Parts of a Motorcycle

4444 Coming in at 1,000 pounds with a full tank, the Grinnel X43 is our entry-level touring motorcycle and among our best selling!



Get ready!

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Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some of the parts of a motorcycle?
- 2 What keeps a motorcycle standing when it is not being driven?

Reading

2 Read the advertisement for a motorcycle. Then, choose the correct answers,

- 1 What is the advertisement mostly about?
 - **A** different types of options for a motorcycle
 - **B** types of products from a motorcycle company
 - **C** a motorcycle designed for touring
 - **D** available parts for a motorcycle
- 2 What is true of the X43 model?
 - **A** It is built for racing.
 - **B** It has an optional side stand.
 - **C** It is recommended for first-time drivers.
 - **D** It weighs less than 900 pounds with fuel.
- 3 Which is NOT a feature of the X43?
 - A side stand **C** steel frame
 - **B** belt drive **D** shock absorbers

With state-of-the-art, computer-adjusted front and rear suspension systems and comfortable seating it offers an amazingly smooth riding experience for those just entering the world of motorcycles.

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The X43's handlebars are designed to reduce strain and put the driver in full control. Convenient placement of the throttle, the clutch lever, and the shift lever make this bike simple and easy to operate for a firsttime driver. Unlike chain or belt drives, the X43's shaft drive is extremely durable and requires little maintenance. It's just one example of the X43's reliability. Our aim is to ensure that you get the smoothest ride with minimal maintenance.

And how do we accomplish that goal? We start with a high-strength steel frame. The fork tubes and durable triple trees provide the front suspension, while the swingarm with computer-controlled shock absorbers creates the rear suspension. A six-gallon fuel tank ensures you can take a long ride without refueling. And not only is the X43 supported by a standard steel side stand, it is supported by Grinnel's three-year, unlimited mileage warranty. Check out the Grinnel X43 today, and get into the world of riding motorcycles.

Vocabulary

3 Read the sentence pair. Choose where the words best fit the blanks.

- 1 motorcycle / frame
 - is similar to a bicycle ΑΑ with an engine.
 - **B** The wheels, seat, and other parts attach to the

2 side stand / handlebars

- A The _____ allow drivers to park a motorcycle.
- B _____are used to make turns.

3 chain drive / shaft drive

- A A _____ has a long rod in the drive train.
- **B** Gears are an important part of a
- 4 fuel tank / belt drive
 - A Gasoline or diesel is stored in the
 - B A _____ connects the engine and rear wheel.

Place the words from the word bank under the correct heading.

WOrd BANK

clutch lever swingarm fork tube shift lever throttle triple tree shock absorber

Front suspension	Rear suspension	Controls

5 Solution Listen and read the advertisement for a motorcycle again. What type of rider is the X43 aimed at?

Listening

⑥ Solution Listen to a conversation between two mechanics. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ The motorcycle was in an accident.
- **2** ____ The mechanic wants to replace the fork.
- **3** ____ The frame is the most damaged part.
- Isten again and complete the conversation.

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swing arm

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

How about the ...? So do you think it ...? We'll also need to ...

Student A: You are a mechanic. Talk to Student B about:

- the damage to a motorcycle
- what needs to be repaired
- if the motorcycle can be ridden

Student B: You are a mechanic. Talk to Student A about the damage to a motorcycle.

Writing

Use the advertisement and conversation from Task 8 to fill out an assessment of a damaged motorcycle. Include: damaged parts, repairs required, and parts that are safe.

Damage Assessment

Customer name:
Damaged parts:
New parts required:
Safe parts:

Measurements

liter

Do-It-Yourself Know your measurements

Fasteners and tools use imperial measurements or metric, and knowing the difference is important. It prevents you from rounding off a fastener, damaging tools, or causing injury. If you don't know an item's size, use a micrometer or other caliper to measure it. Check centimeters or millimeters for metric tools. Look at inches for imperial tools.

Volume and weight are also very different in the two systems. Using quarts when a formula calls for liters is very dangerous. A cubic inch is totally different from a cubic meter. For weights, a pound cannot substitute for a kilogram. Always pay close attention to which system is required. If you must use tools from the other system, refer to a table of **conversion**.

metric centimeters 10 20

micrometer



Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-8) with the definitions (A-H).

- 1 liter
 - 5 ____ conversion
- 2 pound 6 ____ cubic inch 3 imperial
 - 7 ____ centimeter
- 4 ____ round off 8 ____ micrometer
- A changing from one system into another
- B a metric measure of length or distance
- C an imperial measure of volume
- D to damage a screw or bolt
- E a tool that measures small distances
- F the system that uses inches and quarts
- G an imperial measure of weight
- H a metric measure of volume

Get ready!

pound

 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are two systems used for measuring short distances?
- 2 What is measured in pounds?

Reading

2 Read the magazine article. Then, fill in the blanks using words from the word bank.

caliper

WOrd BANK

measurements centimeters liters pounds systems fasteners

There are two 1 _____ of measurement. Using the right one is important. It prevents damage to 2_____ . The metric system uses 3 _____ for distance, while the imperial system uses inches. Other types of 4 ____ are also different in the two systems. Volumes in guarts and 5 are not interchangeable. Neither are weights in 6_____ and kilograms.

Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

- 1 The carpenter measured the bolt heads with a <u>tool with</u> <u>adjustable legs</u>. _ a l _ _ e r
- 2 I have imperial wrenches, but I need one that is <u>part of the</u> <u>system based on the meter</u>. _ e _ _ i c
- **3** This tank holds one <u>unit equal to 1000 liters</u> of liquid. _u_i_ m_t__
- 4 The size of the screw was eight <u>units equal to 1/10 of a</u> <u>centimeter</u>. __II_m___rs
- 5 Add six <u>units of imperial volume</u>. _ u a _ _ s
- 6 Steven accidentally recorded the weights in pounds instead of <u>units of metric weight</u>. k _ o _ r _ s
- 7 How many <u>units of imperial length</u> is that rope? i _ _ _ e s

5 Solution Listen and read the magazine article again. Why is it important to use the correct measurement system?

Listening

⑥ Solution Listen to a conversation between two mechanics. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ The man is using the wrong size wrench.
- 2 ___ The man injured his hand when a wrench slipped.
- 3 ___ The shop does not have imperial wrenches.

7 🚱 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Mechanic 1:	Joe, are you 1 over there?
Mechanic 2:	Yeah. My wrench keeps 2 this bolt.
Mechanic 1:	Let's see. Well, you're using the wrong wrench.
Mechanic 2:	Really? It seemed like the 3
Mechanic 1:	You can't use a metric wrench with an imperial bolt. You could 4 the bolt or hurt your hand.
Mechanic 2:	I didn't realize I had 5
Mechanic 1:	Come with me. 6 where we keep the imperial wrenches.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

My wrench keeps slipping ...

You're using the wrong ...

You can't use a ... with a ...

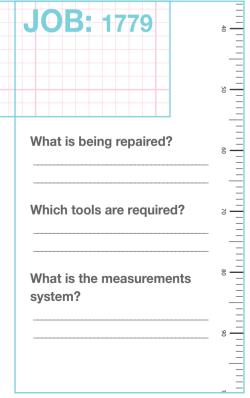
Student A: You are a mechanic. Talk to Student B about:

- a bolt
- using the correct wrench
- tool locations

Student B: You are a mechanic. Talk to Student A about using proper wrenches.

Writing

Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the mechanic's job notes.



Glossary

excessive [ADJ-U4] If something is excessive, it is more than what is usual or expected.

fan coil unit [N-COUNT-U6] A fan coil unit is a device that controls the temperature in a room or small space without the use of ducts. The unit contains a heating or cooling mechanism and a fan to distribute the air.

farmer [N-COUNT-U8] A farmer is a person who operates or works on a farm.

filter [N-COUNT-U6] A filter is a part of a ventilation system that cleans air by catching particles of dirt and dust as the air passes through.

fish tape [N-UNCOUNT-U2] Fish tape is a band of spring steel used to guide wire through a wall.

flashlight [N-COUNT-U2] A flashlight is a small hand-held tool used to shine a beam of light.

float bowl [N-COUNT-U4] A float bowl is a compartment in a carburetor into which fuel is pumped for immediate use by the engine.

fork tube [N-COUNT–U3] **Fork tubes** are a pair of tubes forming the motorcycle's front suspension and connecting the front wheel to the frame.

frame [N-COUNT-U11] A frame is the main skeleton of an automobile, to which the engine, wheels and body are attached. frame [N-COUNT–U3] A frame is the body of a motorcycle to which all other main parts are attached.

- frame rack [N-COUNT-U11] A frame rack is an automotive lift to raise a vehicle above the ground so that it can be more easily worked on.
- fuel contamination [N-UNCOUNT-U4] Fuel contamination is the process in which improperly stored fuel is spoiled as deposits and varnish form.

fuel stabilizer [N-COUNT-U4] A **fuel stabilizer** is an additive that prevents fuel from becoming stale and leaving deposits. **fuel tank** [N-COUNT–U3] A **fuel tank** is the part of the motorcycle that stores fuel used by the engine.

furnace [N-COUNT-U5] A furnace is a container that produces heat.

gas heater [N-COUNT-U5] A gas heater is a type of furnace that produces heat by burning gas.

generator [N-COUNT-U13] A generator is a machine that makes electricity.

give out [V-PHRASAL-U4] If a piece of equipment gives out, it breaks or becomes unusable.

grader [N-COUNT-U9] A grader is a machine that is used to create a particular slope along the ground's surface.

greasy [ADJ-U15] If something is greasy, it has a layer of oil or similar substance on it.

gun [N-COUNT-U10] A gun is the part of a welding torch that is held during welding.

handlebars [N-COUNT–U3] Handlebars are a bar with grips on the ends used to steer a motorcycle.

harvester [N-COUNT-U8] A harvester is a farm machine that collects a crop from where the crop is grown.

heat [N-UNCOUNT-U7] Heat is the amount of warmth an object has.

heat exchanging pipes [N-COUNT-U7] Heat exchanging pipes are tubes used in cooling systems to move hot and cold gases in and out of the system.

heating system [N-COUNT-U5] A heating system is a utility for making and keeping a building warm.

high voltage connector [N-COUNT-U2] A high voltage connector is a connector wire used for voltages above 500V.

hook [N-COUNT-U11] A **hook** is a curved or bent piece of metal, such as those attached to a tool board, on which tools can be hung.

humidity [N-UNCOUNT-U6] Humidity is the amount of moisture that is present in the air.

hybrid [N-COUNT–U13] A hybrid is a vehicle that has both an electric motor and a gasoline or diesel engine.

hydraulic pump [N-COUNT-U8] A hydraulic pump is a pump that uses energy from flowing water to create power.

hydraulic shears [N-COUNT-U9] Hydraulic shears are a tool powered by hydraulics that are used to cut through metal.

hydraulics [N-UNCOUNT-U8] Hydraulics is the science of using water or other liquids to create power or movement. ice machine [N-COUNT-U7] An ice machine is a device that freezes water into ice.

inflate [V-T-U4] To inflate a tire is to force air into it.

install [V-T-U5] To install something is to put or attach something in a particular place.

insulator [N-COUNT-U1] An **insulator** is an object or substance that stops electricity from passing through something. **irrigation system** [N-COUNT-U8] An **irrigation system** is a process for distributing water to farmland.