

## Motorcycle Stands

If your motorcycle does not have a centre stand, then a professional workshop or paddock stand is virtually indispensable. And even if your machine does have a centre stand, this is still a good investment that will make many jobs a whole lot easier. You should always exercise great care when using a stand because you will usually be moving weights in excess of 200 kg. If the motorcycle starts to wobble, it can all too quickly get out of control.

### Some important advice:

1. Centre-lift stands are the most practical.

However, this type of stand can only be used if your motorcycle's lower frame tubes form a level surface, and neither the exhaust nor any engine or fairing parts project and prevent the stand from being positioned. Do not support the motorcycle on the engine, manifolds or fairing!

2. Rear stands with swing-arm supports are suitable for all bikes with conventional and horizontal box-type swing arms. Exceptions: Motorcycles on which the silencer is directly in front of the swing arm. Shaft-driven motorcycles. Cruisers with a triangular swing arm, or else bobbins must be used.

3. **Important:** If the swing arm is threaded for fitting bobbins, this means that you should use a rear paddock stand with bobbin cups. Please check the exact size of the thread and order the appropriate bobbins together with the stand!

4. For lifting the front end of your motorcycle, there are special headlift stands which engage in the steering head. To ensure stability, the headlift stand must fit exactly inside the steering head, so it is important to measure the inside diameter

of the steering head and then order the corresponding size of adapter together with the stand.

5. Always choose a suitable surface to work on! Even the best stand can only do its job if you place it on a level, solid surface. Essentially, you should always have another strong person to hold the handlebar while you jack up your motorcycle.

6. Please note that the stated maximum load does not equate to the weight of your motorbike.

The rule of thumb is: If you're using a front or rear stand, the permitted load should always be more than half the actual total weight of the motorcycle (e.g. if the motorcycle weighs 220 kg, the lifting capacity of the stand must be at least 110kg). This does not apply to stands that lift both wheels off the ground. This type of stand must have a load capacity equivalent to the weight of the motorcycle.

7. When using a front stand, it is best to do so in combination with a rear stand to ensure that your motorcycle is securely supported.

8. Before using any motorcycle stand or jack, it is essential to read the accompanying instructions for assembly and use.

And always remember:

**Never take risks when lifting a heavy motorbike!**

If you have any questions about the product or these instructions, please contact our Technical Centre by fax on 0049 (0)40 734193-58 or by e-mail at: [technikcenter@louis.de](mailto:technikcenter@louis.de) before you install or use the product. We will be pleased to provide prompt assistance.  
This is the best way to ensure that your product is installed properly and used correctly.