

# State Motorcycle Equipment Requirements

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

• Requirement in law

\* If carrying a passenger

1. Reflectorization
2. Where speeds exceed 35 mph
3. With learner's permit; for 1 yr. after obtaining license; & passengers under 15 yrs.
4. Under 18 years
5. Operators under 21 yrs.; for 1 yr. after obtaining license; & all passengers
6. Under 21 years
7. Possession by all, wear under 19 years & 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. Maximum of 10" above fasten point

15. Maximum of 12" above fasten point

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

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 4/1/77

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 having held motorcycle license less than 1 yr., & persons who don't provide proof of health insurance when registering motorcycle

s. For 1985 or later model year motorcycle

# Required by inspection regulations

### Note:

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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