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Kenda K786 WASHOUGAL II 90/100-14 REAR

KENDA K786 WASHOUGAL II 90/100-14 REAR Motorcycle Tire Instruction Manual

Model: K786 WASHOUGAL II 90/100-14 REAR

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your KENDA K786 WASHOUGAL II 90/100-14 REAR motorcycle tire. Adhering to these instructions will help ensure optimal performance and longevity of the tire. The Kenda Washougal II is an intermediate terrain tire featuring dual-compound technology for enhanced durability and traction.

2. Safety Information

WARNING:

- Tire installation should only be performed by qualified professionals using appropriate tools and safety procedures. Improper installation can lead to serious injury or death.
- Always consult your motorcycle's owner's manual for specific tire pressure recommendations and vehicle-specific installation guidelines.
- Never exceed the maximum inflation pressure or load capacity indicated on the tire sidewall.
- Regularly inspect tires for damage, wear, and proper inflation.
- Do not mix different tire types (e.g., bias-ply with radial) unless specified by the motorcycle manufacturer. This tire is a bias-ply construction.

3. Setup and Installation

The KENDA K786 WASHOUGAL II 90/100-14 REAR tire is designed for the rear wheel of compatible motorcycles. Professional installation is highly recommended.

3.1 Pre-Installation Checks

- Verify that the tire size (90/100-14) matches your motorcycle's specifications for the rear wheel.
- Inspect the tire for any manufacturing defects or shipping damage before mounting.
- Ensure the wheel rim is clean, free of rust, and undamaged.

3.2 Mounting Procedure (General Guidelines)

1. Apply a suitable tire mounting lubricant to the tire beads and rim flanges.
2. Mount the tire onto the rim, ensuring the rotation arrow (if present) points in the direction of forward rotation.
3. Inflate the tire slowly and carefully, ensuring both beads seat properly on the rim. Listen for two distinct pops as the beads seat.
4. Do not exceed 40 PSI (2.75 bar) to seat the beads. If beads do not seat, deflate, re-lubricate, and re-attempt.
5. Once beads are seated, adjust the tire pressure to the recommended level specified in your motorcycle's owner's manual.



Figure 1: The Kenda K786 Washougal II 90/100-14 Rear Motorcycle Tire. This image displays the tire's aggressive tread pattern designed for intermediate terrain.



Figure 2: Side view of the Kenda K786 Washougal II tire, highlighting the knobby tread and sidewall details.

4. Operating Guidelines

The Kenda K786 Washougal II is engineered for optimal performance on intermediate off-road terrain. Its dual-compound design provides a durable center tread and softer shoulder compound for improved cornering stability and traction.

4.1 Tire Pressure

Maintaining correct tire pressure is crucial for safety, handling, and tire longevity. Refer to your motorcycle's owner's manual for the recommended operating tire pressures. Pressure requirements may vary based on rider weight, terrain, and riding style.

4.2 Break-in Period

New tires require a break-in period. Ride cautiously for the first 50-100 miles (80-160 km) to allow the tire to conform to the rim and for the mold release agents to wear off. Avoid aggressive acceleration, braking, and cornering during this period.

5. Maintenance

Regular maintenance extends tire life and ensures safe operation.

5.1 Regular Inspection

- **Tread Wear:** Check the tread depth regularly. Replace the tire when the tread wear indicators are flush with the tread surface.
- **Damage:** Inspect for cuts, punctures, cracks, bulges, or other signs of damage. Any significant damage warrants immediate professional inspection and potential replacement.
- **Sidewall:** Check the sidewalls for cracks or abrasions.

5.2 Tire Pressure Checks

Check tire pressure at least once a week, and always before a ride, using an accurate tire pressure gauge. Check

pressure when tires are cold (before riding).

5.3 Cleaning and Storage

Clean tires with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or petroleum-based cleaners, which can degrade rubber. Store tires in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and ozone-generating equipment (e.g., electric motors).

6. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues related to motorcycle tires.

6.1 Uneven Wear

Uneven tread wear can indicate improper tire pressure, wheel imbalance, or suspension issues. Consult a professional mechanic to diagnose and correct the underlying cause.

6.2 Loss of Air Pressure

A gradual or sudden loss of air pressure can be caused by a puncture, a faulty valve stem, or improper bead seating. Locate the source of the leak and repair or replace the tire as necessary. Do not ride on a significantly underinflated tire.

6.3 Vibrations or Wobbling

Vibrations or wobbling at speed may indicate an unbalanced wheel, a bent rim, or a damaged tire. Stop riding immediately and have the issue inspected by a qualified professional.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Kenda
Model	WASHOUGAL II (K786)
Size	90/100-14 REAR
Tread Type	Symmetrical, Knobby
Construction Type	Bias
Item Weight	7.57 pounds (approx.)
UPC	047853991321
Vehicle Tire ISO Metric Size Description	90/100R14

8. Warranty and Support

Kenda tires are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty information regarding your Kenda K786 Washougal II tire, please refer to the official Kenda website or contact Kenda customer support directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.
For further assistance or technical inquiries, please visit the official Kenda website or contact their customer service department.

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