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WINTER'S GREAT MC CHALLENGE: FRESH BATTERY

AS AUTUMN APPROACHES, IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT WINTER STORAGE OF YOUR MOTORCYCLE. AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IS ENSURING THE BATTERY STAYS FRESH OVER THE WINTER. WITH MODERN BATTERY CHARGERS, THIS IS NO LONGER A PROBLEM.

CTEK recommends two chargers for trickle charging motorcycles.

- XS800 (suggested retail price – SEK 495, including VAT), is small and flexible – easy to take along in your saddlebag, under the seat or even in a pocket. It both charges and trickle charges MC batteries effectively and reliably.
- Multi XS3600 is a somewhat larger all-around charger that is also excellent for cars, boats, lawnmowers, caravans, etc. It is more powerful and approximately SEK 200 more expensive. It is completely reliable, even during the harsh winter cold of Norrland.

Why the battery should be trickle charged when the motorcycle is parked for a long period:

A battery that is not used for awhile discharges. Modern motorcycles in particular are sensitive, with alarm and other electronics that draw current from the battery. It can be used up in a matter of days. The same is true if you drive short distances – just a few kilometres at a time. The starter motor then takes more power from the battery than can be recharged when you drive.

This is particularly true during winter storage. In addition, a discharging battery sulphurises. Crystals form, which make it more difficult – if not impossible – to recharge it. When a battery becomes fully discharged, all electronics, alarm boxes, etc. are reset. This requires a trip to the workshop. Completely unnecessarily.

CTEK chargers automatically maintain battery voltage with pulse charging, which is activated intermittently when voltage drops below a certain level. It is very mild and allows you to connect the charger over the winter. Most chargers work with float charging, which maintains constant voltage, so you must remember to disconnect the charger after awhile and the reconnect it when you think it is needed.

With a CTEK charger, you can even get a sulphated battery up and running, maybe not to like-new condition, but fully usable. They also have a quick connector that you permanently fasten to the battery. This connector houses a small cable with a plug-in contact, allowing you to easily connect the charger without having to take out the battery.

The new generation of chargers is also so cleverly designed that it fits in your saddlebag or even a pocket. This way, you always have a way to keep your battery fresh within reach.

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