



WARNING:

Failure to address the warning signs shown on this page can result in reduced chain life and/or can cause a very dangerous situation.

RK recommends that you inspect your chain prior to each ride and follow proper chain maintenance procedures to get the longest life out of your chain.

MAINTENANCE:

All Chains require maintenance and lubrication. For off-road use, clean and lube the chain after every ride. For street chains, clean and lube the chain every 200 miles or 300 km for non-sealed chains and 300 miles or 500 km for sealed chains.

Clean the chain with a mineral oil based cleaner and a soft cloth to remove excess dirt and grit. **Do not** use any cleaner that contains acid, caustic chemicals or brake cleaner to maintain your chain. **Do not** use coarse brushes to clean your chain as they could damage the rubber seals. **Avoid** steam cleaning and high pressure water on both sealed and non-sealed chains. These actions can contaminate the internal lubricant which can cause premature chain wear.

LUBRICATION:

Keeping your chain clean and generously lubricated with a quality motorcycle specific chain lube will ensure the long life and performance of the chain. If the chain has seals, be sure to use an O-Ring safe chain lubricant.

If you have any questions please visit our website for FAQ and contact information.

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CHAIN WARNING SIGNS



SEVERE

Cracks

Cracks can be caused by age or too much load. If you see any cracks, stop riding immediately and replace the chain. Continuing to ride on a chain with cracks can be very dangerous!



URGENT

Missing or Damaged Seals

Using improper cleaning chemicals and/or use of improper cleaning tools can result in the installed seals being damaged. Chain wear life will be reduced, stop riding and replace the chain immediately.



CRITICAL

Pin Rotation

RK's quad-staked pins should look square when looking at the chain. Rotated pins are a sign of worn pins and bushings. If some pins have rotated with points facing up, replace the chain immediately.



SERIOUS

Wear Marks

When the side plates on the top and bottom show worn flat spots, replace the chain as soon as possible. Flat spots indicate the wearing away of metal and chain strength has been reduced.



CAUTION

Kinks

As chains age they can become stiff and kinked. This can occur from not properly maintaining the chain. Kinks will prevent the chain from moving normally. Replace the chain as soon as possible.



ALERT

Chain Flotation

If the chain can be pulled away from the rear sprocket, it is a sign of elongation. Elongation occurs as chains age and the internal pins wear. The chain should be replaced soon.



ATTENTION

Rust

Chains that show signs of rust indicate improper maintenance and/or neglect. Rust will prevent normal chain movement and will reduce the life of the chain. Clean and lube your chain immediately.



NOTICE

Dirt and Debris

Chains that are allowed to accumulate excess amounts of dirt and debris will have a reduced wearlife. Follow proper chain cleaning procedures. Clean and lube the chain every 300 miles or 500 km. Don't allow dirt to build up.