

Cleaning the Air Filter

Today we are going to clean our filters, this is the best thing about riding! Not! Anyway lets get it on.



This filter is very dirty, the photo doesn't show all the dirt.



Here Mike, one of the motoxsports.com riders, is soaking the filter in Twin Air solvent. First off go out and get some rubber gloves for your hands, you don't want to soak your hands in this stuff. Now that you have your gloves on start to soak your filter in the tub. Squeeze the filter in your hands and make sure to go around the seal (where the filter touches the air box), that is very important to clean around the seal area. The filter should look clean, all the big particles of dirt should be off the filter. Carefully ring out all the extra solvent. Don't twist to hard because you could tear the filter. For really dirty filters and if you have the time let the filter soak over night.



Here the filter is cleaned from the solvent in the tub, I try to get as much solvent rung out of the filter as I can. Now were getting cleaner.



Okay now we are done with the solvent and it is time to break out the dish soap. Get a pail some hot water and pour in a little soap. Start cleaning the filter the same you just did in the solvent. This is a step most people don't do but it is very important, you will see in the next photo why.



That stuff in the bottom of the pail is dirt. Yep that's very small dirt particles and that is bad! This is why you should clean out your filters in warm soapy water.



Now you are done and you have some clean filters. They are spongy soft and if you have never cleaned your filters with soapy water you will be able to tell the difference. My advice is to go out and buy a couple of extra filters they come in handy and you should let them dry over night for sure. I have 5 filters that I use, this way I can leave the cleaned ones to dry over night.