

## **IMPORTANT TIPS – BEFORE YOU RIDE A SCOOTER**

*Who knows when Murphy's Law may strike (Whatever can go wrong, will!), like that nail your tire might have picked up just before you turned into your driveway the other evening. It's not fun to have things go wrong on a scooter, but if you spend a minute before you take off on a ride, you can increase the chances that nothing will go wrong.*

### **#1**

#### **Check the tires.**

They are one of the most important parts of a scooter .if engine quits, you roll to a stop. If a tire quits – trouble! Make the effort to check the surface of the tires, looking for cuts in the rubber or foreign objects – like a nail. Check the tire pressures with a good gauge. If a tire is low every time you check it, even though you have added the proper amount of air each time, you have a slow leak. Fix it before it becomes a fast leak.

### **#2**

#### **Check the controls.**

Cables are quite strong and rarely break, but look for kinking or stiffness or anything unusual in their operation.

### **#3**

#### **Check the lights.**

including brake light, headlights, and turn signals, to make sure everything works. Also check your horn and mirror adjustments.

### **#4**

#### **Check the oil and fuel.**

### **#5**

#### **Check the chassis (frame) and suspension.**

Look for damage or cracks in the floorboards and make sure that the scooter will move freely up and down when you put weight on the handlebars or seat.

### **#6**

#### **Make sure the center stand works properly.**

If a retraction spring is weak, broken or missing, replace it.

### **#7**

#### **As you move out, check your brakes.**

Make sure they are working properly.

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