

PRODUCT REVIEW BY CHRIS MAIDA

DRIVE BELT BASICS

An easy tool for checking your rear belt's tension

THOUGH MAINTENANCE-FREE, FOR ALL PRACTICAL purposes, the rear drive belt on your modern Harley does need to be inspected on a regular basis

for cuts and other damage, as well as proper tension. And though they rarely need to be tightened up, how would you know unless you had a way to check? That's why a little gizmo like the Motion Pro Belt Tension gauge (\$29.90) is so cool.

Here's how you use it. Put the small O-ring on the 10 mark, which is just above the rubber boot. After checking your bike's service manual to see where on the belt you need to check the tension, place the tool's top U-bracket on that spot. With the tool at a

90-degree angle to level ground, lift up on the rubber boot until the small O-ring touches the bottom of the tool's 1/2"-thick body. As for the

large O-ring, that's for measuring the amount of belt deflection, if your bike doesn't have a belt deflection gauge on its belt guard, like the one on this Dyna (arrow).

That's all there is to it. It actually takes longer to tell you how to do it, than it does to do the check. And it's a heck of a lot less time that it takes to change the belt because it was too loose when you whacked open the throttle and shot belt nubs all over the ground. AIM



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