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INSPECTION REPORT OF MOTORCYCLE FBL 936M

1. We refer to your request dated 13 July 2020 to conduct a physical inspection of a motorcycle bearing registration number FBL 936M (herein referred to as "**Motorcycle**"), which was involved in a non- fatal road traffic accident on 11 June 2020.
2. 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.
3. Following the request, we had carried out a physical inspection of the Motorcycle on 14 August 2020 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.

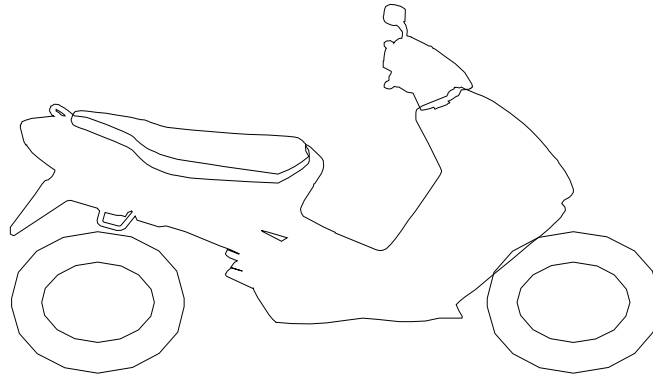
General Condition

4. The mileage of the Motorcycle could not be recorded at the time of our inspection due to a damaged speedometer gauge.
5. The Motorcycle was observed to have sustained damages all around. The body parts that were found to have been damaged include its head cowling, front mudguard, side cowlings, handlebar, side mirrors, petrol tank, right pillion footrest, left rear side cover and exhaust muffler, amongst others.

Tyres and Wheel Rims

6. The condition of the 2 tyres of the Motorcycle was observed to be in serviceable condition. 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. Both the tyres were observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation.

7. The tyre brand, tyre size and remaining tread depth of the 2 tyres were recorded as follows:-



Pirelli 140/70 - 17 (3mm)

Pirelli 110/70 - 17 (3mm)

8. The 2 tyres were wrapped around alloy wheel rims. At the time of our inspection, we did not observe any visible damage on the front and rear wheel rim of the Motorcycle. See photos 1 – 15 below.



Photo 1 shows the damaged speedometer gauge of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident. Hence, we were unable to record the mileage of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection.



Photo 2 shows a general view of the rear portion of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The Motorcycle was observed to have sustained damages all around.



Photo 3 shows a general view of the frontal portion of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The Motorcycle was observed to have sustained damages all around.



Photo 4 shows a general view of the left body of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The Motorcycle was observed to have sustained damages all around. Amongst the body parts that were found to have been damaged include its head cowl, front mudguard, side cowlings, handlebar, side mirrors, petrol tank, right pillion footrest, left rear side cover and exhaust muffler, amongst others.

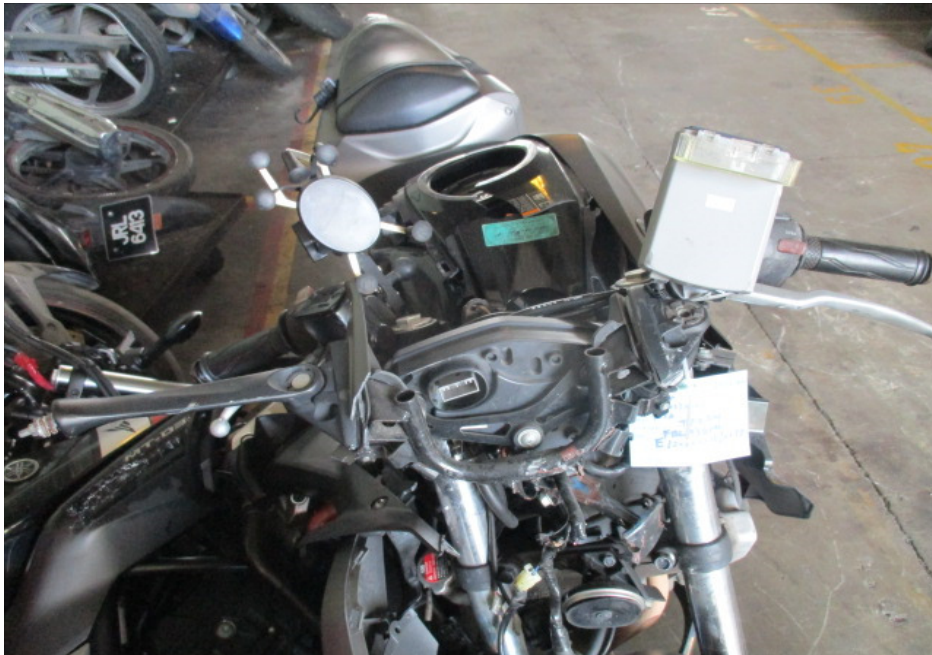


Photo 5 shows a closer view of the missing head cowl and headlight assembly of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident.



Photo 6 shows a closer view of the front mudguard (arrowed) which was amongst the body parts at the front body of the Motorcycle that had sustained damage as a result of the accident.



Photo 7 shows a closer view of the cracked left cowling of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident.



Photo 8 shows a closer view of the handlebar, front brake lever, side mirrors and clutch lever which were amongst the body parts of the Motorcycle that had sustained damage as a result of the accident.



Photo 9 shows a closer view of the cracked right cowling of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident.



Photo 10 shows a closer view of the right pillion foot peg (circled) which was amongst the body parts of the Motorcycle that had sustained damage as a result of the accident.



Photo 11 shows the deformed left rear side cover of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident (circled).



Photo 12 shows a closer view of the exhaust muffler which was amongst the body parts of the Motorcycle that had sustained damages of grazing nature as a result of the accident.



Photo 13 shows the dented petrol tank of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident.



Photo 14 shows the condition of the Motorcycle's front tyre. The front tyre was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 3mm. There was no tear, burst mark(s) and/or punctured hole(s) on the sidewalls as well as across the tread of the front tyre.



Photo 15 shows the condition of the Motorcycle's rear tyre. The rear tyre was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 3mm. The tyre was also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. 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 rear tyre.

Engine & Drive Train

9. Upon examination of the Motorcycle's engine area, we had observed that the various engine related parts and components were intact with no visible damage. There was also no sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leak observed around the engine area of the Motorcycle.
10. The gear chain of the Motorcycle was found to be intact without any misalignment. It was also adequately lubricated for operating purposes. See photos 16 – 19 below.



Photo 16 shows the left side of the engine of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The various engine related parts and components were found to be intact with no visible damage. There was also no sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leak observed around the left engine area of the Motorcycle.



Photo 17 shows the right side of the engine of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The various engine related parts and components were found to be intact with no visible damage. There was also no sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leak observed around the right engine area of the Motorcycle.



Photo 18 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 19 shows a closer 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.

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 to its fork assembly. The left front fork was observed to be dented as a result of the accident. Hence we were unable to turn the handle bar towards the left or right.
12. The braking system of the Motorcycle was observed to be of a full hydraulic type, where hydraulic (brake fluid) pressure controls the brake for the front wheel and rear wheel. The brake for the front wheel is engaged by pressing the brake lever at the right side of the Motorcycle's handle bar while the brake for the rear wheel is engaged by stepping on the brake pedal at the right side foot rest of the Motorcycle.
13. Our visual examination of the various components in the Motorcycle's braking system like the brake discs, brake calipers, brake foot pedal and brake hoses revealed all to be intact and without damage. There was also no leakage of brake fluid observed along the brake hoses. This was from the respective brake fluid reservoirs to the front brake caliper and rear brake caliper of the Motorcycle. The brake fluid for the front and rear brake was found to be of sufficiently level for operational purposes and without any contamination.

14. However the front brake lever was jammed as a result of the accident.
15. Static brake tests could not be conducted on the front brake of the Motorcycle due to the jammed brake lever. Hence we were unable to indicate if there was any leakage of pressure/vacuum in the front brake system.
16. Static brake tests conducted on the rear brake of the Motorcycle had appear to indicate that the rear braking system of the Motorcycle was in serviceable condition. There was some resistance felt (spongy like feel) upon stepping on the brake pedal. This would indicate that there is no leakage of pressure/vacuum in the rear brake system.
17. We subsequently carried out an operational test of the Motorcycle's rear braking system. This was done by manually pushing the Motorcycle forward and backward, simulating the Motorcycle in motion, and thereafter engaging the rear brake of the Motorcycle. At the end of the short operational test, we did not observe any abnormal behaviour of the Motorcycle's rear braking system. The rear wheel of the Motorcycle was able to stop rotating immediately upon depressing the brake pedal.
18. In general, the observations gathered during the brake test had indicated that only the rear braking system of the Motorcycle was in serviceable condition. See photos 20 – 26 below.

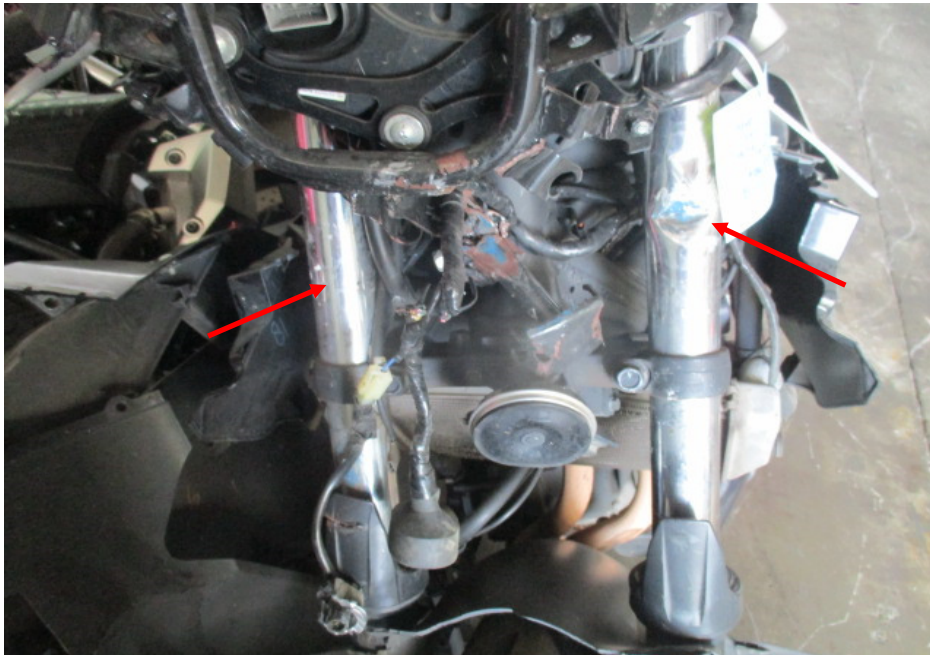


Photo 20 shows the front forks (arrowed) of the Motorcycle. The left front fork was observed to be dented as a result of the accident. Hence we were unable to turn the handle bar towards the left or right.

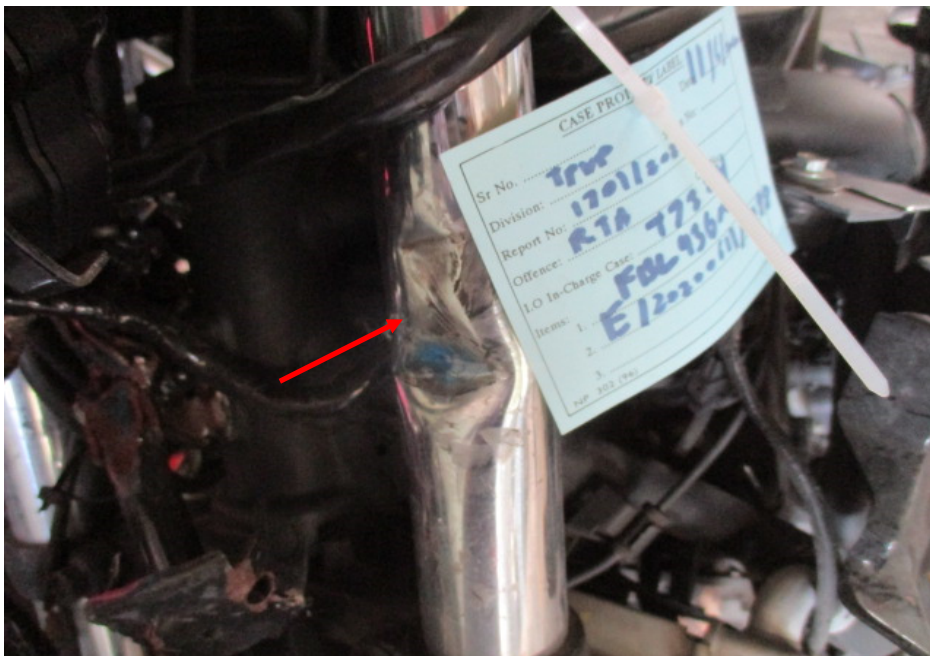


Photo 21 shows a closer view of the dented left front fork of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident (arrowed). Hence we were not able to conduct any test(s) on the steering system of the Motorcycle



Photo 22 shows a close up view of the front brake caliper, front brake disc and front brake hose (arrowed) of the Motorcycle, which are all part of the components in the hydraulic 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 23 shows the brake fluid reservoir for the front brake of the Motorcycle. The brake fluid was observed to be of sufficient level for operational purposes and without contamination.

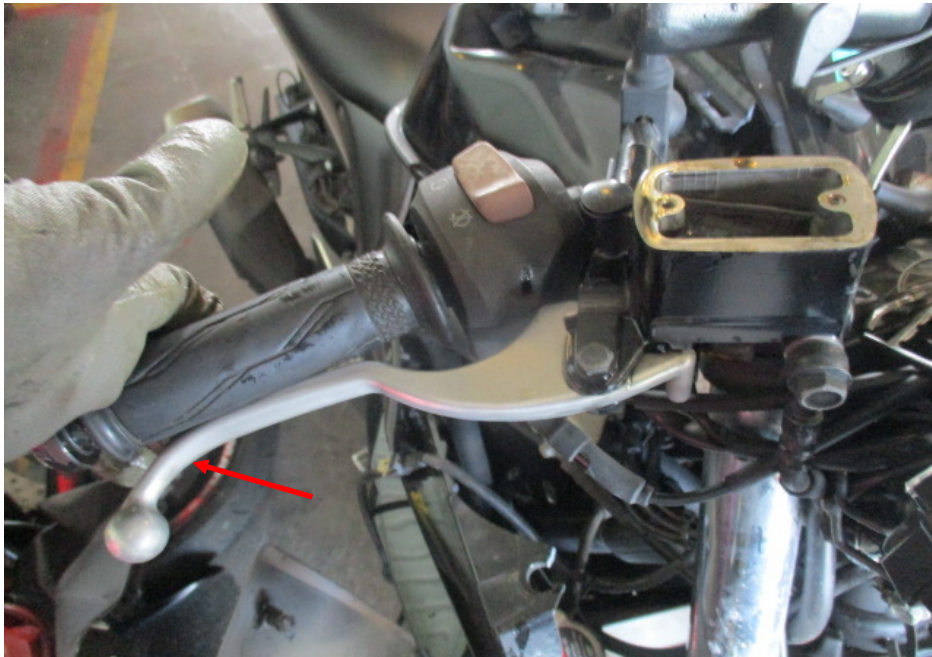


Photo 24 shows the front brake lever. The accident caused the front brake lever to be jammed (arrowed). We were unable to depress the front brake lever. Hence we were unable to indicate if there was any leakage of pressure/vacuum in the brake system.

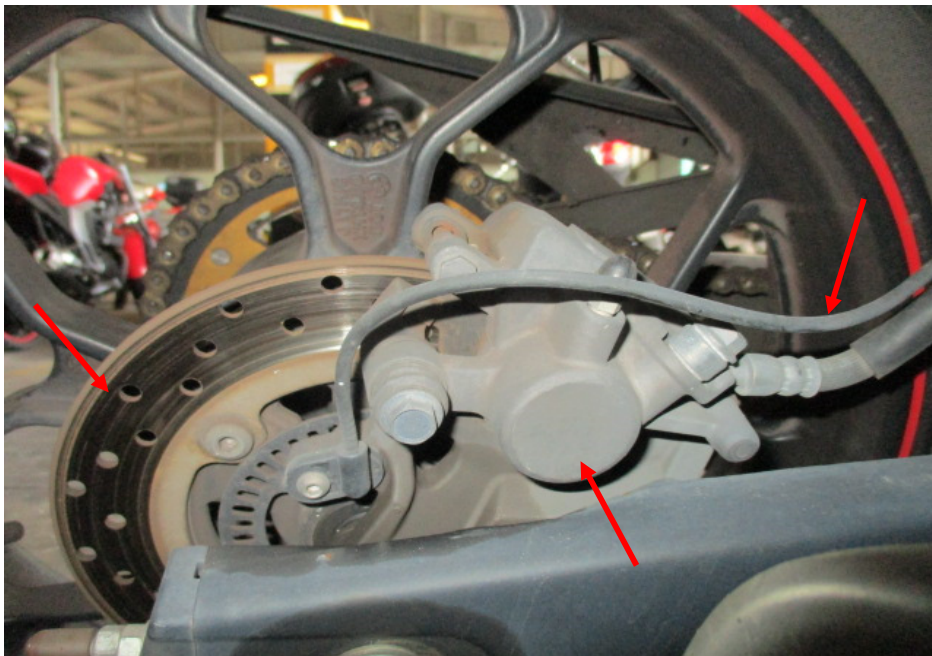


Photo 25 shows a close up view of the rear brake caliper, rear brake disc and rear brake hose (arrowed) of the Motorcycle, which are all part of the components in the hydraulic rear brake system of the Motorcycle. Our visual checks of these various components had revealed all to be intact with no visible damage. No leakage of brake fluid was also observed.



Photo 26 shows the brake fluid reservoir for the rear brake of the Motorcycle. The brake fluid was observed to be of sufficient level and without contamination for operational purposes.

Conclusion

19. For this particular case, we were unable to determine whether there was any possible mechanical failure to the Motorcycle that may have contributed to the accident. This was mainly due to the extent of damage that it had sustained. Its steering system and front braking system was damaged as a result of the accident.
20. Basing on our physical inspection and short operational test of the Motorcycle, it appears that only the rear braking system of the Motorcycle was in serviceable condition. The front braking system was found not to be in serviceable condition.

21. The 2 tyres of the Motorcycle were found to be in serviceable condition. There was no tear, cut or burst mark(s) on the outer and the inner sidewalls as well as across the tread of the 2 tyres. The 2 tyres were sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation with remaining tread depth of approximately 3mm each.

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