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B

Backlash

A measure of movement between meshed gears when one of them is held still (i.e. cam gear teeth). ¹⁾

Bastard

Term of endearment (Howyagoinyaooldbastard?) ²⁾

Baffle

Device or material placed inside mufflers in order to reduce the sound volume.

Bagger

A motorcycle with frame mounted hard saddlebags. Normally refers to larger motorcycles but applies to all motorcycles with frame mounted hard saddlebags.

See [Sportster Bagger](#).

Ball Bearing

An assemble consisting of a hardened inner and outer race with hardened steel balls between the races.

Barrel

An international capacity of measure which has been used in the mineral oil sector since the start of oil production. Production output and prices are set in barrels or dollars per barrel. 1 Barrel = 42 US gallons = 159 Litres. ³⁾

Barrels

Slang for [cylinders](#).

Base Oil

Usually refined crude oil fraction or selected synthetic base stock. Additives are mixed to them during lubricant manufacturing⁴⁾.

Battery

A device consisting of two or more electrochemical cells in one container that convert stored chemical energy into electrical energy. Motor vehicle batteries are classified as 'secondary' (re-chargeable) batteries. The most common in Harley motorcycles are gel cell (dry cell) batteries due to their aggressive shaking engines. Lead acid (wet cell) uses liquid electrolytes in sealed and unsealed containers.

Battery Ignition System

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Battery Tender

BDC

Bottom dead center - The position of a piston when it is at the lowest point of its [stroke](#).

BTDC

Before top dead center- The position of a piston when it is on the way up but has not reached it's fullest extension to the top of the cylinder.

Bead

The area on a tire that contacts the inside rim of a wheel.

Bead Breaker

A tool used to separate the tire bead from the rim of a wheel

Bearing

An assembled unit placed between two working surfaces to prevent wear and heat build up. There are 4 types of bearings commonly installed on a motorcycle: Plain shell bearings, tapered roller bearings, needle roller bearings and ball bearings. ⁵⁾

Belt

Belt Drive

Bevel Gears

Bevel gears are used to turn the drive through 90 degrees. Examples include the final drive shaft and the pinion shaft to camshaft gearing. ⁶⁾

BFH

Big Freek'n Hammer ⁷⁾

BHP

(Brake Horsepower): British measurement for engine power output commonly expressed of late in Kilowatts (kW). ⁸⁾

Biased- Belted Tire

It is of similar construction to radial tires but the outer belt runs at an angle to the rim of the wheel.

Big-End Bearing

The bearing at the bottom of the connecting rod that attaches to the crankshaft.

Biker

Biker Friendly

Bleed, Bleed Down

Removing the air from the brake hydraulic system by the use of an air bleeder screw which has a hole in the center for removing the fluid and/ or air when loosened.

Blinker

Blinker Fluid

Fictitious fluid told to be needed to newby riders whose turn signals don't work.

Newby: Hey my left blinker is not working

Greybeard: Did you check the blinker fluid?

Newby: No, where do I check it at?

Bloke

Man, guy ⁹⁾

Bloody oath!

That's certainly true (Too bloody right!!) ¹⁰⁾

Blowie

Blow fly (also known as a dunny budgie)¹¹⁾

Bodgy

Of inferior quality ¹²⁾

Bog in

Commence eating, to attack food with enthusiasm ¹³⁾

Bonzer

Great, ripper, fantastic ¹⁴⁾

Bore

The inside diameter of a round hole, commonly noted for the inside diameter of a piston cylinder. Any object that has a round hole in it has a "bore" that can be measured including connecting rods, holes in the case for lifters and shafts etc. Special tools are required to achieve true measurements including a Dial Bore Gauge or Telescoping Bore Gauge which is then measured with a Dial or Digital Caliper.

Bored shitless

Very bored ¹⁵⁾

Bottom Dead Center

The position of a piston when it is at the lowest point of its [stroke](#).

Brain Bucket

Slang for helmet.

Brake Caliper

Hydraulic powered unit used to house friction pads (brake pads), centered over a wheel mounted brake rotor, to slow down rotation by use of friction as the pads are pushed towards the rotor center.

Brake Pad

Brake Rotor

Brass razoo, he hasn't got a

He's very poor ¹⁶⁾

Breakerless Ignition System

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Brick shit house, built like a

Big strong bloke ¹⁷⁾

Brekkie

Breakfast ¹⁸⁾

Brickie

Bricklayer ¹⁹⁾

Buckhorn

Burn Out

Revvng the motor and while holding the front brake in order to make the rear wheel spin and become hot. This produces much smoke as the rubber on the tire burns off.

Bush oyster

Nasal mucus ²⁰⁾

Bushing

A circular band of metal that's pressed into a hole to accept a moving part within it's center. Brass is used for cam shafts with a clearanced ID to allow for oiling of the moving part. Bushings have often replaced the use of bearings in certain models.

Bushman's hanky

Emitting nasal mucus by placing one index finger on the outside of the nose (thus blocking one nostril) and blowing snot from the other nostril. ²¹⁾

Burr

A rough edge left over after machining a part, or as a result of damage or wear

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