

# Riding Tip of the Month



## Clutch Play

“Friction Zone” is not only the name of this premier publication, it’s also an essential tool and technique at a motorcyclist’s fingertips. Many riders have the impression that a clutch serves only two purposes—getting the motorcycle moving and getting it stopped without stalling. A clutch is much more versatile than that. Used properly, the friction zone will smooth throttle roll-on at low speeds, improve your low-speed maneuvering capabilities, and make for seamless shifts.

Many riders, particularly those with small hands, may have problems reaching and holding onto the clutch lever throughout its entire travel. This may be due to an adjustment issue with the lever, not enough muscle tone in the forearm, a lever that doesn’t “fit,” and even nervousness. In addition, riders may not have a good understanding of a smooth and controlled clutch release and the advantages this offers.

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