 8. Novice license holders
  - 9. Prohibited except for communication
  - 10. Left side
  - 11. Left and right side
  - 12. One wheel
  - 13. Both wheels
  - 14. For motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/86
  - 15. Not higher than operator's eye level
  - 16. Maximum of 15" above fasten point
  - 17. Maximum of 15" above seat
  - 18. Maximum of 30" above seat
  - 19. Handgrips below shoulder height
  - 20. Speedometer
  - 21. For motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/78
  - 22. Odometer
  - 23. Annual emissions inspection
  - 24. Upon transfer of title
  - 25. Random
  - 26. Requires FMVSS 218 compliance
  - 27. Requires Snell, ANSI or DOT compliance
  - 28. Requires ANSI or FMVSS 218 compliance
    - a. If originally equipped by manufacturer
    - b. For motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/73
    - c. For motorcycle manufactured after 7/1/74
    - d. For motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/72
    - e. For motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/80
    - f. For motorcycle manufactured after 9/1/80
  - g. For 1974 or later model year motorcycle
  - h. For 1977 or later model year motorcycle
  - i. Manufacturer requirement for motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/78
  - j. Except if equipped with windscreen
  - k. Except if equipped with windscreen 15" or higher
  - m. Instructional permit holders
  - n. Prohibited in both ears simultaneously
  - o. Except helmets with speakers
  - p. Operators under 18 yrs.; all passengers
  - q. Except for 21 yrs. & over with rider ed or with health insurance with \$10,000 medical benefits for motorcycle related injuries
  - r. Under 21 yrs., operators with instruction permit, or those having held motorcycle license less than 1 yr.
  - s. For 1985 or later model year motorcycle
  - t. Maximum of 6" above shoulder height
  - u. For 1975 or later model year motorcycle
  - v. Except for 21 yrs. & over with health insurance with \$10,000 medical benefits for injuries
  - w. For motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/68
  - x. For 2005 or later model year motorcycle
  - y. For motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/73 or before 1973 during limited visibility
  - z. Except for 21 yrs. & over with rider ed or 2 yrs. after obtaining license; passengers 21 & over exempt if operator exempt
  - # Required by inspection regulations
- Many state inspection regulations require that any equipment installed on a motorcycle must function properly even though the equipment is not required by law.

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