

# TOP 10 COMMON WINTER STORAGE MISTAKES

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## 10. STARTING YOUR BIKE A COUPLE TIMES A MONTH

Starting your bike will draw the battery down more than it will charge in a short run cycle. Putting heat in your engine in a cold climate will also cause condensation inside and outside of your engine.

## 9. KEEPING YOUR BIKE IN A BUILDING THAT HEATS & COOLS WITH THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE

Any temperature change will cause condensation on your motorcycle. This can be very prevalent in the late fall and spring when outside temperature greatly fluctuate.

## 8. PARKING YOUR CAR IN THE SAME AREA AS YOUR BIKE

Your vehicle carries salt and moisture in and out of your garage and can cause corrosion in a hurry.

## 7. STORING YOUR BIKE IN AN AREA ACCESSIBLE TO RODENTS

Mice and squirrels love to nest under the seat and in the fairings of your motorcycle. They can cause extensive damage in a short period of time.

## 6. KEEPING POOL CHEMICALS IN THE SAME BUILDING AS YOUR BIKE

Pool chemicals and even their vapors can be very corrosive to your motorcycle finish.

## 5. HAVING ELECTRIC MOTORS RUNNING CLOSE TO YOUR MOTORCYCLE

Electric motors create ozone that can cause dry rot on your tires.

## 4. PUTTING YOUR BIKE AWAY EVEN SLIGHTLY DIRTY

Brake dust is an irritant to metal and contains iron bits that trap moisture and cause rust.

### 3. USING WRONG TYPE OF COVER

A non-breathable cover can trap moisture and cause corrosion.

### 2. STORING ON SOME TYPES OF CONCRETE FLOORS

Concrete floors poured without a vapor barrier under them will allow moisture from the ground to penetrate the concrete and produce a situation similar to parking your bike on a dirt floor.

### 1. IGNORING YOUR BATTERY

Batteries will discharge naturally over time. Most new bikes have a milliamp draw from the ECM, radio, regulator and security system that can draw a battery dead in a short period of time. A battery tender will combat these drains and provide you with a longer battery life.

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