

**Question for written answer E-010994/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Periodical technical inspection (PTI) of powered two-wheelers (PTW)

Periodical technical inspection is a tool to make sure that vehicles on the road are in good technical condition and are safe for road use. Whilst it is imperative that all vehicles on the road are routinely assessed to ensure that European roads are amongst the safest in the world, compulsory PTI has not proven to be a catalyst for this. Countries in Europe that have PTI regimes for PTWs do not show improved accident figures.

In-depth motorcycle studies highlight that human behaviour is the primary causation factor of accidents involving PTWs. The users of PTWs are more acutely aware of the technical conditions of their vehicles simply because most technical problems directly impact their riding conditions.

Commission proposals to introduce compulsory PTIs may not be the most effective method of ensuring that injuries and fatalities related to motorcycles continue to fall.

1. Why does the Commission feel it necessary to implement compulsory PTIs when evidence suggests that they are not a major factor in the reduction of motor vehicle fatalities?
2. Does the Commission intend to apply the same rules and procedures for compulsory PTIs to Member States that already implement their own policy?