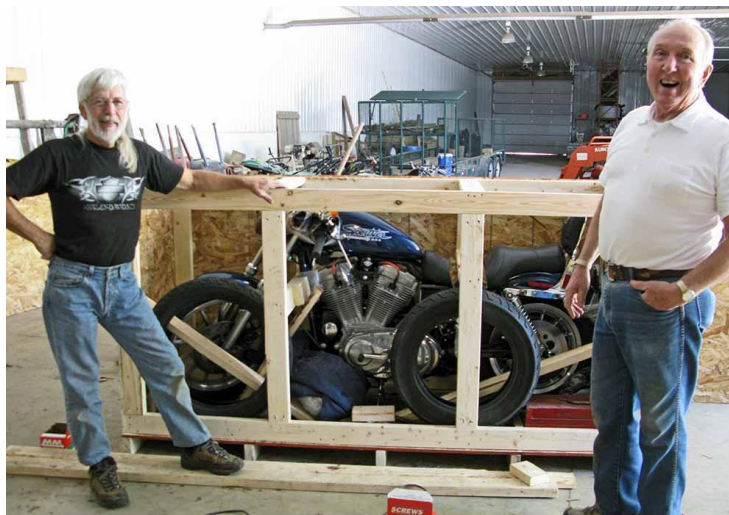


## Crating a Motorbike for Air or Sea Transport:

### Preparation

- The bike must be clean and free from leaks.
- Some countries require that the bike be steam cleaned with disinfectants prior to arrival.
- If fitted, Scottolier valves must be turned to the Off position.
- The tank must be a maximum of quarter-full for air freight, and must be empty for sea freight.
- Sealed batteries need not be disconnected; older refillable batteries must be disconnected.
- Alarms and digital devices on the bike must be switched off until arrival at your destination.
- If a Tracker is fitted then check with Tracker and advise them that the bike is going abroad.
- The tyres must be deflated to roughly 80% of the manufacturer's specifications. Usually 2bar is sufficient to ride the bike to the nearest filling station.
- No spare fuels or lubricants may accompany the bike.
- Compressed gas canisters usually found in puncture repair kits are strictly PROHIBITED. They are equally banned from your luggage. They become volatile at altitude and will explode on even a slight loss of pressure in the aircraft. This applies to all compressed canisters.
- Most countries will allow "bike / travel" related equipment to be packed in with the bike, such as Helmet, Boots and tent. Customs may ask for a separate clearance to be done for any non related items and these will not be covered by the same insurance premium as the bike.



*Packing up your pride and joy!*

### Documentation

- When taking the bike out to tour, most countries will allow it to remain for up to 12 months before they consider it a permanent import.
- Before entering a country you must make sure that you have motor insurance to ride on the roads in that country. While some countries will not allow entry without motor insurance there are others that will sell you a policy at the border.
- You should always carry the original V5 with you. It is possible that you may be asked to prove title to the vehicle. A V5 is not proof of ownership but merely of the registered keeper. If the vehicle is still under finance then the financing company is the legal owner and you may be asked to produce a letter from them permitting you to take the bike abroad.
- Each country has their own Customs Entry document with will have to be completed prior to departure or on arrival at the border / airport.

- The customs duty will be based on the cc of the individual bike, and will be between 5% and 7% of the insured value of the bike.
- Bikes with engines under 200cc = duty free.
- Bikes with engines of 200cc to 800cc = 5% duty, plus VAT at 14%, plus 25 % deposit.
- Bikes with engines over 800cc = 7% duty, plus VAT at 14%, plus 25% deposit.
- Example: 2005 Harley Davidson Softail, 1450cc, with an insured value of GBP 10,500.00.
- Therefore, 7% duty plus 14% VAT = GBP 855.00, plus 25% deposit = Total: GBP 1,068.75.



*Crating complete and ready for the off!*



*Destination reached, and you'll soon be on the road!*