

How to NYMSTF — — — — — NEW YORK MOTORCYCLE & SCOOTER TASK FORCE

Calculate Riding Costs

So, you just found your dream bike on Craigslist, and it's priced within your budget. You've never owned a motorcycle before, and you're wondering what it would cost to get 'everything else' you need to be on two wheels!

The Bike: If you're a new rider, don't get a new motorcycle. You'll almost definitely drop it at low speed, and all those biffs and scratches will diminish the value of your bike fast. Get something that's already been shown some love, and move on to new & shiny when you've got more experience. \$2,000 will get you a "good enough" 650cc Japanese bike not more than 8 years old, and exceptionally unlikely to see a major failure in the two or so years that you own it. As you go lower in price you'll find bikes that are older (and may have some serious maintenance coming their way) or in worse physical shape (that may affect performance).

The Paperwork: License: \$21-120 depending on age and current license
MSF RiderCourse: \$275-300 for training and road test
Insurance: \$500+ for liability; comprehensive & collision more
Registration: \$39.50 for registration & plate
Sales Tax: NY sales tax paid to DMV after private sale

The Gear: Smart riders protect themselves with the best gear they can!
DOT/Snell full-face Helmet: \$100+
Gloves: \$30+
Leather or Textile Jacket: \$250+
Leather or Textile Riding Pants: \$100+
Sturdy, Armored Boots: \$100+

The Fun Part: (Riding!) \$3.50/gal premium @ ~50 mpg for most bikes
Reduced tolls on all NYC bridges & tunnels
HOV lane access at all times

Get more information about riding in New York City
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