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IMPORTANT!

VEHICLE AND ENGINE NUMBERS

Dear Dealer:

For a period of one month from January 9, 1979 to February 8, 1979 motorcycles were produced with the crankcase number stamped on the engine number pad instead of the VIN (frame) number in this location.

This change was introduced to allow replacing engines in motorcycles at the factory without the cumbersome - and within some states - illegal restamping of the original VIN on the replacement engine crankcase pad.

Additionally, this change would have deterred organized theft rings because they would have no knowledge of the correct match-up of the frame VIN and the engine pad number.

Following introduction of this change, input was received pointing out that engine to frame numbering would have better traceability if the numbers matched, and any deviation in characters or numbering would create suspicion on the part of dealers, insurance agencies, owners, and police officers that the numbers may not be valid, indicating a stolen and/or renumbered engine.

On the basis of considerable investigation and analysis, it was felt that the advantages of the old system outweighed the advantages of the new system and it was decided to revert to the duplication of engine and frame VIN numbers which had been in effect since 1970.

The following motorcycles were produced during the period during which the engine pad numbers do not match the frame VIN's.

Starting production date 1/9/79, frame VIN 43000H9
Ending production date 2/7/79, frame VIN 48199H9

The frame (VIN) numbers for all VIN model prefixes within the above range are in numerical sequence; however, the engine pad numbers are mixed.

For the purpose of cross checking numbers, the correct VIN's and corresponding engine pad numbers are recorded on the retail sales and warranty

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