

## **Harley-Davidson: Y2K Compliant**

With the year 2000 rolling around in a few months, many of you are probably wondering if there will be any issues concerning your Harley-Davidson. Maybe you are wondering if when you try to take your annual New Years Day ride if your Harley will start, or maybe your concern is about getting your bike serviced. According to officials at Harley-Davidson, you can put your mind at ease.

The Harley-Davidson Company has been working with all of its significant suppliers, and financial institutions to assure that any Y2K issues that might come up will be taken care of before they do. The Company has implemented a comprehensive Year 2000 initiative to identify and address these issues. They have an internal staff complete with the assistance of some outside consultants that are managing this issue and making sure it is not a problem.

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According to Glen Unold, Year 2000 Project Manager, "Very little (on the motorcycles) is chip controlled, and nothing is date controlled." His main job is to "keep track of (Year 2000) status, make sure the work is getting done and highlight any problems that may come up."

The Harley-Davidson software and hardware that could have issues concerning the Y2K problem is being remediated so that these problems will be well out of the way by early 1999, and all aspects of the Year 2000 problem will be completed by mid-1999. Not only is Harley-Davidson working on their Year 2000 compliance issues, but the Company has communicated thoroughly with everyone who has a principal impact on their operations to confirm that they will be 2000 compliant.

Harley-Davidson has no doubt that the plan they have in effect is adequate to address their Year 2000 concerns, and based on the results of its assessment to date, all will be in place by mid-1999. According to the progress Harley-Davidson has made on its internal initiative along with information from third parties, there is no need for Harley-Davidson to develop an extensive contingency plan for non-remediation issues at this time.

So, you can set your mind at ease about your Harley-Davidson. They will be rolling right into the 2000, and beyond.

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### **Harley-Davidson Twin Cam 88**

New standards were set for research, development and testing with the creation of the 1450cc Twin Cam 88, the first completely new Big Twin since the overhead-valve powerplant first appeared in 1936.

By using the best computer-aided technology in the world to design it, and testing it for more than two and a half million miles before its introduction, the new Twin Cam 88, has become one of the most durable, reliable and powerful engines in Harley-Davidson history.

The Twin Cam 88 at 110cc bigger than the Evolution Big Twin promises to be far stronger, reliable, torquier, higher-revving, vibrate less and make less mechanical noise. In 1999, this motor will power all Dyna and FL touring models. While the new Twin Cam 88 will still sport the 45-degree air-cooled V-Twin look, there will be some cosmetic changes. The most striking of these will be the enlarged cylinder and head finning, a two-piece rocker cover with angled splitlines, the more substantial attachment of the still-separate gearbox to the rear of the engine, the new oval air filter and the completely changed cam and timing covers.