



## **Checklist for Buying Second-hand**

- How many previous owners and what did they use the bike for?
- The overall condition of the bike; a clean machine would suggest its been maintained.
- Does the mileage reflect the condition, well-worn footrests and grips on a bike with 10,000 miles is suspect?
- Does it have a service history if so is there a record of it and was it carried out by an authorised dealer?
- Did the owner buy the bike from a shop or privately?
- Tyres; check for wear and damage a new set can be costly.
- Chain and sprockets again wear and damage tension and if it's oiled.
- Worn brake pads? Scored brake discs will be costly to replace.
- Brakes are not spongy.
- Oil leaks both from the engine and fork seals.
- Check oil and water levels if their low would suggest the owner might have neglected them.
- Damage; dents scratches broken lenses.
- Cables; throttle moves freely and the clutch is smooth.
- Has it been re-sprayed; if so was it crashed?
- Was it used on track days; check underneath footrests for wear?
- Is there excessive smoke from exhaust even when the bike has warmed up?
- Noises from the engine any rattles or anything unusual then walk away.
- Wheel bearings and headstock bearings rock the rear wheel from left to right check for looseness also move handlebars from side to side.
- Is the clutch slipping? Only riding the bike can tell you this.
- Rust; was it garaged or left outside?
- Ignition damage was it ever stolen?
- Electrics are the horn, lights, indicators and brake lights working?
- Do the switches move freely?
- Are there mirrors on it?
- Chassis and frame numbers haven't been tampered with and also that they correspond to the registration document.