



# Technical Service Bulletin

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Product Description: All Harley Davidson Oil Recommendations

Subject: AMSOIL Recommendations for All Harley Davidson

**OBJECTIVE:**

Recommend the preferred AMSOIL products for use in Harley Davidson Motorcycles, with emphasis on second and third oil options. This document also outlines recommended service intervals for AMSOIL lubricants.

**ISSUES:**

Harley Davidson recommends both gear lube and motorcycle oils for their equipment and there are many different models with corresponding specific oil recommendations. The variety of recommendations can cause confusion in and lack of confidence in making the correct AMSOIL lubricant recommendation. The following charts outline the proper sequence of product recommendations for the Harley Davidson products listed.

**DESCRIPTION & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Harley Davidson manufactured 9 types of engines from 1929 to the current model year. Flathead (1929-1974), Knucklehead (1936-1947), Panhead (1948-1965), Shovelhead (1966-1984), Evolution (Blockhead) 1340 (1984-1999), Twin Cam (2000 to current), V-Rod (Revolution) (2001 to current) Ironhead Sportsters (1957-1984) & Evolution Sportsters 1985 to current.

Harley Davidson recommends SAE 60 or SAE 50 engine oil for **Flathead, Knucklehead, Panhead, and Shovelhead** equipped bikes. AMSOIL recommends AHR SAE 60 or MCV 20W-50 motorcycle engine oil for these vintage models. AMSOIL SVG or SVO should be used in transmissions found on these models. Shovelhead is the only model with a chain case that is lubricated via engine oil.

AMSOIL recommends MCV 20W-50 motorcycle oil in all 3 holes (engine, transmission, and primary chain case) on **Evolution 1340 and all Twin Cam** engines. AMSOIL recommends SVG as an secondary oil for the transmission, and SVO as an option for older transmissions. New seals are recommended where excessive leaking is evident.

**Ironhead, Evolution Sportsters and V-Rod** use one lubricant for both the engine and transmission and AMSOIL recommends MCV motorcycle oil for this common sump.

**AMSOIL Cross Reference**

Harley Davidson Part #	AMSOIL Product
99816-60 HD Engine Oil	AHR SAE 60 Engine Oil
	MCV 20W-50 Motorcycle Oil

99892-84 Transmission Lube	SVG 75W-90 Gear Lube
	SVO 75W-140 Gear Lube
99824-03 Screamin Eagle Syn 3	MCV 20W-50 motorcycle oil
99887-84 Primary Lube	MCV 20W-50 motorcycle oil
99896-88 Sport-Trans fluid	MCV 20W-50 motorcycle oil
99880-73 Type B Fork oil	STM Suspension Fluid
99884-80 Type E Fork oil	STM Suspension Fluid
99851-05 Formula +	MCV 20W-50 motorcycle oil

**Key to Harley Davidson/AMSOIL Oil Chart**

- First AMSOIL preferred recommendation
- Second Secondary option based on availability or preference
- Third Tertiary option based on availability or preference

Harley Davidson Models	First	Second	Third
<b>Flathead</b>			
Engine	AHR	MCV	---
Transmission	SVG	SVO	---
<b>Knucklehead</b>			
Engine	AHR	MCV	---
Transmission	SVG	SVO	---
<b>Panhead</b>			
Engine	AHR	MCV	---
Transmission	SVG	SVO	---
<b>Shovelhead</b>			
Engine	AHR	MCV	---
Transmission	SVG	SVO	---
<b>Evolution 1340 and all Twin Cam</b>			
Engine	MCV	---	---
Transmission	MCV	SVG	SVO
Primary Chain Case	MCV	---	---
<b>Ironhead, Evolution Sportsters &amp; V-Rod</b>			
Engine, Transmission	MCV	---	---

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**RECOMMENDED SERVICE INTERVALS:**

The following lubricant service intervals are recommended for AMSOIL products exclusively.

**MODIFICATIONS:**

Where the engine or operating conditions have been modified from the original manufacturer's design, the recommended AMSOIL service intervals cannot be utilized. An exception would be Dealer-installed, street-legal EFI Stage kits offered by Harley Davidson. In all other cases of modifications, oil change intervals are at the owner's discretion or based on specific oil analysis program recommendations. To setup a program, call Oil Analyzers (OAI) at 715-395-0222 or 1-800-956-5695.

Harley-Davidson model and application	First	Second	Third
<b>Flathead, Knucklehead, Panhead &amp; Shovelhead</b>			
Engine	<b>AHR</b> - up to 2 times longer than Harley-Davidson recommendations or 1 year, whichever comes first.	<b>MCV</b> - up to 2 times longer than Harley-Davidson recommendations or 1 year, whichever comes first.	—
Transmission	<b>SVG</b> - up to 2 times longer than Harley-Davidson recommendations or 1 year, whichever comes first.	<b>SVO</b> - up to 2 times longer than Harley-Davidson recommendations or 1 year, whichever comes first.	—
<b>Ironhead, Evolution Sportster &amp; V-Rod</b>			
Engine, Transmission/Chain Case	<b>MCV</b> - up to 10,000 miles or 1 year which ever comes first		
<b>Evolution 1340 and all Twin Cam</b>			
Engine	<b>MCV</b> - twice H/D interval or up to 10,000 miles or 1 year which ever comes first	—	—
Transmission	<b>MCV</b> - up to 20,000 miles or 1 year which ever comes first	<b>SVG</b> - up to 20,000 miles or 1 year which ever comes first	<b>SVO</b> - up to 20,000 miles or 1 year which ever comes first
Primary Chain Case	<b>MCV</b> - up to 10,000 miles or 1 year which ever comes first	—	—

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