

Plastics Compatibility Advisory

Modern plastics are made from complex combinations of chemicals. All tank bags, tank pads, tank covers, paintsaver mesh pads, paint films, map cases, duffel bags, etc...are made of these plastics. Although these materials are highly durable, stable and inert, in rare instances the chemicals in these products may interact with motorcycle parts or chemicals in unexpected ways. It is impossible to anticipate or prevent problems due to every unique environmental, chemical or material interaction.

All painted finishes that are in regular contact with plastic products should be periodically checked for discoloration or other cosmetic problems. If problems appear, either discontinue using the product until the cause is addressed, or accept the condition as normal wear. Causes can involve specific and unique combinations of applied waxes, cleaners, soaps and detergents; or involve exposure to weather, temperature and UV rays (sunlight).

Mild finish problems can usually be corrected using a wax remover, a finish restorer, a polishing compound, a cleaning wax, a wax remover, or even a mild solvent like WD 40. Experiment first on a small inconspicuous area following the manufacturers directions. Sometimes mild discoloration fades by itself after a period of time. Clear vinyl paintguard film can be used beneath dark colored rubber or foam pad materials for increased protection on white, silver or lighter colored paint finish.

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