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Topic: Rear shock squeak..? (Read 210 times)



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**Rear shock squeak..?**

<< on: August 31, 2010, 08:34:44 am >>

Quote



When bouncing up and down on my '05 there is a very audible "squeak" from the rear shock area. I removed the bolts from the lower pivot points and greased all the dry surfaces. The rear shock has 30 psi in it. It is hard to determine exactly where the squeak is coming from. Can the rear shock itself be the culprit? Am I missing something obvious here?

I also developed a "backfire" on deceleration on my last ride. It started suddenly with no previous incidents. The bike also started stuttering rolling off idle and lower rpm's. I pulled both pipes and made sure the clamp connections on the exhaust gaskets were in place and tight. My idle is set right at 1100-1200 rpm. The valves were set about 8M miles ago. It's pouring rain this A.M. so I really don't want to take it for a ride until the deluge stops.

Have I missed anything obvious that could contribute to the backfire/stutter issue? (maybe separate issues?).

Thanks for all the help,  
Brian

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**GTR1000**

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**Re: Rear shock squeak..?**

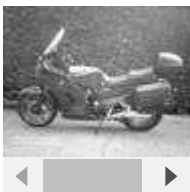
<< Reply #1 on: August 31, 2010, 09:07:19 am >>

Quote

Unfortunately I can only try and help with your shock issue. To prove it's the shock, let all the air out. I bet you \$2 the squeak will go away.

This happened on my A5 some years ago. My solution was to drain and re-fill the shock

<http://web.archive.org/web/20050523210326/www.ldrider.ca/techpages/rearsho> and give the chrome piston under the rubber boot a very good polish. Squirting



WD40 around the piston seal also helped.

Also at <http://www.cog-online.org/clubportal/clubstatic.cfm?clubID=1328&pubmenuoptID=29927> if first link doesn't work.

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I'll be interested to see what folks have to say about your "backfire".



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**Re: Rear shock squeak..?**

« **Reply #2 on:** August 31, 2010, 09:28:06 am »

Quote

One of the things that I learned while playing with SISF 2 min mod was that a lean-running bike (too much air going in) would backfire on deceleration and sputter. So, while the gurus here chime in, you might want to check around your air box and carbs for an obvious air leak (cracked air box, loose airbox lid, loose carb boot, cracked vacuum tubing...). HTH

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Cake or death!



Vlad



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**Re: Rear shock squeak..?**

« **Reply #3 on:** August 31, 2010, 06:32:06 pm »

Quote

Ditto on the shock. My 87 was squeaking and I looked everywhere trying to figure it out.

Finally determined it was the shock piston and once I changed the oil and cleaned/lubed the piston with oil, the squeak stopped. Very easy to pull the shock and change the oil.

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**Re: Rear shock squeak..?**

« **Reply #4 on:** August 31, 2010, 06:39:08 pm »

Quote

Here's the COG link to the shock



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Bill



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**Re: Rear shock squeak..?**

« **Reply #5 on:** September 01, 2010, 06:27:07 pm »

Quote

Thanks GTR 1000!



I slid the boot away from the shock cylinder and cleaned the piston with a clean soft cloth. Then I wiped some silicone lubricant onto the piston, even sprayed a little upward where it enters the shock. There must be a seal at that point that needed lubricating because the squeak was instantly gone.  
I will pull the shock and change the fluid soon. Looks straight forward. Thanks for the tip. You hit it on the head.  
Brian

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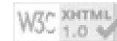
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