

"The real cycle you're working on is a cycle called yourself. The machine that appears to be 'out there' and the person that appears to be 'in here' are not two separate things. They grow toward Quality or fall away from Quality together."

- Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

Goal: Purchase, title/register, insure, and repair a used motorcycle for \$2,500 or less

- **Table 1:** Shows the prior repairs, along with their estimated costs, completed by the previous owners
- **Table 2:** Shows the repairs I completed along with their urgency prioritization
- **Table 3:** Shows my itemized spending to complete the project

Table 1

PRIOR REPAIRS OR INCLUDED WITH PURCHASE AS SPARE PARTS Pro Taper handlebars 65 25 Handlebar cross brace Tusk half waffle grips 7 30 Tusk aluminum handguards Tusk MX hand shields 15 Motion Pro throttle cable 20 0 Bypass clutch safety switch Kinstecks LED turn signals 20 Amazon headlight 20 Shaved seat foam down 0 Attack Graphics seat cover 28 80 Tusk rear rack Used header pipe 40 8 Choke switch detent Checked valve clearances 0 Maxima pre-oiled air filter 15 Rear shock rebuild 75 Ricochet skid plate 105 20 Replaced brake pads Bled the brakes 10 Black Path lowering links 27 Swing arm bearing 70 Wheel bearings and seal kits 60 Primary Drive 47 tooth rear sprocket 20 Primary Drive 14 tooth front sprocket 9 110 Tusk DSport tires Tusk heavy duty tire tubes 18 50 D.I.D. 520 roller chain TPR chain guard 50 Clymer manual 27 50 Aluminium ramp 4 1x spark plug 2x Tusk oil filters 7 \$1,085 TOTAL

Table 2

| REQUIRED TO BE FUNCTIONAL, LEGAL, AND SAFE | | |
|--|--|--|
| Replaced horn | | |
| Replaced speedometer cable | | |
| Checked all hardware for factory torque specifications | | |
| Cleaned chain and double checked tension | | |
| Replaced battery | | |
| URGENT REPAIRS TO COMPLETE ASAP | | |
| Flushed and refilled coolant | | |
| Replaced fuel line hose clamps | | |
| Replaced fraying throttle cable | | |
| Made a headlight bracket | | |
| Replaced countershaft seal | | |
| Checked engine valve clearances | | |
| Checked functionality of radiator fan | | |
| Cleaned carburetor (Seafoam) | | |
| Adjusted fuel mixture (installed extended mixture screw) | | |
| NEED TO ADDRESS AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE | | |
| Checked spark plug | | |
| Replaced frame oil drain plug (rounded head) | | |
| Made a new gas cap gasket | | |
| Resealed clutch safety wiring connection | | |
| Double checked spoke tension | | |
| Made a front brake cable guide | | |
| Patched small crack at top of fuel tank | | |
| Adjusted engine idle speed | | |
| Replaced timing plug and gasket | | |
| Replaced crank hole plug and gasket | | |
| Completed front sprocket Loctite fix | | |
| Changed oil, oil filter, and O-ring | | |
| Cleaned spark arrestor | | |
| Replaced union bolt, oil hose, and gaskets | | |
| CAN WAIT AS LONG AS NECESSARY | | |
| Switched countershaft sprocket with a larger one | | |
| Removed peeling decals | | |
| Filed clutch and brake levers to be smooth again | | |
| Replaced helmet lock | | |
| Replaced passenger peg bearings, springs, and shims | | |
| Mounted storage crate to tail rack | | |
| Purchased OHV permit | | |
| Bypassed kickstand safety switch | | |
| Replaced kickstand springs | | |

Installed engine case savers

Table 3

| SPENDING | OUT OF POCKET | GIFT CARD |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Purchased bike - 12k miles on odometer | 2000.00 | |
| Title transfer fee | 35.00 | |
| Registration | 81.50 | |
| 1 year of insurance | 150.00 | |
| Helmet | | 95.39 |
| Riding gloves | 12.25 | 15.30 |
| Duplicate spare keys | 15.00 | |
| Horn | | 83.69 |
| Speedometer cable | 34.35 | |
| Chain lube | 8.00 | |
| Battery | | 26.49 |
| Battery tender | | 69.96 |
| Fuel line hose clamps | | 1.00 |
| Fork tube (headlight) brackets | | 15.47 |
| Countershaft seal kit | | 21.19 |
| 15 tooth front sprocket | | 17.16 |
| Feeler gauges | | 11.65 |
| TDC bolt and assorted gaskets | 36.37 | |
| Banjo bolt/oil hose/washers | 75.15 | |
| Seafoam, oil | 34.70 | |
| Extended fuel mixture screw | | 21.19 |
| Frame magnetic drain plug | 11.37 | |
| Crankcase magnetic oil plug & gasket washers | 14.97 | |
| Rubber gasket material | 1.00 | |
| Wire connectors, shrink tube | 5.00 | |
| Case savers | | 12.70 |
| RTV silicone | 4.22 | |
| Storage crate | 10.00 | |
| Kickstand springs, passenger peg kit | 23.11 | |
| Handlebar phone mount | | 20.03 |
| Outdoors cover | 22.25 | |
| OHV permit | 12.50 | |
| SUBTOTALS | \$2,586.74 | \$411.22 |