



RIDER SKILL TEST (RST) – AUTOMATIC FAILURES

Document

- Missing or expired motorcycle temporary instruction permit (TIP).
- Missing or expired Michigan driver license (cycle endorsement TIP is not valid without accompanying license).
- Missing or expired motorcycle license plate or registration.
- Missing or expired vehicle insurance for that particular test cycle.
- No rental agreement for a rental test cycle.
- Missing permission letter for a cycle with a dealer plate.
- Vehicle presented for test is not a motorcycle—e.g., has a moped decal or meets the legal definition of a moped.

Equipment

- Improper helmet or no helmet.* Helmet must be certified by DOT, Snell, US, or ANGI, or equipped with at least 1” of appropriate foam lining and a sturdy, thick, well-riveted chin strap (includes 3-wheeled cycles).
- Applicant removes helmet during the test—except when the examiner is reading instructions or speaking to the applicant.
- Inoperative or missing rear brake light.
- No permanently mounted rider seat.
- Handlebars higher than 15 inches from the handle grips, measured vertically over the lowest point of the unoccupied seat to a horizontal line extending from the grips. (Do not measure directly from the seat to the grips.)

Performance

- Applicant repeatedly and purposely fails to follow an instruction: If an applicant fails to follow an examiner’s instructions, the examiner will give the applicant a verbal warning and ask the applicant to repeat the exercise. If the applicant fails to attempt to follow the same instructions twice, it will result in an automatic skills test failure. (The examiner may determine an applicant made a good faith attempt and allow another attempt.)
- Applicant refuses to perform or attempt any maneuver in good faith: The examiner will give a verbal warning, then fail the applicant if he or she does not attempt to follow the examiner’s instructions.
- Applicant accumulates four engine stalls during the test.
- Applicant drops or crashes the bike any time during the test.
- Applicant commits an unsafe act putting the examiner and/or applicant at risk. These acts include but are not limited to “wheelies,” “brakies,” or standing on foot pegs during an exercise.
- Applicant puts foot down during 3W test.

Other Reasons to terminate the RST

- If an applicant offers the examiner a bribe or gratuity, the examiner must immediately terminate the test and report the incident to MDOS.

Examiners must always thoroughly explain the reason for any automatic failure in the Comments section of the RST score sheet.

REMINDER: DO NOT TEST AUTOCYCLES.

A person may operate an autocycle without a cycle endorsement.

* A rider with a motorcycle TIP is not eligible under Michigan law to operate without a helmet.