

Appendix

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Additional Considerations for Racing

This motorcycle has been manufactured for use in a reasonable and prudent manner and as a vehicle only. However, some may wish to subject this motorcycle to abnormal operation, such as would be experienced under racing conditions. KAWASAKI STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL RIDERS RIDE SAFELY AND OBEY ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THEIR MOTORCYCLE AND ITS OPERATION.

Racing should be done under supervised conditions, and recognized sanctioning bodies should be contacted for further details. For those who desire to participate in competitive racing or related use, the following technical information may prove useful. However, please note the following important notes.

- You are entirely responsible for the use of your motorcycle under abnormal conditions such as racing, and Kawasaki shall not be liable for any damages which might arise from such use.
- Kawasaki's Limited Motorcycle Warranty and Limited Emission Control Systems Warranty specifically exclude motorcycles which are used in competition or related uses. Please read the warranty carefully.
- Motorcycle racing is a very sophisticated sport, subject to many variables. The following information is theoretical only, and Kawasaki shall not be liable for any damages which might arise from alterations utilizing this information.
- When the motorcycle is operated on public roads, it must be in its original state in order to ensure safety and compliance with applicable regulations.

Carburetor:

Sometimes an alteration may be desirable for improved performance under special conditions when proper mixture is not obtained after the carburetor has been properly adjusted, and all parts cleaned and found to be functioning properly.

If the engine still exhibits symptoms of overly rich or lean carburetion after all maintenance and adjustments are correctly performed, the main jet can be replaced with a smaller or larger one. A smaller numbered jet gives a leaner mixture and a larger numbered jet a richer mixture.

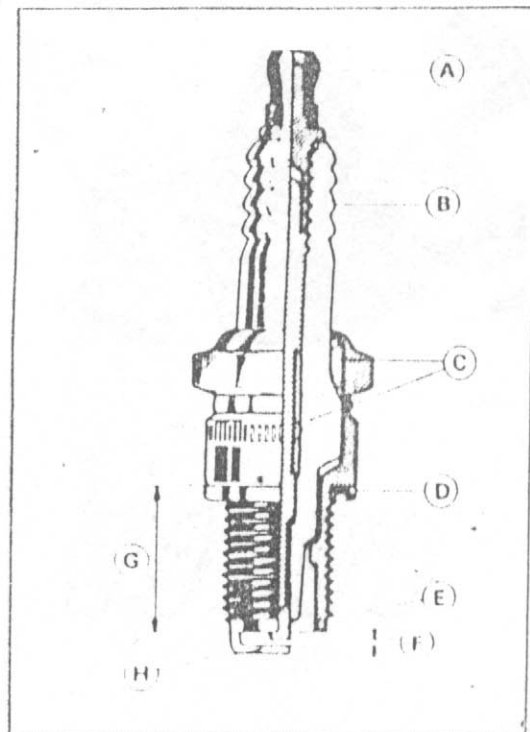
Spark Plug:

The spark plug ignites the fuel and air mixture in the combustion chamber. To do this effectively and at the proper time, the correct spark plug must be used, and the spark plug must be kept clean and the gap adjusted.

Tests have shown the plug listed in the "General Information" chapter to be the best plug for general use.

Since spark plug requirements change with the ignition and carburetion adjustments and with riding conditions, whether or not a spark plug of the correct heat range is used should be determined by removing and inspecting the plug.

- [A] Terminal
- [B] Insulator
- [C] Cement
- [D] Gasket
- [E] Center Electrode
- [F] Gap (0.7 ~ 0.8 mm)
- [G] Reach
- [H] Side Electrode



When a plug of the correct heat range is being used, the electrodes will stay hot enough to keep all the carbon burned off, but cool enough to keep from damaging the engine and the plug itself. This temperature is about 400 ~ 800°C (750 ~ 1,450°F) and can be judged by noting the condition and color of the ceramic insulator around the center electrode. If the ceramic is clean and of a light brown color, the plug is operating at the right temperature.

A spark plug for higher operating temperatures is used for racing. Such a plug is designed for better cooling efficiency so that it will not overheat and thus is often called a "colder" plug. If a spark plug with too high a heat range is used – that is, a "cold" plug that cools itself too well – the plug will stay too cool to burn off the carbon, and the carbon will collect on the electrodes and the ceramic insulator.

The carbon on the electrodes conducts electricity, and can short the center electrode to ground by either coating the ceramic insulator or bridging across the gap. Such a short will prevent an effective spark. Carbon build-up on the plug can also cause other troubles. It can heat up red hot and cause preignition and knocking, which may eventually burn a hole in the top of the piston.

Spark Plug Inspection

- Remove the spark plug and inspect the ceramic insulator.
- ★ Whether or not the right temperature plug is being used can be ascertained by noting the condition of the ceramic insulator around the electrode. A light brown color indicates the correct plug is being used. If the ceramic is black, it indicates that the plug is firing at too low a temperature, so the next hotter type should be used instead. If the ceramic is white, the plug is operating at too high a temperature and it should be replaced with the next colder type.

CAUTION

If the spark plug is replaced with a type other than the standard plug, make certain the replacement plug has the same thread pitch and reach (length of threaded portion) and the same type electrode (regular type or projected type) as the standard plug.

If the plug reach is too short, carbon will build up on the plug hole threads in the cylinder head, causing overheating and making it very difficult to insert the correct spark plug later.

If the reach is too long, carbon will build up on the exposed spark plug threads causing overheating, preignition, and possibly burning a hole in the piston top. In addition, it may be impossible to remove the plug without damaging the cylinder head.

Standard Spark Plug Threads

Diameter:	10 mm
Pitch:	1.0 mm
Reach:	18 mm

NOTE

- The heat range of the spark plug functions like a thermostat for the engine. Using the wrong type of spark plug can make the engine run too hot (resulting in engine damage) or too cold (with poor performance, misfiring, and stalling).

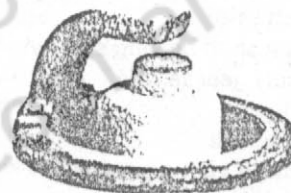
Spark Plug Condition



Carbon fouling



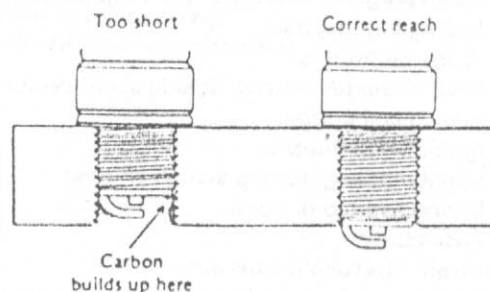
Oil fouling



Normal operation



Overheating



Troubleshooting Guide

NOTE

○This is not an exhaustive list, giving every possible cause for each problem listed. It is meant simply as a rough guide to assist the troubleshooting for some of the more common difficulties.

Engine Doesn't Start, Starting Difficulty:**Starter motor not rotating:**

- Starter lockout or neutral switch trouble
- Starter motor trouble
- Battery voltage low
- Starter relays not contacting or operating
- Starter button not contacting
- Wiring open or shorted
- Ignition switch trouble
- Engine stop switch trouble
- Fuse blown

Starter motor rotating but engine doesn't turn over:

- Starter clutch trouble

Engine won't turn over:

- Valve seizure
- Valve lifter seizure
- Cylinder, piston seizure
- Crankshaft seizure
- Connecting rod small end seizure
- Connecting rod big end seizure
- Transmission gear or bearing seizure
- Camshaft seizure
- Alternator shaft bearing seizure
- Starter idle gear seizure

No fuel flow:

- No fuel in tank
- Fuel tank air vent obstructed
- Fuel filter clogged
- Fuel tap vacuum hose clogged
- Fuel tap clogged
- Fuel line clogged
- Float valve clogged

Engine flooded:

- Fuel level in carburetor float bowl too high
- Float valve worn or stuck open
- Starting technique faulty
(When flooded, crank the engine with the throttle fully opened to allow more air to reach the engine.)

No spark; spark weak:

- Battery voltage low
- Spark plug dirty, broken, or maladjusted
- Spark plug cap or high tension wiring trouble
- Spark plug cap shorted or not in good contact
- Spark plug incorrect
- IC igniter trouble
- Neutral, starter lockout, or side stand switch trouble
- Pickup coil trouble
- Ignition coil trouble
- Ignition or engine stop switch shorted
- Wiring shorted or open
- Fuse blown

Fuel/air mixture incorrect:

- Pilot screw and/or idle adjusting screw maladjusted
- Pilot jet, or air passage clogged
- Air cleaner clogged, poorly sealed, or missing

- Starter jet clogged

Compression Low:

- Spark plug loose
- Cylinder head not sufficiently tightened down
- No valve clearance
- Cylinder, piston worn
- Piston ring bad (worn, weak, broken, or sticking)
- Piston ring/groove clearance excessive
- Cylinder head gasket damaged
- Cylinder head warped
- Valve spring broken or weak
- Valve not seating properly (valve bent, worn, or carbon accumulation on the seating surface)

Poor Running at Low Speed:**Spark weak:**

- Battery voltage low
- Spark plug dirty, broken, or maladjusted
- Spark plug cap or high tension wiring trouble
- Spark plug cap shorted or not in good contact
- Spark plug incorrect
- IC igniter trouble
- Pickup coil trouble
- Ignition coil trouble

Fuel/air mixture incorrect:

- Pilot screw maladjusted
- Pilot jet, or air passage clogged
- Air bleed pipe bleed holes clogged
- Pilot passage clogged
- Air cleaner clogged, poorly sealed, or missing
- Starter plunger stuck open
- Fuel level in carburetor float bowl too high or too low
- Fuel tank air vent obstructed
- Carburetor holder loose
- Air cleaner duct loose
- Air cleaner O ring damaged

Compression low:

- Spark plug loose
- Cylinder head not sufficiently tightened down
- No valve clearance
- Cylinder, piston worn
- Piston ring bad (worn, weak, broken, or sticking)
- Piston ring/groove clearance excessive
- Cylinder head warped
- Cylinder head gasket damaged
- Valve spring broken or weak
- Valve not seating properly (valve bent, worn, or carbon accumulation on the seating surface)

Other:

- IC igniter trouble
- Carburetors not synchronizing
- Carburetor vacuum piston doesn't slide smoothly
- Carburetor vacuum piston diaphragm damage
- Engine oil viscosity too high
- Drive train trouble
- Brake dragging

Poor Running or No Power at High Speed:**Firing incorrect:**

- Spark plug dirty, broken, or maladjusted
- Spark plug cap or high tension wiring trouble
- Spark plug cap shorted or not in good contact
- Spark plug incorrect
- IC igniter trouble
- Pickup coil trouble
- Ignition coil trouble

Fuel/air mixture incorrect:

- Starter plunger stuck open
- Main jet clogged or wrong size
- Jet needle or needle jet worn
- Air jet clogged
- Fuel level in carburetor float bowl too high or too low
- Bleed holes of needle jet holder or needle jet clogged
- Air cleaner clogged, poorly sealed, or missing
- Air cleaner duct loose
- Air cleaner O-ring damaged
- Water or foreign matter in fuel
- Carburetor holder loose
- Fuel tank air vent obstructed
- Fuel tap clogged
- Fuel line clogged

Compression low:

- Spark plug loose
- Cylinder head not sufficiently tightened down
- No valve clearance
- Cylinder, piston worn
- Piston ring bad (worn, weak, broken, or sticking)
- Piston ring/groove clearance excessive
- Cylinder head gasket damaged
- Cylinder head warped
- Valve spring broken or weak
- Valve not seating properly (valve bent, worn, or carbon accumulation on the seating surface)

Knocking:

- Carbon built up in combustion chamber
- Fuel poor quality or incorrect
- Spark plug incorrect
- IC igniter trouble

Miscellaneous:

- Throttle valve won't fully open
- Carburetor vacuum piston doesn't slide smoothly
- Carburetor vacuum piston diaphragm damaged
- Brake dragging
- Clutch slipping
- Overheating
- Engine oil level too high
- Engine oil viscosity too high
- Drive train trouble
- Air suction valve trouble
- Vacuum switch valve trouble

Overheating:**Firing incorrect:**

- Spark plug dirty, broken, or maladjusted
- Spark plug incorrect
- IC igniter trouble

Fuel/air mixture incorrect:

- Main jet clogged or wrong size
- Fuel level in carburetor float bowl too low
- Carburetor holder loose
- Air cleaner duct loose
- Air cleaner poorly sealed, or missing
- Air cleaner O-ring damaged
- Air cleaner clogged

Compression high:

- Carbon built up in combustion chamber

Engine load fault:

- Clutch slipping
- Engine oil level too high
- Engine oil viscosity too high
- Drive train trouble
- Brake dragging

Lubrication inadequate:

- Engine oil level too low
- Engine oil poor quality or incorrect

Gauge incorrect:

- Water temperature gauge broken
- Water temperature sensor broken

Coolant incorrect:

- Coolant level too low
- Coolant deteriorated

Cooling system component incorrect:

- Radiator fin damaged
- Radiator clogged
- Thermostat trouble
- Radiator cap trouble
- Radiator fan switch trouble
- Fan motor broken
- Fan blade damaged
- Water pump not turning
- Water pump impeller damaged

Over Cooling:**Gauge incorrect:**

- Water temperature gauge broken
- Water temperature sensor broken

Cooling system component incorrect:

- Radiator fan switch trouble
- Thermostat trouble

Clutch Operation Faulty:**Clutch slipping:**

- Friction plate worn or warped
- Steel plate worn or warped
- Clutch spring broken or weak
- Clutch hub or housing unevenly worn
- No clutch lever play
- Clutch inner cable catching
- Clutch release mechanism trouble

Clutch not disengaging properly:

- Clutch plate warped or too rough
- Clutch spring compression uneven
- Engine oil deteriorated
- Engine oil viscosity too high
- Engine oil level too high
- Clutch housing frozen on drive shaft
- Clutch hub nut loose
- Clutch hub spline damaged
- Clutch friction plate installed wrong
- Clutch lever play excessive
- Clutch release mechanism trouble

Gear Shifting Faulty:**Doesn't go into gear; shift pedal doesn't return:**

- Clutch not disengaging
- Shift fork bent or seized
- Gear stuck on the shaft
- Gear positioning lever binding
- Shift return spring weak or broken
- Shift return spring pin loose
- Shift mechanism arm spring broken
- Shift mechanism arm broken
- Shift pawl broken

Jumps out of gear:

- Shift fork worn, bent
- Gear groove worn
- Gear dogs and/or dog holes worn
- Shift drum groove worn
- Gear positioning lever spring weak or broken
- Shift fork pin worn
- Drive shaft, output shaft, and/or gear splines worn

Overshifts:

- Gear positioning lever spring weak or broken
- Shift mechanism arm spring broken

Abnormal Engine Noise:**Knocking:**

- IC igniter trouble
- Carbon built up in combustion chamber
- Fuel poor quality or incorrect
- Spark plug incorrect
- Overheating

Piston slap:

- Cylinder/piston clearance excessive
- Cylinder, piston worn
- Connecting rod bent
- Piston pin, piston pin hole worn

Valve noise:

- Valve clearance incorrect
- Valve spring broken or weak
- Camshaft bearing worn
- Valve lifter worn

Other noise:

- Connecting rod small end clearance excessive
- Connecting rod big end clearance excessive
- Piston ring worn, broken, or stuck
- Piston seizure, damage
- Cylinder head gasket leaking
- Exhaust pipe leaking at cylinder head connection

Crankshaft runout excessive

Engine mounts loose

Crankshaft bearing worn

Primary gear worn or chipped

Camshaft chain tensioner trouble

Camshaft chain, sprocket, guide worn

Alternator rotor loose

Abnormal Drive Train Noise:**Clutch noise:**

- Clutch rubber damper weak or damaged
- Clutch housing/friction plate clearance excessive
- Clutch housing gear worn

Transmission noise:

- Bearings worn
- Transmission gears worn or chipped
- Metal chips jammed in gear teeth
- Engine oil insufficient

Drive chain noise:

- Drive chain adjusted improperly
- Drive chain worn
- Rear and/or engine sprocket worn
- Chain lubrication insufficient
- Rear wheel misaligned

Abnormal Frame Noise:**Front fork noise:**

- Oil insufficient or too thin
- Spring weak or broken

Rear shock absorber noise:

- Shock absorber damaged

Disc brake noise:

- Pad installed incorrectly
- Pad surface glazed
- Disc warped
- Caliper trouble

Other noise:

- Bracket, nut, bolt, etc. not properly mounted or tightened

Oil Pressure Warning Light Goes On:

- Engine oil pump damaged
- Engine oil screen clogged
- Engine oil level too low
- Engine oil viscosity too low
- Camshaft bearings worn
- Crankshaft bearings worn
- Oil pressure switch damaged
- Wiring faulty
- Relief valve stuck open
- O-ring at the oil passage in the crankcase damaged

Exhaust Smokes Excessively:**White smoke:**

- Piston oil ring worn
- Cylinder worn
- Valve oil seal damaged
- Valve guide worn
- Engine oil level too high

Black smoke:

- Air cleaner clogged
- Main jet too large or fallen off
- Starter plunger stuck open
- Fuel level in carburetor float bowl too high

Brown smoke:

- Main jet too small
- Fuel level in carburetor float bowl too low
- Air cleaner duct loose
- Air cleaner O-ring damaged
- Air cleaner poorly sealed or missing

Handling and/or Stability Unsatisfactory:**Handlebar hard to turn:**

- Cable routing incorrect
- Hose routing incorrect
- Wiring routing incorrect
- Steering stem locknut too tight
- Steering stem bearing damaged
- Steering stem bearing lubrication inadequate
- Steering stem bent
- Tire air pressure too low

Handlebar shakes or excessively vibrates:

- Tire worn
- Swingarm pivot bearings worn
- Rim warped, or not balanced
- Wheel bearing worn
- Handlebar clamp loose
- Steering stem head nut loose

Handlebar pulls to one side:

- Frame bent
- Wheel misalignment
- Swingarm bent or twisted
- Steering maladjusted
- Front fork bent
- Right and left front fork oil level uneven

Shock absorption unsatisfactory:**(Too hard)**

- Front fork oil excessive
- Front fork oil viscosity too high
- Rear shock absorber adjustment too hard
- Tire air pressure too high
- Front fork bent

(Too soft)

- Tire air pressure too low
- Front fork oil insufficient and/or leaking
- Front fork oil viscosity too low
- Rear shock adjustment too soft
- Front fork, rear shock absorber spring weak
- Rear shock absorber oil leaking

Brake Doesn't Hold:

- Air in the brake line
- Pad or disc worn
- Brake fluid leakage
- Disc warped
- Contaminated pad
- Brake fluid deteriorated
- Primary or secondary cup damaged in master cylinder
- Master cylinder scratched inside

Battery Trouble:**Battery discharged:**

- Battery faulty (e.g., plates sulphated, shorted through sedimentation, electrolyte insufficient)
- Battery leads making poor contact
- Load excessive (e.g., bulb of excessive wattage)
- Ignition switch trouble
- Alternator trouble
- Wiring faulty
- Regulator/rectifier trouble

Battery overcharged:

- Alternator trouble
- Battery faulty

General Lubrication

Lubrication

- Before lubricating each part, clean off any rusty spots with rust remover and wipe off any grease, oil, dirt, or grime.
- Lubricate the points listed below with indicated lubricant.

NOTE

○ Whenever the vehicle has been operated under wet or rainy conditions, or especially after using a high-pressure water spray, perform the general lubrication.

Pivots: Lubricate with Motor Oil.

Clutch Lever
Brake Lever
Brake Pedal
Side Stand
Rear Brake Rod Joint

Points: Lubricate with Grease.

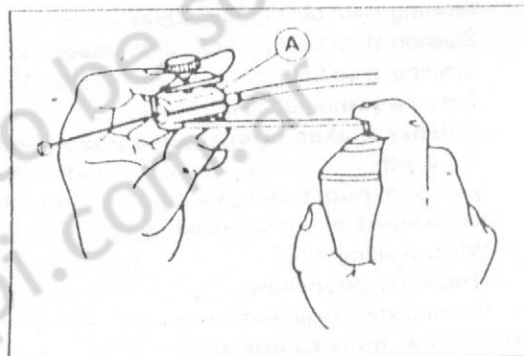
Clutch Inner Cable Upper and Lower Ends
Throttle Inner Cable Lower Ends
Choke Inner Cable Lower End
Speedometer Inner Cable*

(*): Grease the lower part of the inner cable sparingly.

Cables: Lubricate with Rust Inhibiter.

Choke Cable
Throttle Cables
Clutch Cable

Special Tool — Pressure Cable Luber: K56018-021 [A]



Tightness Inspection

- Check the tightness of the bolts and nuts listed here. Also, check to see that each cotter pin is in place and in good condition.

NOTE

○ For the engine fasteners, check the tightness of them when the engine is cold (at room temperature).

- ★ If there are loose fasteners, retorque them to the specified torque following the specified tightening sequence. Refer to the appropriate chapter for torque specifications. If torque specifications are not in the appropriate chapter, see the Standard Torque Table. For each fastener, first loosen it by 1/2 turn, then tighten it.
- ★ If cotter pins are damaged, replace them with new ones.

Nut, Bolt and Fastener to be checked**Wheels:**

- Front Axle
- Front Axle Clamp Bolts
- Rear Axle Nut
- Rear Axle Nut Cotter Pin

Brakes:

- Front Master Cylinder Clamp Bolts
- Caliper Mounting Bolts
- Rear Master Cylinder Mounting Bolts
- Brake Lever Pivot Nut
- Brake Pedal Bolt
- Brake Rod Joint Cotter Pin

Suspension:

- Front Fork Clamp Bolts
- Front Fender Mounting Bolts
- Rear Shock Absorber Mounting Bolts
- Swingarm Pivot Shaft Nut
- Uni-Trak Link Nuts

Steering:

- Stem Head Nut
- Handlebar Mounting Bolts

Engine:

- Engine Mounting Bolts
- Cylinder Head Bolts
- Muffler Mounting Bolts
- Exhaust Pipe Holder Nuts
- Clutch Lever Pivot Nut

Others:

- Side Stand Bolt
- Footpeg Mounting Bolts
- Footpeg Bracket Mounting Bolts

Unit Conversion Table

Prefixes for Units:

Prefix	Symbol	Power
mega	M	$\times 1\,000\,000$
kilo	k	$\times 1\,000$
centi	c	$\times 0.01$
milli	m	$\times 0.001$
micro	μ	$\times 0.000001$

Units of Mass:

kg	\times	2.205	=	lb
g	\times	0.03527	=	oz

Units of Volume:

L	\times	0.2642	=	gal (US)
L	\times	0.2200	=	gal (imp)
L	\times	1.057	=	qt (US)
L	\times	0.8799	=	qt (imp)
L	\times	2.113	=	pint (US)
L	\times	1.816	=	pint (imp)
mL	\times	0.03381	=	oz (US)
mL	\times	0.02816	=	oz (imp)
mL	\times	0.06102	=	cu in

Units of Force:

N	\times	0.1020	=	kg
N	\times	0.2248	=	lb

kg	\times	9.807	=	N
kg	\times	2.205	=	lb

Units of Length:

km	\times	0.6214	=	mile
m	\times	3.281	=	ft
mm	\times	0.03937	=	in

Units of Torque:

N-m	\times	0.1020	=	kg-m
N-m	\times	0.7376	=	ft-lb
N-m	\times	8.851	=	in-lb

kg-m	\times	9.807	=	N-m
kg-m	\times	7.233	=	ft-lb
kg-m	\times	86.80	=	in-lb

Units of Pressure:

kPa	\times	0.01020	=	kg/cm ²
kPa	\times	0.1450	=	psi
kPa	\times	0.7501	=	cm Hg

kg/cm ²	\times	98.07	=	kPa
kg/cm ²	\times	14.22	=	psi
cm Hg	\times	1.333	=	kPa

Units of Speed:

km/h	\times	0.6214	=	mph
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Units of Power:

kW	\times	1.360	=	PS
kW	\times	1.341	=	HP

PS	\times	0.7355	=	kW
PS	\times	0.9863	=	HP

Units of Temperature:

$$\frac{9(^{\circ}\text{C} + 40)}{5} - 40 = ^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$\frac{5(^{\circ}\text{F} + 40)}{9} - 40 = ^{\circ}\text{C}$$

