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R

Race

Circular hardened steel bands of metal used to house a set of bearings within an inner and outer 'race'.

The after affect of building a performance engine 🤪

Radial Play

Up and down movement around a shaft ¹⁾

Radial Ply Tires

Tire plies are run across the tire from beab to beab and around the circumference of the tire making it less resistant to tread distortion.

Radiator

A component that circulates engine coolant through multiple cooling fins to reduce the temperature of the coolant

Rake

Rake is a term used to describe the angular relationship between the bikes steering stem and an imaginary vertical line dropped down from the centerline of the frame neck to the ground ²⁾

Rebound Damping

A means of controlling a springs natural tendency to bounce back after being compressed. ³⁾

Recitfier

Converts Ac electrical current from the alternator output into DC electrical current to charge the battery

Refining (Oil)

A series of processes through which crude oil is converted into a petroleum product. Such processes include: thermal cracking, catalytic cracking, polymerization, alkylation, reforming, hydrocracking, hydroforming, hydrogenation, hydrogen treating, solvent extraction, dewaxing, de-oiling, acid treating, clay filtration and deasphalting.⁴⁾

Regulator

Maintains the charging voltage from the alternator within a specific range

Relay

An electrical device that switches heavy current on and off by using a low current auxiliary current⁵⁾

Resistance

An electrical path's ability to pass electric current as measured in OhMs

Rim

Ring Sticking

Ring sticking occurs when the piston ring sticks into the groove due to excess contamination.⁶⁾

RPM

Abbreviation for Revolutions Per Minute

RTFM

Abbreviation that means: Read The Factory Manual.

Runout

The amount of side to side movement of a wheel or shaft

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