The results of a survey on road closures & motorcycle noise



Brussels, 4 October 2018

In several European countries (like Germany and the Netherlands) more and more roads are closed for motorcycles, *partly* due to complaints about excessive motorcycle noise.

With a short survey FEMA wanted to find out how motorcyclist think about this subject, so that our member organizations are aware of the sentiments of their individual members and/or online followers.

FEMA conducted an online survey from Tuesday 14 August until Monday 3 September 2018. The results of this survey have been presented to the FEMA Committee in preparation of a discussion on this subject at the FEMA Committee meeting on Saturday 29 September 2018.

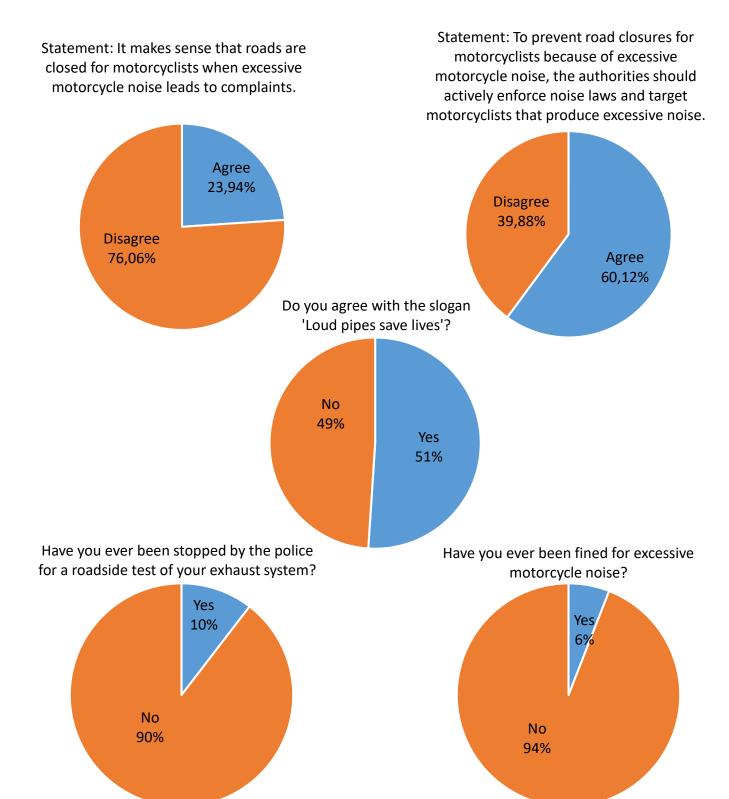
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On the first four pages you will find the total results of the survey. Starting from page five you will find the results per country with a FEMA member organization.

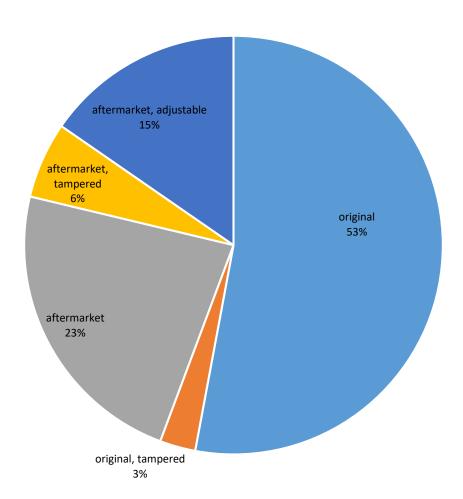
In total we received 9,759 responses.

Age group of the respondents:

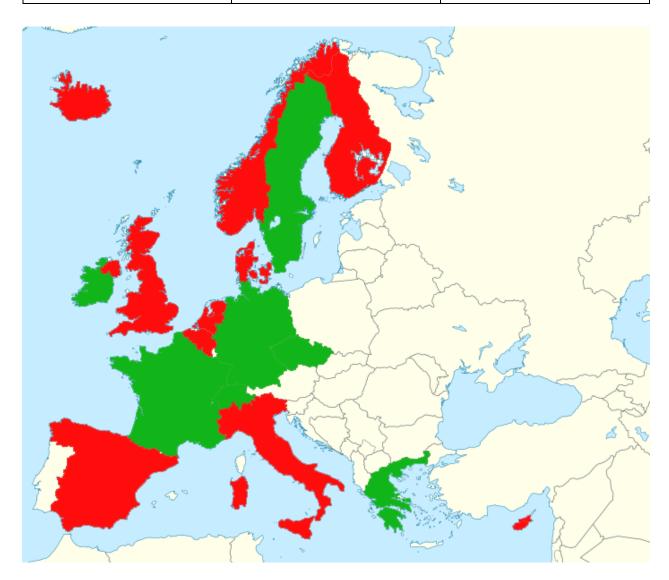
- 16-30 years 23% - 31-45 years 31% - 46-60 years 35% - 61 years or higher 11%



- 53% of the respondent use the original exhaust system
- 23% of the respondents use an aftermarket exhaust system
- 3% of the respondents use an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 6% of the respondents use an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 15% of the respondents use an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed



Loud pipes save lives (responses from FEMA countries)	Agree	Disagree
	Czech Republic (67%)	Spain (70%)
	Germany (61%)	United Kingdom (66%)
	Greece (58%)	Belgium (64%)
	Switzerland (58%)	Denmark (62%)
	France (57%)	Cyprus (57%)
	Ireland (57%)	Italy (56%)
	Sweden (54%)	Finland (55%)
		Norway (55%)
		Iceland (53%)
		Netherlands (52%)



Results for Belgium

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	13.95%
- 31-45 years	32.05%
- 46-60 years	43.62%
- 61 years or higher	10.39%

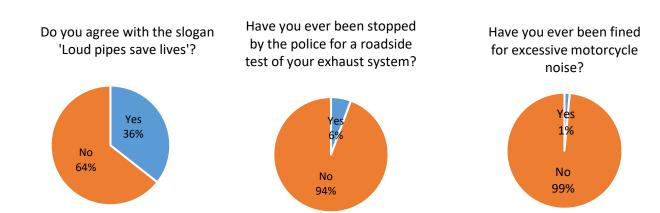
Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 26% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 74% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 74% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 26% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

- 58.75% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 0.3% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 27.3% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 1.78% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 11.87% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed



Results for Cyprus

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	14.29%
- 31-45 years	57.14%
- 46-60 years	28.57%
- 61 years or higher	0%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 29% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 71% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

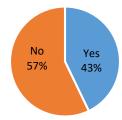
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 71% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 29% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

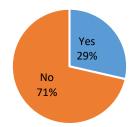
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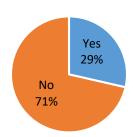
- 57.14% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 0% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 28.57% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 14.29% of the respondents has an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 0% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for the Czech Republic

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	8.33%
- 31-45 years	58.33%
- 46-60 years	25.00%
- 61 years or higher	8.33%

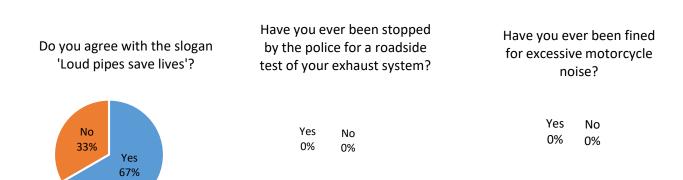
Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 17% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 83% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 75% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 25% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

- 58.33% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 0% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 25% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 0% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 16.67% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed



Results for Denmark

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	11.53%
- 31-45 years	34.09%
- 46-60 years	43.11%
- 61 years or higher	11.28%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 23% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 77% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

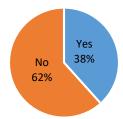
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 67% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 33% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

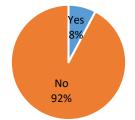
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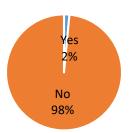
- 61.4% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 1.5% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 28.82% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 3.51% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 4.76% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Finland

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	16.36%
- 31-45 years	34.55%
- 46-60 years	41.82%
- 61 years or higher	7.27%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 18% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 82% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

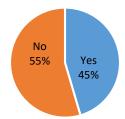
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 69% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 31% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

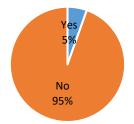
What sort of exhaust system does your (main) motorcycle have?

- 60% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 1.82% of the respondents has an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 27.27% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 3.64% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 7.27% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for France

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	28.80%
- 31-45 years	31.91%
- 46-60 years	30.90%
- 61 years or higher	8.39%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 23% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 77% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

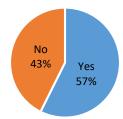
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 56% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 44% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

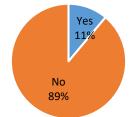
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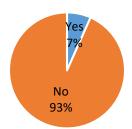
- 48.56% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 3.06% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 21.89% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 7.1% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 19.39% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Germany

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	27.73%
- 31-45 years	26.48%
- 46-60 years	34.27%
- 61 years or higher	11.53%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 21% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 79% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

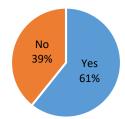
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 50.47% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 49.53% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

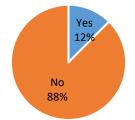
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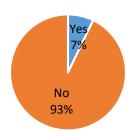
- 46.73% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 4.05% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 22.74% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 5.3% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 21.18% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Greece

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	29.17%
- 31-45 years	29.17%
- 46-60 years	37.50%
- 61 years or higher	4.17%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 12% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 88% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

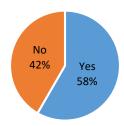
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 54% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 46% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

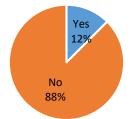
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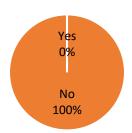
- 37.50% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 0% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 25% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 8.33% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 29.17% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Iceland

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	15.79%
- 31-45 years	21.05%
- 46-60 years	36.84%
- 61 years or higher	26.32%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 42% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 58% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

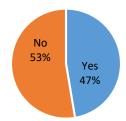
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- 68% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 32% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

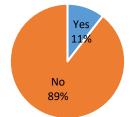
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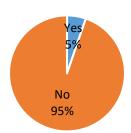
- 57.89% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 0% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 15.79% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 5.26% of the respondents has an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 21.05% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Ireland

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	32.20%
- 31-45 years	25.42%
- 46-60 years	27.97%
- 61 years or higher	14.41%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

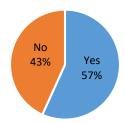
- 17% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 83% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

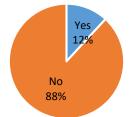
- 53% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 47% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

- 47.46% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 4.24% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 19.49% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 9.32% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 19.49% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

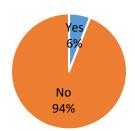
Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?



Have you ever been fined for excessive motorcycle noise?



Results for Italy

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	14%
- 31-45 years	34%
- 46-60 years	36%
- 61 years or higher	16%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 22% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 78% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

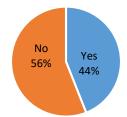
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 56% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 44% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

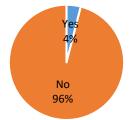
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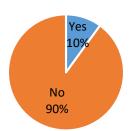
- 50% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 0% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 34% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 4% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 12% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for The Netherlands

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	18.15%
- 31-45 years	29.83%
- 46-60 years	38.04%
- 61 years or higher	13.97%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 27% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 73% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

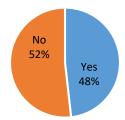
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 63% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 37% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

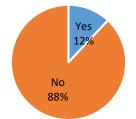
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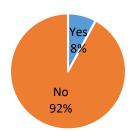
- 55.09% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 3.39% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 23.6% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 4.81% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 13.1% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Norway

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	17.65%
- 31-45 years	24.37%
- 46-60 years	41.18%
- 61 years or higher	16.81%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 29% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 71% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

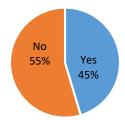
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 61% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 39% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

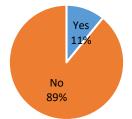
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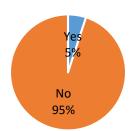
- 48.74% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 1.68% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 30.25% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 5.04% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 14.29% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Spain

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	5.71%
- 31-45 years	43.64%
- 46-60 years	45.71%
- 61 years or higher	4.94%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 21% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 79% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

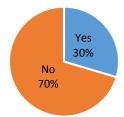
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 74% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 26% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

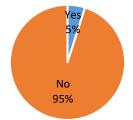
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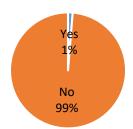
- 75.58% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 0.26% of the respondents has an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 17.92% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 1.56% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 4.68% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Sweden

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	24.52%
- 31-45 years	30.70%
- 46-60 years	34.33%
- 61 years or higher	10.45%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 24% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 76% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

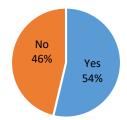
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 57% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 43% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

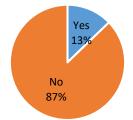
What sort of exhaust system does your (main) motorcycle have?

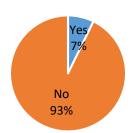
- 47.34% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 3.89% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 23.77% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 11.89% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 13.11% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for Switzerland

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	32.27%
- 31-45 years	28.29%
- 46-60 years	28.69%
- 61 years or higher	10.76%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 27% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 73% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

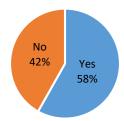
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 56% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 44% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

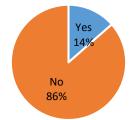
What sort of exhaust system does your (main) motorcycle have?

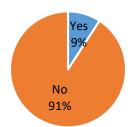
- 51.39% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 2.39% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 25.10% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 7.57% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 13.55% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?





Results for the United Kingdom

Age group of the respondents:

- 16-30 years	9.70%
- 31-45 years	22.86%
- 46-60 years	47.86%
- 61 years or higher	19.57%

Statement: It makes sense that roads are closed for motorcyclists when excessive motorcycle noise leads to complaints.

- 29% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 71% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

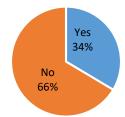
Statement: To prevent road closures for motorcyclists because of excessive motorcycle noise, the authorities should actively enforce noise laws and target motorcyclists that produce excessive noise.

- 74% of the respondents agree with that statement
- 26% of the respondents do not agree with that statement

What sort of exhaust system does your (main) motorcycle have?

- 67.43% of the respondents have the original exhaust system
- 1.15% of the respondents have an original exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 22.37% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system
- 2.96% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that was tampered with to make it louder
- 6.09% of the respondents have an aftermarket exhaust system that can be adjusted, for instance by a valve that can be opened or closed

Do you agree with the slogan 'Loud pipes save lives'?



Have you ever been stopped by the police for a roadside test of your exhaust system?

