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**MECHANICAL INSPECTION REPORT OF MOTORCYCLE SAC 7099D**

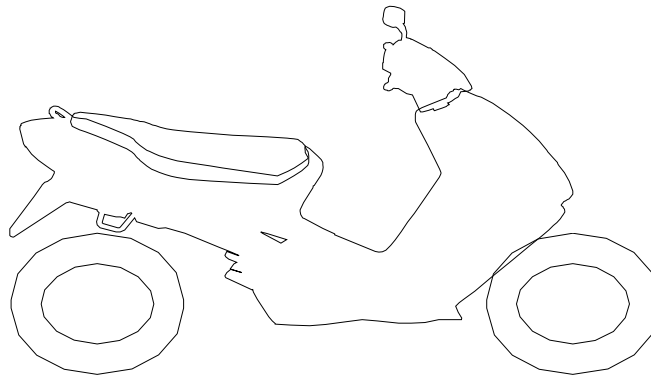
1. We refer to your request on 11 November 2020 to conduct a physical inspection of a motorcycle bearing registration number SAC 7099D (herein referred to as "**Motorcycle**"), which was involved in a fatal road traffic accident on 21 August 2020.
2. The objective of the inspection is to determine if 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 21 December 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 an error code displayed on the speedometer gauge as a result of the accident.
5. The Motorcycle had sustained damages significantly at its frontal portion and left body. Body parts that were found to have been damaged include its windshield, head cowling, front mudguard, handlebars, clutch lever, left handlebar end, petrol tank, left cowling, left front footrest, left pillion foot peg, left swingarm spool, left rear axle slider, rear seat and tail light assembly, 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.
7. Both the tyres were observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. The tyre brand, tyre size and remaining tread depth of the 2 tyres of the Motorcycle were recorded as follows:-



Bridgestone 180/55 R17 (3mm)

Bridgestone 120/70 R17 (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 – 16 below.



**Photo 1** shows a closer view of the speedometer gauge of the Motorcycle. The mileage of the Motorcycle could not be recorded at the time of our inspection due to an error code displayed on the speedometer gauge as a result of the accident (circled).



**Photo 2** 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 at its frontal portion and left body.





**Photo 3** 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 at its frontal portion and left body. The body parts that were found to have been damaged include its windshield, head cowling, front mudguard, handlebars, clutch lever, left handlebar end, petrol tank, left cowling, left front footrest, left pillion foot peg, left swingarm spool, left rear axle slider, rear seat and tail light assembly, amongst others.



**Photo 4** shows a closer view of the cracked windshield (arrowed) of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident.



**Photo 5** shows a closer view of the cracked head cowl of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident (circled).

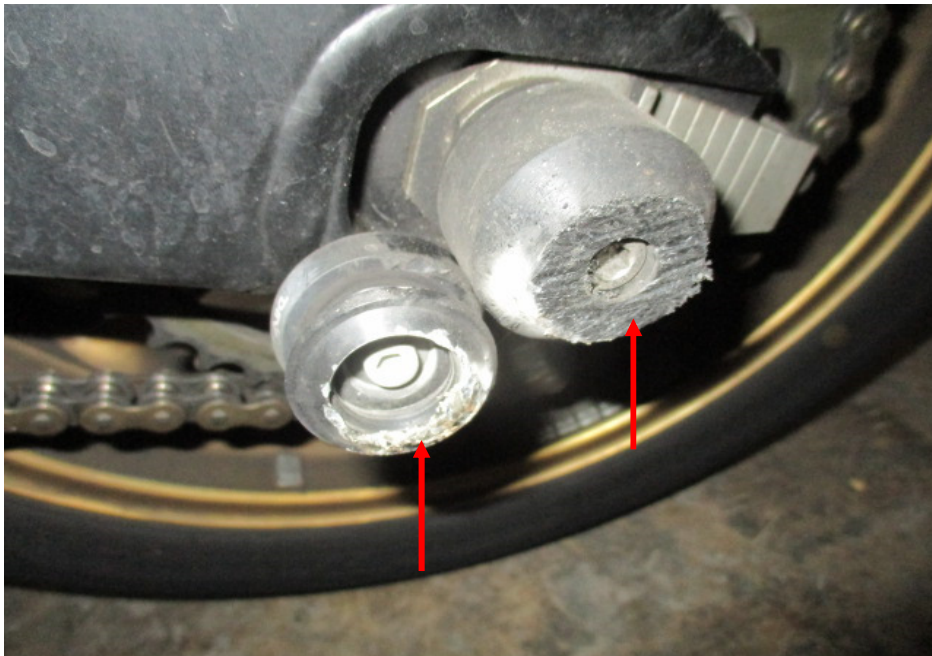


**Photo 6** shows a closer view of the front mudguard, which was amongst the body parts of the Motorcycle that had sustained damage as a result of the accident (circled).





**Photo 7** shows a closer view of the clutch lever (arrowed) and left handlebar end (circled) which were amongst the body parts at the front body of the Motorcycle that had sustained damage as a result of the accident.



**Photo 8** shows the left swingarm spool and left rear axle slider which were amongst the body parts at the rear of the Motorcycle that had sustained damages of grazing nature as a result of the accident (arrowed).



**Photo 9** shows a closer view of the petrol tank, which was amongst the body parts of the Motorcycle that had sustained damage as a result of the accident (circled).



**Photo 10** shows a closer view of the left cowling which was amongst the body parts of the Motorcycle that had sustained damage as a result of the accident.





**Photo 11** shows a closer view of the broken left front footrest (circled) which was amongst the body parts of the Motorcycle that had sustained damage as a result of the accident.



**Photo 12** shows a closer view of the left pillion foot peg (circled) 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 broken tail light assembly of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident (arrowed).



**Photo 14** shows the dislodged rear seat of the Motorcycle of the Motorcycle as a result of the accident (arrowed).



**Photo 15** 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. 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 front tyre.



**Photo 16** 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 engine area of the Motorcycle, we had observed that the various engine related parts and components on the right side of the Motorcycle were intact with no visible damage. There was also no fluid leak and/or fluid stain found around the right engine area of the Motorcycle. The various left engine components had sustained damage of grazing nature as a result of the accident however the engine components were still intact. There was also no fluid leak and/or fluid stain found around the left engine area of the Motorcycle.
10. The gear chain of the Motorcycle, which rotates the rear wheel of the Motorcycle, was found to be in serviceable condition and without any misalignment. It was also adequately lubricated for operating purposes. See photos 17 – 20 below.



**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.

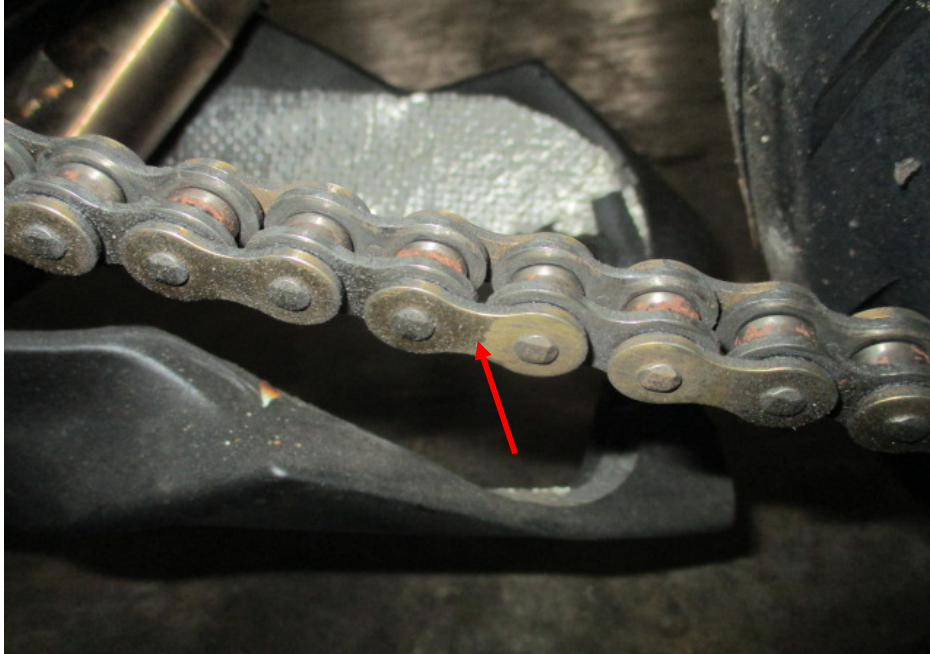




**Photo 18** shows the left side of the engine of the Motorcycle at the time of our inspection. The various left engine components had sustained damage of grazing nature as a result of the accident (circled) however the engine components were still intact. There was also no fluid leak and/or fluid stain found around the left engine area of the Motorcycle.



**Photo 19** shows the gear chain (arrowed) of the Motorcycle, which was observed to be intact with no misalignment. It was also adequately lubricated for operating purposes. The gear chain rotates the rear wheel of the Motorcycle.

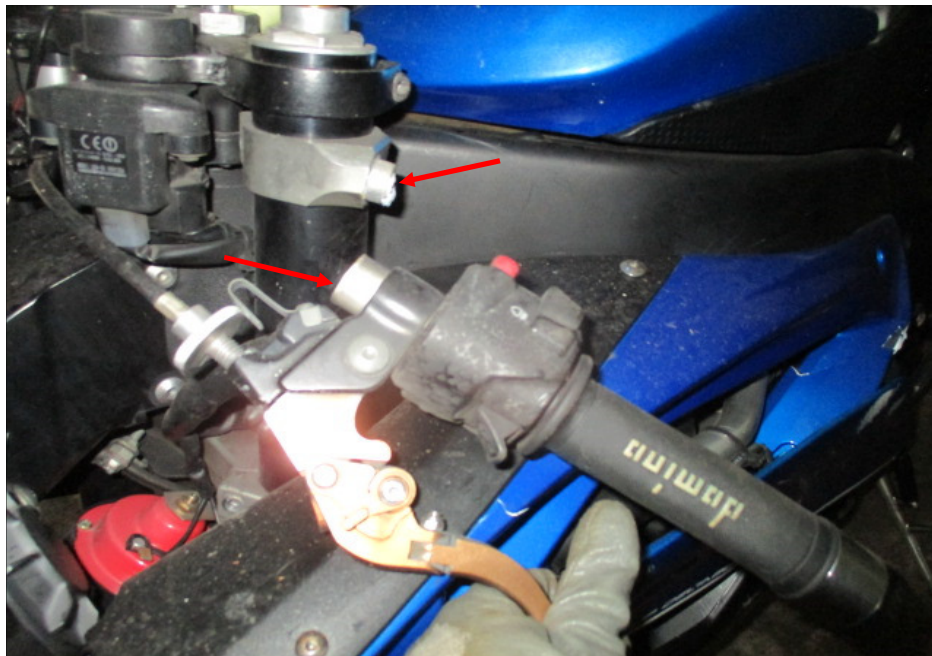


**Photo 20** shows the closer view of the gear chain (arrowed) of the Motorcycle, which was observed to be intact with no misalignment. It was also adequately lubricated for operating purposes.

### **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 handlebar. The left handlebar was found to be broken as a result of the accident.
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 lever, 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 brake and rear brake was also found to be of sufficiently level and without any contamination.

14. Static brake tests conducted on the Motorcycle had appear to indicate that the braking system of the Motorcycle was in serviceable condition. There was some resistance felt (spongy like feel) upon pressing the brake lever and upon stepping on the rear brake pedal. This would indicate that there was no leakage of pressure/vacuum in the brake system.
15. We subsequently carried out an operational test of the Motorcycle's braking system. This was done by manually pushing the Motorcycle forward and backward, simulating the Motorcycle in motion, and thereafter engaging the front brake and rear brake of the Motorcycle. At the end of the short operational test, we did not observe any abnormal behaviour of the Motorcycle's braking system. The front wheel and rear wheel of the Motorcycle were able to stop rotating immediately upon depressing the brake lever and stepping on the brake pedal.
16. In general, the observations gathered during the brake test had indicated that the braking system of the Motorcycle was in serviceable condition. See photos 21 – 27 below.



**Photo 21** shows the left handlebar of the Motorcycle. The left handlebar (arrowed) was observed to be broken as a result of the accident (arrowed). We were hence not able to conduct any tests 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) at the right side of the Motorcycle's front wheel, 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 a close up view of the front brake caliper, front brake disc and front brake hose (arrowed) at the left side of the Motorcycle's front wheel, 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.

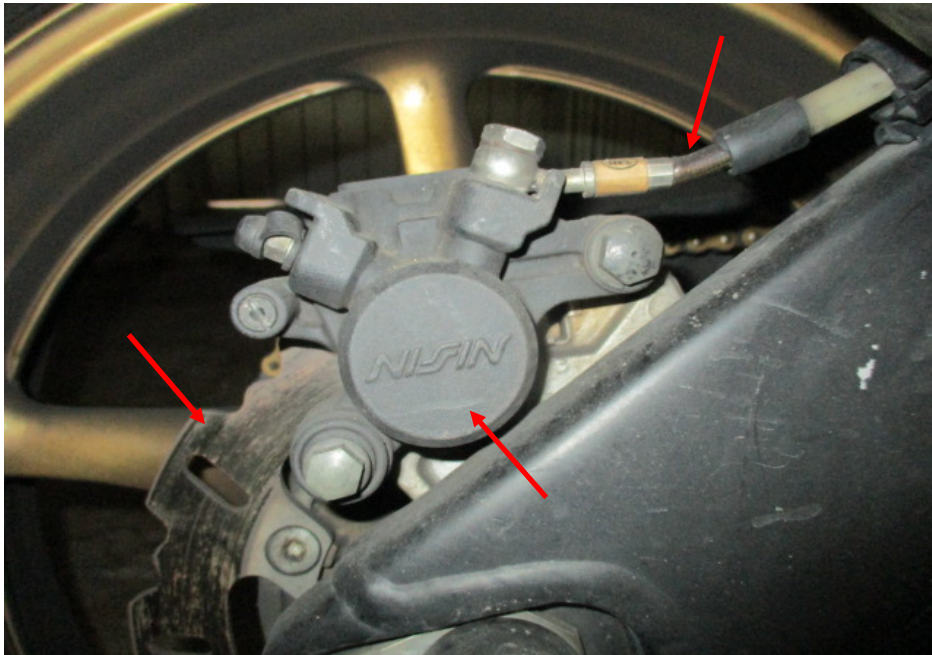


**Photo 24** shows the brake fluid reservoir for the front brake of the Motorcycle. The brake fluid was observed to be of sufficient level and without contamination for operational purposes.



**Photo 25** shows the front brake lever being depressed. There was some resistance felt (spongy like feel) upon pressing the front brake lever (arrowed). This would indicate that there is no leakage of pressure/vacuum in the brake system.





**Photo 26** 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 27** 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**

17. 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 was damaged as a result of the accident. The braking system of the Motorcycle was observed to be in serviceable condition.
18. 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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