

Ride Like A Pro Riding Tips

Check out Motorman's website: www.ridelikeapro.com or give him a call at 1.866.868.7433 to order your copy of his video. Here is a brief summary of his three basic principles:

- 1 The Friction Zone: Using your clutch properly at slow speeds.
2. Using your rear brake, how to ride the brake to maintain power and control.
3. Your head and eyes ~ The bike goes where your eyes go!

At slow speeds (less than 10- 15 miles per hour) controlling your bike involves using the **FRICTION ZONE** of your clutch. The friction zone is that area between fully released and fully engaged. If you try to maneuver your bike at slow speeds with the clutch all the way out, the throttle is controlling the bike and I'm sure you know the bike will "buck" "jump" "stall" and "fall" if you are going too slow.

In addition to using the friction zone, now add proper use of the **REAR BRAKE** to allow you to maintain enough throttle (power) and you can easily maintain balance and maneuver-ability at speeds less than 5 MPH. (try 1-3 MPH) With **BOTH** feet on the pegs or floorboards.

Now add the third and possibly **MOST** important principle. **LOOK WHERE YOU WANT TO GO WITH YOUR HEAD AND EYES**, and these dressers and 38 degree rake cruisers are as easy to ride as a bicycle. I know you have all heard it, "LOOK DOWN, GO DOWN" or how come when you look at the curb, you either hit the curb or get a little too close for comfort? Those of you who have taken a rider's course, do you remember, "Look through the curve?" The motorcycle goes where your head and eyes go!

Try it the next time you need to do the "Dreaded U-turn". Move to the outside of the lane to give yourself maximum space, turn your head and eyes around as far as you can (pretend you are an owl) looking where you want to go, use the friction zone of your clutch and rear brake. You'll end up easily making that U-turn within two lanes (that's including the one you started in) instead of 3 or 4.