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How many hours has your bike done – honestly? Chances are you have no idea. Even those who log hours in little black books won't be spot-on accurate. The solution is here – well it's been here for a few years now but just recently, we went and got the full report.

Nigel Duff, the man behind the Motominder is your typical Kiwi garage fixer. An Industrial Electrician by trade, his shed is full with engines, exhausts and a few bucket racers that he himself is quite handy on. Oh he also rides dirt bikes too so no worries there. He has spent some time in Europe working as a 500cc GP mechanic, helping tune the bikes and crafting expansion chambers from scratch to get the best out of the engines.

"I first dreamt the idea up in 2002 when acquiring a TM300 from Norm Cobb" Nigel explains. "I asked him how many hours were on the bike and he didn't know."

Nigel then set about, using his electrical background, making the prototype motominder in his backyard garage – the first one being blue. As for the name Motominder. "Well Norm actually came up with that name."

The first year of production came straight out of his small Epsom

shed, and the idea was to try and get the engine hour meter out to the public for around \$100. They currently sell in stores for anything between \$130-\$160, depending on what store you visit.

What are the benefits of the Motominder you might be wondering? Well with the introduction of high performance four-strokes that now many people are riding, the need for serious maintenance is paramount to a long lasting engine. If you read your user manuals, some say as often as 15-20 hours is when your first top end should be done? For the small cost of Motominder and doing regular timed engine servicing, that alone can potentially save you hundred if not thousands of dollars in repair bills. Not to mention an increased resale value because the Motominder logs in the installation date and tells them when it was fitted, and thus provides a reference for the hours displayed. Obviously you are still relying on the owner



to have been honest and not disconnected it at any time, but you get the drift.

Currently, Motominder is sold all over the world, with a high demand across the whole of Europe. Places like the USA, Canada, France, Italy, Germany, Greece, Portugal, Sweden and Latvia, just to name a few bulk up in Motominders as the demand is there. Those Euros obviously have a good keen sense of keeping their bikes in good nick! And with a two year warranty and 10 year battery life – its some of the best cash you can spend on your motorcycle.

Where can I get one from you may be asking? Well if your local

shop doesn't stock them, which they should, they will now be able to get one in for you at the drop of a hat. Sports Pro have jumped in behind Nigel and his Kiwi born Motominder and are helping with the NZ distribution nationwide. So wherever you can get Fox clothing, Motominder won't be far away. Visit www.motominder.com for more information on this engine saving product.

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