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## What's in the Biker's Survival Kit?

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There are instances, when bikers are faced with infuriating problems while in the middle of an exciting expedition. Even little aberrations piss us off. Small discrepancies annoy us. Thus, these occurrences must be avoided. How? - Simply, by carrying a survival kit. So, what's inside the kit?

### TOOLS

Let us start with the tools. To do this, riders must first be acquainted of the right motorcycle parts for their bike, after that they must be ready with their toolkit. Here are the essential tools:

Different kinds of screwdrivers, wrenches (Allen, Torx), adjustable sparkplugs in varying sizes, pairs of pliers (regular, needlenose and ViseGrip) and Loc-Tite to keep fasteners from falling or loosening are crucial to necessary and essential hotels...

### ACCESSORIES

Tools are not enough. They must be accompanied by accessories for total enjoyment of the ride. Indispensable accessories must be handy. To name some of these accessories, they are saddlebags where you put other biker stuffs, first aid kit in cases of injuries and bruises, small flashlight, small knife, cellphone, electrical tape, duct tape, bike cover, rags, windshield (especially during winter), water bottle and food containers (also include food and water).

### GEARS

What else can best protect a rider but motorcycle gears and apparel. Helmet, ear plugs for those who have problems hearing the horns and other road sounds, reflective vest to make you highly visible to others, heated clothing (especially during winter time and when your place is experiencing cold temperatures) to provide warmth and to control body temperature, electric vest and gloves, rain gear (during rainy days), boots, tire gauge, helmet extender that slips through the helmet's ring and attaches to your regular helmet locking device (if you do not have the latter, might as well carry your helmet with you), bungee cords and nets, kickstand plate and more.

Now that you are equipped with a survival kit that contains all sorts of necessary stuffs, you can travel just anywhere to quench your expedition thirst and never worry when some things go wrong.

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## How to Pack an Emergency Repair and First Aid Kit

### Hope for the Best, But be Prepared for the Worst

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Though most modern bikes are equipped with toolkits, you'll want to add a few extra items for added security.

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So you've [planned your motorcycle trip](#) but need some peace of mind before you head out on the highway?

Here are a few items to pack so you're covered in case something goes wrong:

- **Toolkit**  
Most bikes come with toolkits, but you'll want to make sure you're equipped with pliers, wire cutters, and various wrenches (including allen wrenches.) A small, all-

in-one Leatherman®-style tool can be a handy complement to a traditional toolkit, and is easily accessible for quick repairs or adjustments.

- **Key Mechanical Spares & Lubes**  
Bringing along extra fuses, bulbs, spark plugs, and chain oil can make the difference between traveling securely and limping to the next service station.
- **Flashlight**  
Ever been caught in the dark? A flashlight will save you the hassle of trying to use your cell phone for illumination.
- **Tire Repair Kit**  
Blowouts are an all-too-common occurrence, and a flat kit which includes CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges for tire inflation will get you on the road again.
- **Duct Tape**  
If it's good enough for astronauts, it should be good enough for you. Unexpected mechanical failures or breaks can sometimes be held together with duct tape, providing a low-tech solution for potentially crippling problems.
- **First Aid Kit**  
A first aid kit is something you never want to be without-- whether its poison ivy or an ankle burn from an exhaust pipe, the cliché about an ounce of prevention is absolutely true. Rather than assembling your own supplies, an easier and more thorough solution is to purchase a pre-assembled kit, which will ensure that key items are not missing.

## **FIRST AID KIT CONTENTS:**

### ***23 USEFUL ITEMS***

**1 EACH ACE BANDAGE 2"X 5yds**

Versatile elastic bandage. Multi-use: sling, wound dressing, etc.

**2 EACH ADHESIVE BANDAGES large 2"X 4"**

Self adhesive bandages for minor wounds, sterile.

2 EACH **ALCOHOL PADS**  
Prep pads saturated with isopropyl alcohol.

2 EACH **ANTIBACTERIAL WIPES**  
Antiseptic cleaning of skin without use of soap and water.

1 EACH **BURN DRESSING 4"X 4"**  
Water-jel sterile gel-soaked burn dressing. Relieves pain.

1 EACH **COHESIVE FLEX TAPE 1"X 5yds.**  
Self adhesive flexible tape used to secure bandages.

3 EACH **COMBINE ABD PADS 5"x 9"**  
Sterile absorbent dressings for large wounds.

1 EACH **CPR FACE SHIELD**  
Laerdal brand protection when performing CPR.  
Packaged with gloves.

1 EACH **EMERGENCY BLANKET 52" X 84"**  
Mylar wrap reduces the risk of shock. Can be used as rain shelter or ground cover.

1 EACH **EYE PAD STERILE 2 5/8" X 1 5/8"**  
Large sterile oval eye dressing.

3 EACH **GAUZE PADS 4" X 4"**  
Sterile dressing for large or small wounds.

1 EACH **GLOW STICK 6"**  
High intensity emergency lighting. Signaling, traffic control. Cyalume.

2 PAIR **GLOVES DISPOSABLE**  
Personal protection for you and an assistant when giving aid. High quality blue nitrile gloves. Packaged with CPR face shield.

1 EACH **TRAUMA SHEARS 7 1/2"**  
Heavy duty, blunt tip. Easily cuts through leather, denim, etc. An absolute necessity.

**1 EACH VINYL CARRYING CASE 7" X 5" X 3"**

Durable custom zippered case with clear interior pockets for easy viewing of contents.



CONTAINS : 23 ITEMS

DIMENSIONS : 7" x 5" x 3"

WEIGHT : 1.2 lbs

**PUT ONE IN YOUR BIKE AND  
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Emergencies. They're never much fun, but they happen, and the best thing we can do to make them less hazardous is to be prepared. With that thought in mind, I've spent the evening preparing an emergency kit to keep in my bike. This is intended to help you out if you find yourself stranded, as well as give some tools to help any other people in distress you may happen to come upon.

Granted, I'm making this up as I go along, but I thought I'd share the contents so far with you, and let you in on my thought process. Anyway, here goes:

1. First Aid Kit- This is a fairly basic one. It's got bandaids, some antibiotic ointment, a few sterile gauze patches. There's a good chance that I'll upgrade it one day, particularly if and when I start taking longer trips, but we'll save that for another entry.
2. Space blanket- There are few things that can make your life much harder than cold. Not only is it uncomfortable, but it can make simple tasks a lot harder pretty quickly. Basically, the \$1.50 you'll probably spend on one of these will be well worth it if you ever need to use it.
3. Extra Batteries- These go in the flashlight that we'll get to later.
4. Tape- Seriously, what can't you do with tape. Duct tape would be just as useful here, if not more so, but it doesn't fit in my little case, so electrical tape it is.
5. Multi-tool- If anything in this kit reaches "never leave home without it" status, it's this. I won't get into the specific uses of the multi-tool, but trust me, they're almost limitless. I've even used the outer shell of this thing as a blunt object to hit nails in before. It wasn't the easiest way, but it got the job done at the time.
6. Extra Flashlight- I keep a LED headlamp in the bike at all times as well, and that's the one I'll use in most situations, but lights have a tendency to break at the most inconvenient times possible, and it never hurts to have a backup. This one and the headlamp use the same batteries, so they can serve as backups for each other, and the extra set can go wherever it's needed.
7. Utility Knife- Honestly, this one's probably not a necessity. The multi-tool will cover most of the same jobs this one will. I think that, in many situations, a utility knife is just the best tool for the job, and it's small enough that it doesn't hurt to have it around.
8. Emergency Information- This is in case something happens that prevents you from being able to communicate with whoever happens to come along. Mine is typed up, and kept in a plastic baggy to protect it from moisture. I've made a pdf document that you can fill out with your information if you'd like. You can find it [here](#).
9. Fuses- These could go in the toolkit, which I'll cover in another entry, but either way, you should have some. I had the signaling system fuse go out just a little while after I got my bike, due to an error I made in installing an accessory outlet. Let's just say I don't recommend riding like that. They're small, inexpensive, and easy to change out. Better to fix the problem than drive with it.
10. Case- the one I used is actually a belly bag that I cut the straps off of for use somewhere else.

There are a few other things that I'd like to add eventually, for example, a lighter. I just don't happen to have one right now. I'll update if I think of anything else as well. Does anyone else out there carry an emergency kit? If so, what do you keep in it?

Motorcycle emergency kit....

So my girlfriend is a motorcyclist....

I am putting together an emergency kit that will lay flat in the bottom of her underseat storage (besides basic tools and things)

So far in a doubled up gallon ziplock I have:

(2) Walmart clear ponchos

(2) boxes of matches and a lighter sealed in plastic

basic first aid kit

One of those MayDay emergency rations

Local and state roadmaps

small button compass

small walmart pocket knife

\$20 in small bills

Multitool

A road flare