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Motorcycle Safety Hand Signals

Motorcycle hand signals are important for all riders to know and understand but especially when riding in a group. (When riding in a group the signals should be relayed back through the group.)

 <p>START ENGINES With your right or left arm extended, move your index finger in a circular motion.</p>	 <p>SLOW DOWN Extend your left arm at a 45 degree angle and move your hand up and down.</p>
 <p>LEFT TURN Raise your left arm horizontal with your elbow fully extended.</p>	 <p>STOP Extend your left arm at a 45 degree angle with the palm of your hand facing rearward.</p>
 <p>RIGHT TURN Raise your left arm horizontal with your elbow bent 90 degrees vertically.</p>	 <p>SINGLE FILE Position your left hand over your helmet with your fingers extended upward. This indicates the leader wants the group in a single file formation. Usually this is done for safety reasons.</p>
 <p>HAZARD LEFT Extend your left arm at a 45 degree angle and point towards the hazard or point with left foot.</p>	 <p>STAGGERED or SIDE-BY-SIDE FORMATION Extend your left arm upward at a 45 degree angle with your index and pinkie finger extended. This indicate that it is safe to return to staggered formation.</p>
 <p>HAZARD RIGHT Extend your right arm at a 45 degree angle and point towards the hazard or point with right foot.</p>	 <p>TIGHTEN UP Raise your left arm and repeatedly move up and down in a pulling motion. This indicates the leader wants the group to close ranks.</p>
 <p>SPEED UP Raise your left arm up and down with your index finger extended upward. This indicates the leader wants to speed up.</p>	 <p>TICKED OFF Extend your left arm straight out with your elbow bent 90 degrees. Carefully extend your middle finger to clearly demonstrate your dissatisfaction with the other guy. NOTE: It is not recommended you do this when you are alone.</p>