



SERVICE INFORMATION

Subject

Using the wrong motor oil in a Kawasaki motorcycle, ATV, or utility vehicle could cause clutch slipping and rapid transmission wear.

Kawasaki has always recommended SE, SF, and SG rated motor oils for 4-stroke engines and 2-stroke transmissions. The newer ratings of SH and SJ have not been recommended because they often contain friction-reducing additives which can make integral clutches slip and accelerate transmission wear. Now however, if SH and SJ oils carry the JASO "MA" rating they may be used in Kawasaki products. The older SE, SF, and SG rated oils do not need the JASO "MA" rating and can continue to be used.

Beginning with 2001 models, owner's manuals, service manuals, and product labeling will indicate that SH and SJ oils with the JASO MA rating can be used.

NOTE

- The Japan Automobile Standards Organization (JASO) has established special testing criteria for 4-stroke motorcycle engine oils. These tests measure the friction qualities of oils for use in engines with integral clutch and transmission. Oils with a JASO rating of "MA" have the proper friction qualities for use in such engines.

These oils are recommended for use in all Kawasaki 4-stroke motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, and utility vehicle engines, and in all Kawasaki 2-stroke engine transmissions.

Oil Recommendations

Table with 3 columns: Engine Oil Type, JASO, and Viscosity. Rows include SE, SF, SG and SH, SJ with their respective JASO ratings and viscosity specifications.

CAUTION

Do not use oils marked JASO MB. These are low friction oils which may cause clutch slipping and rapid transmission wear.

Dealer Action

Recommend Oils Meeting All Standards:

All KawaChem 4-stroke engine oils (including KawaCham 100% Synthetic High Performance) meet all standards, even though currently the containers may not be marked "JASO MA." Check other brands carefully for compliance with the standards listed above.

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