



The Director's Digressions

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As Spring approaches, there will be things to check and change on our beloved rides. Most fluids were changed prior to the Winter hibernation, but brake and clutch fluid is better changed in the Spring, as Winter has taken a toll on the inactive system. This should be done every 2 years. There are many ways to change the fluid, and this article will not explore all of them, except one.

The one system that can be employed without needing a helper is the Motion Pro 08-0143 Hydraulic Brake Bleeder (available through Amazon). It essentially is a one-way check valve attached to the nipple of the brakes or clutch.

When squeezing the clutch/brake lever, air can be introduced when letting off the lever if the system is not closed prior to brake release. This is generally a 2-person job. With the Motion Pro, releasing the lever and not closing off the bleed nipple offers no adverse introduction of air into the system, because the one-way check valve does not allow air to flow back into the system. You just have to be careful that you don't completely empty the reservoir using this system. Other than that, one person can easily do the job of 2.

Chapter O will be doing a Maintenance Day sometime in April. The Brake Bleeder will be used to bleed the brakes of a 2017 and 2018 Gold Wing with manual transmissions. If interested, watch for the Maintenance Day date on the MN-O Event calendar.

Thanks for reading,
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