

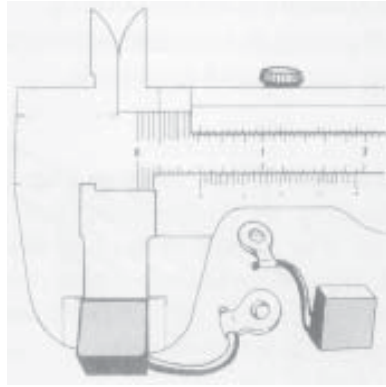
Before you buy a new battery

This is a little tip that could save some money and a lot of frustration. If you are buying lots of batteries and your Max turns over real slow and leaves you wondering if it will start, before you spring for a new battery, pull the starter out and check the brushes. If one or both are worn down below factory "min" spec, (see starter specifications list), clean up the starter and replace the brushes and you could be in for a pleasant surprise. I did it, and now my bike starts immediately with no drag.

I figure I bought one, maybe two, new batteries that I really did not need. Check that starter!

I hope this helps somebody to solve a slow starting problem. My bike is an '85 and I would suggest that if your V-Max is 10 or 12 years old to check the starter just to be on the safe side.

ride fast - ride safe
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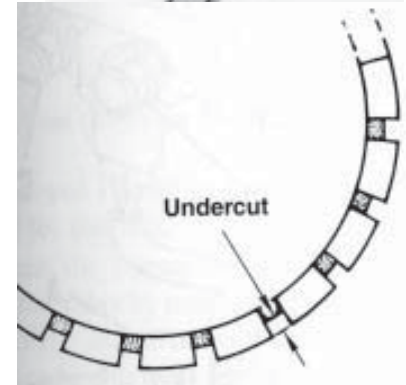
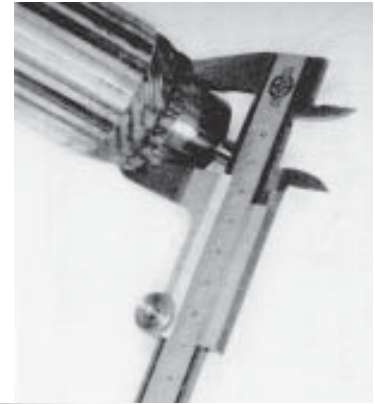


Starter Specifications list:

Brush length
1985 - 1997 model years 12.5mm (0.49in)
1998 - 2005 model years 10mm (0.40in)

Brush length minimum limit
1985 - 1997 model years 5.5mm (0.22in)
1998 - 2005 model years 5.0mm (0.20in)

Commutator diameter (all years):
28mm (1.102in)
minimum diameter 27mm (1.063in)
Mica undercut (all years) 0.7mm (0.028in)



For The Children

I have done the Pediatric brain tumor ride for children for the past 5 yrs, when I was at the Cleveland IX Center I received the information and found out that they were having a rally point in Cleveland this year, so on 11 June 2005 I attended a meeting for WOW, (Women On Wheel's), My buddy Chas's girl friend started a chapter in Elyria, Ohio. Their webpage is www.geocities.com/wowrumbledack/index.html and since I have ridden with Chas for 6 years, as a member of the "Street Soldiers", he asked me about joining this organization as a support member.

So four of the members said yes they would like to do the run, I had met a young lady DeAnna at the local HD cancer run that I had participated in. My mom passed away from cancer 5 yrs ago so I always do this run for her. DeAnna had just gotten her license after going through the MSF course and had bought a 2002 Screaming Eagle Sportster. We

all meet up with DeAnna, and rode in together... The Route was police escorted so we got to run all the RED lights! We went through the metro parks, and wound up in Akron about 50 miles from where we started...

Subway provided all riders with a meal, and there was a meeting after the ride where we got to hear about the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, there were children there that were under going treatment, parents that talked about there experiences and how they were dealing with their children And hoe their kids were dealing with the chemo therapy. I can tell you there was not a dry eye in the tent. More then once, we were introduced to a child or heard a parent talking about loosing their child... the emotions overwhelmed you to the point that, yes, you would start to cry....

The foundation had a Doctor from the local cancer society speak about how through research they have been able to fight this disease more now then 10 yrs



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and how .90 cents out of every dollar actually goes to the children in some way..

They also gave away a Honda rebel. For every \$300.00 collected earned you an entry card. A winner would be picked and the bike would be given away later that day, (there are 32 more rides this year being put on, for there are 32 more Honda rebel's being given away...), they also gave out top honors too the people who collected the most, at this event that was a couple who had lost their 2 yr old daughter to this rare disease a week before her second birthday... they collected \$7,100.00 (they also won the rebel, which they did last year...) this year they sold it and started collecting money for next years event. An elderly gentle man offered to match every dollar they collected....

After the run was over we took DeAnna, on Rt.303, a surface road, instead of the interstate to get her some more riding time... it was a great run, and it is one that you walk away from feeling good that you could do something for the children....

Members of WOW that made the run, back row: Fozz, Melissa, Chas front row: Kim, Gary, DeAnna

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