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### Fatal Accident Investigation Team

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# MECHANICAL INSPECTION REPORT OF MOTORCYCLE JSF 7618

- We refer to your request dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to conduct a physical inspection of a motorcycle bearing registration number JSF 7518 (herein referred to as "Motorcycle"), which was involved in a fatal road traffic accident on 02<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.
- The purpose of this inspection is to primarily determine if there was any possible mechanical failure to the Motorcycle that may have contributed to the accident.
- Following the request, we had carried out a physical inspection of the Motorcycle on 04<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the premises of Traffic Police vehicle pound, 517 Airport Road Singapore 539942. We now set out below our observations and comments with respect to this inspection.

#### **General Condition**

- 4. The mileage of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection was 083636km.
- 5. The Motorcycle was observed to have sustained damages at the frontal portion, rear portion & along its left side. The body parts that were found to have been damaged include its front fairing cover, head lamp, front mud guard, left & right wing mirrors, rear left signal lamp, left hand side fairing cover, rear left pillion foot pedal, rider's foot pedal & gear shifter amongst others. Its handle bar was also observed to be misaligned as a result of the accident.
- 6. This was likely due to the consistency of the accident's case facts that the motorcyclist whom was travelling along AYE (MCE) on the lane 1 of a 3 lane road near to 16.2km mark. She was seen wobbling and lose control by veering to her left and collided onto the left concrete wall. See photo 1 to 5 below.



Photo 1 shows the mileage at the time of inspection was recorded to be 083636km.



Photo 2 shows a general view of the front body of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The Motorcycle was observed to be sustained with damages due to the accident collision. Amongst the body parts damaged was its steering system (arrowed), which was observed to be misaligned.



Photo 3 shows a general view of the rear body of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The Motorcycle was observed to have sustained damages at the rear left portion.

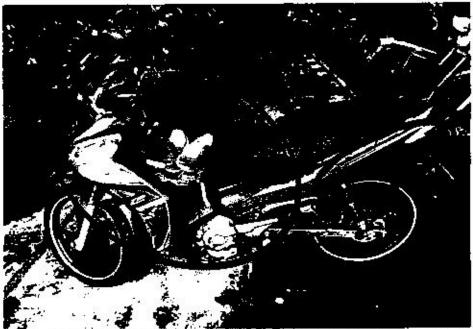


Photo 4 shows a general view of the left portion of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The Motorcycle was observed to have sustained damages due to the accident collision.

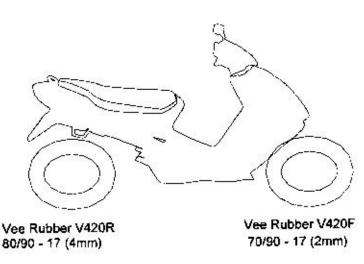




Photo 5 shows a general view of the right portion of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The Motorcycle was observed to be sustained damages due to the accident collision.

## Tyres and Wheel Rims

7. The condition of the Motorcycle's 2 tyres was observed to be in serviceable condition. The tread patterns of the 2 tyres were clearly visible. We did not observe any tear, burst mark(s) and/or punctured hole(s) on the sidewalls as well as across the tread of the 2 tyres. The 2 tyres were both observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. The tyre brand, tyre size and remaining tread depth of the 2 tyres were recorded as follows:- See photo 6 & 7 below.



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Photo 6 shows the front tyre of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The rear tyre was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 2mm. The tyre was also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. There was no significant damage observed on the rear wheel rim & tyre.



Photo 7 shows the rear tyre of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The rear tyre was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 4mm. Although the rim was observed to be slightly it was also sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation.



8. The tyres were wrapped around alloy wheel rims that were found to be without any significant damage. See photo 8 & 9 below.

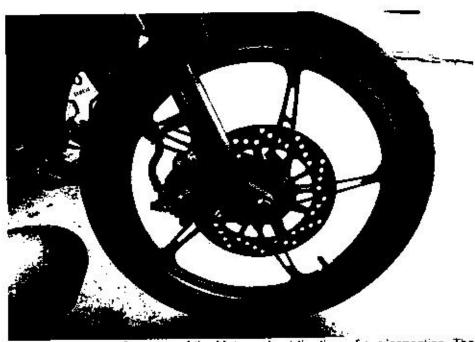


Photo 8 shows the front tyre of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The tyre was observed to be wrapped around alloy wheel rim. There was no significant damage observed on the front wheel rim & tyre.

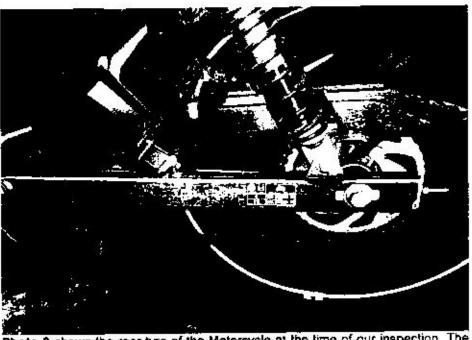


Photo 9 shows the rear tyre of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The tyre was observed to be wrapped around alloy wheel rim. There was no significant damage observed on the rear wheel rim & tyre.

#### Engine & Drive Train

- 9. Upon examination of the engine area of the Motorcycle, we had observed that the various engine related parts and components were intact with no visible damage. The engine underside was however observed to be covered with brownish fluid, suggesting leakage of fluid as a result of the accident.
- 10. The gear chain of the motorcycle was found to be intact without any misalignment. It was also adequately lubricated for operating purposes. Free play tension test was also conducted & found adequately acceptable. See photo 10 - 13 below.

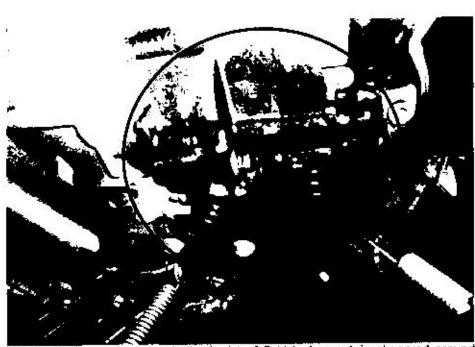


Photo 10 shows sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leakage stein observed around the engine undercarriage area of the Motorcycle due to the accident's impact collision.



Photo 11 shows sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leakage stain observed at the engine topside area of the Motorcycle due to the result of the accident's impact.

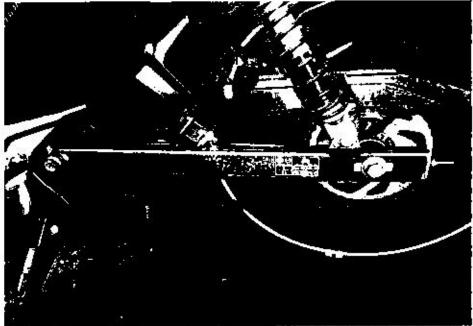


Photo 12 shows the general view of the gear train (arrowed) of the Motorcycle, which was observed to be intact with no misalignment. It was also adequately lubricated for operating purposes.



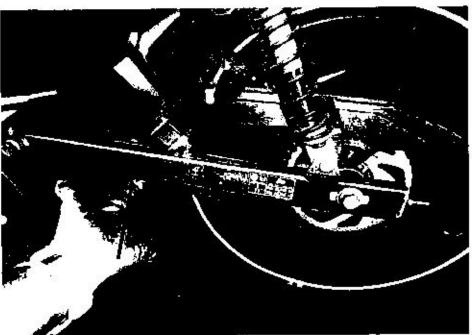


Photo 13 shows the general view of the gear train (arrowed) of the Motorcycle, which was observed to be intact with no misalignment. It was also adequately lubricated for operating purposes. Free play tension was also observed & found adequately acceptable.

### Steering System & Braking System

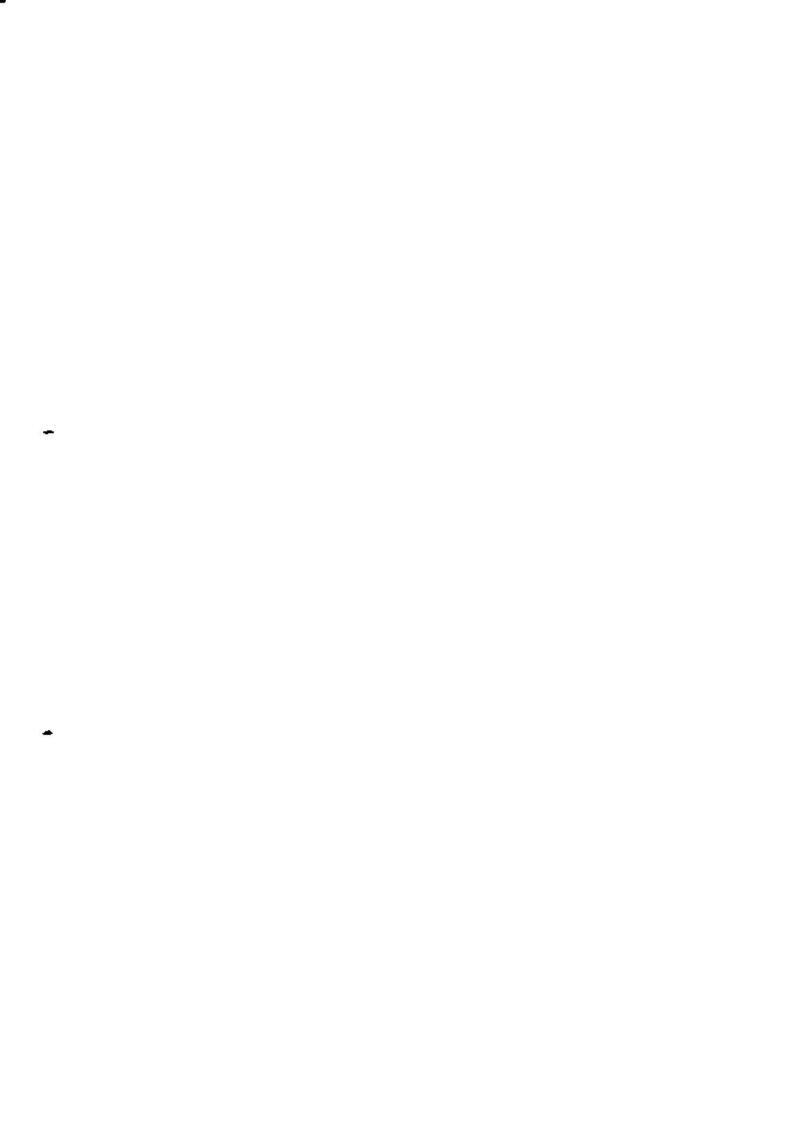
- 11. For this case, we were not able to conduct any test(s) on the steering system of the Motorcycle due to the damage on its handle bar. It was found to be misaligned as a result of the accident, hence causing the whole steering system not to be in a serviceable condition.
- 12. The brake system of the Motorcycle was of a semi-hydraulic type, where hydraulic (brake fluid) pressure controls the brake for the front wheel while the brake for the rear wheel is controlled by mechanical means (cables and springs). Our visual examination of the various components in the brake system, like the brake disc, brake calliper, drum and brake foot pedal, revealed all to be intact and without damage. There was also no visible tear or cut observed on the connecting hoses and cables.



- 13. Static brake tests conducted on the Motorcycle had appeared to indicate that the brake system of the Motorcycle was in serviceable condition. There was some resistance felt (spongy like feel) upon gripping the hand brake lever & stepping on the rear brake foot paddle. This would indicate that there was no leakage of pressure/vacuum in the brake system also on the rear brake drum mechanical parts. Our checks on the brake fluid had also indicated that the brake fluid was of sufficient level for operational purposes, and without contamination.
- 14. For this case, we was not able to carry out any operational tests to the steering system and brake system of the Motorcycle due to the misalignment of its handle bar, which had rendered the Motorcycle immobility for the operational tests. We were not able to push the motorcycle manually forward and backward normally, simulating movement of the Motorcycle, for the operational tests. See photo 14 - 17 below.



Photo 14 shows the front handle bar was observed to be misaligned as a result of the accident. Hence, we are not able to conduct any tests on the steering system of the Motorcycle.



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Photo 15 shows the front brake calliper, front brake disc and brake pad of the Motorcycle (arrowed), which are all part of the components in the front brake system of the Motorcycle. Our visual checks of these various components had revealed all to be intact with no visible damage. No leakage of brake fluid was also observed.



Photo 16 shows the front brake fluid observed to be sufficient at time of our inspection.

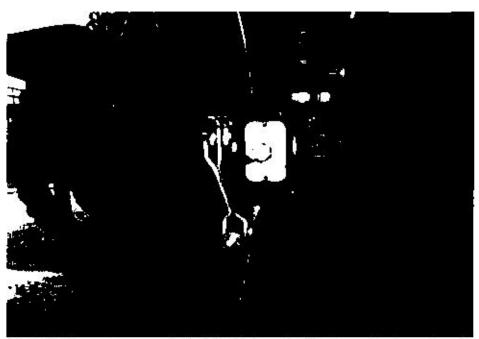


Photo 17 shows the rear wheel of the Motorcycle. The type of brake system for the rear wheel was of mechanical type, controlled by the brake foot pedal of the Motorcycle. Our checks of the cable (arrowed), spring and drum, which are all part of the components in the rear brake system of the Motorcycle reveal all to be intact and without damage.

#### Conclusion

- 15.At the time of our inspection of the Motorcycle, its steering system could not be tested (due to damage as a result of the accident). Its brake system was however found to be in serviceable condition.
- 16. Notwithstanding that the steering system could not be tested, the observations gathered from our physical inspection of the Motorcycle had indicated no evidence to suggest possible mechanical failure to the Motorcycle that may have contributed to the accident.



- 17. The tyres of the Motorcycle were found to be in a serviceable condition. There were no tear, cut or burst mark(s) on the outer and the inner sidewalls as well as across the tread of the tyre. It was sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation with remaining tread depth of approximately 2 & 4mm.
- 18.Our findings were based solely on a static and visual inspection of the Motorcycle. No operational test(s) could be carried out to the Motorcycle due to the damage of its front fork (as a result of the accident), which had rendered the Motorcycle immobility.

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