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## World record 400 metres dash

Most people learn to ride motorcycles because they are looking for an easy transport, a bit of thrills and a great hobby. Of course, there is always someone who puts things to the extreme. Driving around on a country road, meeting friends, doing charity rides, and taking part in massive rallies that conquer entire cities in North Dakota is not enough for these people. No, these flyers have to make their leather-clad brothers look like slackers by setting motorcycle world records. The beauty of world records is that there is one for pretty much everything. The beauty of motorcycles is that there is a bike, a trick, a speed or a style for pretty much every situation. So when you put together motorcycles and world records, you have a pretty limitless supply of records to set. People all over the world (including a large number from India) have tried to put their hands on whatever motorcycle world records they can. Here are 10 weird, exciting and breathtaking motorcycle world records. Advertising content Proper headgear for safe motorcycling is a helmet. But what is the right headgear for the safe balancing of a motorcycle on the head? Well, that is still open to debate. It's a question that most people haven't considered, but then again, most people don't try to set the world record for balancing a motorcycle on their head. Most people are not so daring. If you are Gerard Jessie, the only headgear you need to balance a motorcycle on your head is the motorcycle itself. According to Record Setter, Jessie holds the current world record for balancing a motorcycle on a person's head. In the video of the feat, Jessie balances a small motorcycle on her head for 14.93 seconds. You might think that a balancing act of less than 15 seconds sounds underwhelming, but remember that even the lightest bikes weigh about 136 kg. Want to take Jessie? Start building these neck muscles and find friends who don't mind dropping their bikes. Harley-Davidson owners have a reputation for being a little wild. Although their bikes are commonly referred to as pigs and hold back one of Milwaukee's, Wisconsin's famous V-Twin machines aren't what most people think when they think they're holding back a wild one. First, a small background. To hold back a motorcycle, climb on it, plant your feet on the ground, grab the handlebars and turn the gas. The rear wheel of the wheel rotates, and your job is to hang for the dear life while you try to get the bike in place This activity is not ideal for your tires, but it is a popular competition at biker rallies. The current world record holder is Juli Moody, who held back a running Harley for one minute, 4.53 seconds – then he probably got a lot of drinks [Source: Record Setter]. And this is not Moody's only motorcycle world record: she also holds the world record as a woman, the two two Motorcycles the longest and for the heaviest vehicle towed by a woman. Not surprisingly, Moody also holds the world record because he is the female with the largest biceps [sources: Record Setter, Record Setter]. Advertising You can get to a pretty high altitude by plane or helicopter, but that's way too easy. Walking, on the other hand, is far too difficult. What is a semi-lazy record setter to do, especially if riding a mountain goat is not on your alley? Get on a motorbike, of course. That is exactly what six members of the North Calcutta Disha Motorcycle Club have done. They saddled up and drove 20,488 feet, 9 inches (6,245 meters) of the Changchemno Mountain Range near Marsemikla, India. Each member of the group rode a Honda Hero. To prove they really did, their claim was confirmed by GPS records and the Indian Border Patrol [Source: Guinness World Records]. Advertising The group had to contend not only with less than optimal roads, but also with the defects of motorcycle engines. Given the thin air at higher altitudes and how temperamental most motorcycle engines can be to get the right air and fuel mix, this is an incredibly impressive feat and much more challenging than riding a motorcycle on a hill you've ever experienced. Making a wheelie on a motorcycle is a risky stunt, but it also looks badly cool and will impress everyone you know – remember how awesome it would be to break out at your next block party. Wait, no, don't listen to us. Don't try to make a wheelie yourself. You will probably fall on your stern and destroy your bike. While a wheelie looks cool, learning how to make you usually make most people look pretty stupid. You will look especially stupid to do a wheelie next to Yasuyuki Kudo, who holds the world record for the longest motorcycle wheelie. While most people scream that someone is holding their beer, Kudo takes power. In 1991, he made a 331-kilometer wheelie at the Japan Auto Research Institute [Source: Fivella]. Considering that most motorcyclists need a coffee break after 100 miles (161 kilometers) in the saddle, Kudo's record is an impressive feat of endurance, dexterity and general toughness. Advertisers Those of us who write for HowStuffWorks are used to the good life: lavish parties with A-list celebrities, lavish pay and perks like a chocolate fountain in the corporate kitchen (most of this phrase is made up). Still, there are things that go beyond the enchanted life of a HowStuffWorks writer – things like the Ecosse Titanium Fe Ti XX The Fe Ti XX is the most expensive standard bike in the world. Of course, we use the term production loose: only 13 of the motorcycles were produced. However, with a price tag of 300,000 DOLLARS, you won't see the Fe Ti XX sitting in front of your local biker bar on a Wednesday night. Will, this is a bike for the 1 percent. Advertising So, what brings you 300,000 dollars on a motorcycle? A carbon fiber body, Italian leather seat (because your butt would know the difference) and 225 hp. No word on whether Ecosse will throw in a free keyfob when you buy the Fe Ti XX Titanium series, but for 300,000 dollars you can probably afford to buy your own [Source: Said]. For most Americans, a motorcycle is good to move one or maybe two people. Third, if you have a sidecar (or if we're thin, and let's face it, most of us Americans aren't). In other countries, however, motorcycles make family cars, and they do a pretty good job of keeping families and all their equipment on the road. Nevertheless, if you go on a motorcycle for most people, this bike will have to go far beyond the status of a family car and pull the commuter bus service. Not surprisingly, this record comes from a country where motorcycles are used more for easy transportation than for hobbies like those in the United States. The world record for most people on a single motorcycle is 56. Yes, 56 — eight times seven, more than half of a hundred, almost 60 people on a motorcycle. To be honest, I'm not sure you could fit 56 Americans on most city buses. The record was set by the Indian Army Corps of Signals Daredevils Display Team in Jabalpur, India, in 2013 [Source: Guinness World Records]. Advertising The first rule of motorcycling for most people is not to overturn. It's pretty hard to keep control of your bike when you're upside down. Then again, this rule is tipped upside down if you are a motorcycle stunt rider. If that's your job, you want to overturn as often as possible. Travis Pastrana completed his first double backflip on a motorcycle at the 2006 X Games, when he participated in the Moto X Freestyle event. The double backflip has long been seen as a trick no one would ever land, and as Pastrana told ESPN in 2014, there's a good reason for it. The first thing you need to know about the double backflip is that there is simply no way to save yourself, Pastrana said. When you save yourself, you get on your face on a motorcycle. You can't even take a second to see your landing between the flips, because if you do, you won't make it [Source: Bane]. Advertising It goes without saying that double backflip is a trick you shouldn't try at home. Motorcycles are so exciting in part because it feels like you're riding a bike, like you're travelling faster than you do They are connected to every bump, bend and bank in the road. You are out in the wind, exposed to the elements. Unless you go for a land speed record. Then you're probably in a motorcycle that, to be honest, looks more like a hot dog than a bike. Advertising This is the case Rocky Robinson found himself in in At bonnevile salt flats in Utah, he set the world speed record on a motorcycle. On September 25, 2010, Robinson drove his Top Oil-Ack Attack motorcycle into the history books at a lightning-fast 376,363 miles per hour (605,697 km/h) [Source: Guinness World Records]. It's a good thing that he was in a closed motorcycle, because good luck picking the bugs out of his teeth afterwards. Robinson is no stranger to setting speed records. He has already broken the land speed record on a motorcycle twice and set all his records in the span of four years. Sure, you could set a land speed record of 376 miles per hour, but sitting on a bike makes it far too easy. The real challenge is cycling, which you're riding. We're just joking. Controlling a motorcycle requires both feet (one to work the shift lever, one to work the rear brake) and both hands (one to work the gas, one to work the clutch and both). It's quite hard to drive a bike with your feet when you're standing on it, not to mention balancing while you're on a riding bike, it's much harder than balancing while sitting on a riding bike. That's what makes this record so impressive. Advertising The world record for the longest ride standing on a motorcycle is 16 kilometers, or about 9 miles. It was hired by Captain Abhayjit Mehlawat of the Indian Army in 2013 [Source: Guinness World Records]. (Do you see a pattern here? Indians like to get far-off motorcycle world records.) When most of us think about doing things hands-free, we think about talking on the phone in our cars or screaming for instructions from Siri or Cortana. While modern technology hasn't quite fulfilled the promise of user-friendly hands-free devices, it's certainly easier to make a hands-free call than riding a motorcycle without hands. (You can insert your own mandatory look ma! joke here.) The longest uninterrupted motorcycle ride without hands lasted 222 kilometers, or 137.94 miles. The feat was accomplished by Marcello Sarandrea, an Italian [Source: Guinness World Records]. What is impressive about this record is not that he has ridden a motorcycle without hands for almost 138 miles, but that he did it in Rome, Italy. Rome is not known as a city where it is easy to drive a car, let alone a motorcycle without hands. We should give Mr Sarandrea a round of applause. He will probably join in —God knows that he not use his hands to control his bike. What does it take to ride Supercross, one of the fastest, high-flying motorcycle races in the world? HowStuffWorks goes there to find out. The most amazing thing I've learned from research is how many motorcycle world records are held by people from India. As Americans, it's easy to think that with our Marlon Brando Motorcycle Cool Biker aesthetic, we own the motorcycle and the daring tricks that go with it (Evel Knievel comes to mind). In much of the rest of the world, however, motorcycles are not accessories or toys – they are vital means of transport. If you think about it like that, some of these records aren't that surprising. Related Articles Bane, Colin. Travis Pastrana doubles, doubles. Espn. 28, 2014 (June 23, 2015) Justin. Guinness World Records: Two-wheeled successes. Super Streetbike. April 16, 2013 (June 23, 2015) World Records. Driving to the highest altitude (motorcycle). Guinness World Records. (June 23, 2015) motorcycle)Guinness World Records. Longest continuous ride on the seat of a motorcycle. (June 23, 2015) World Records. Longest non-stop motorcycle ride - no hands (June 23, 2015) world records. Most people on a motorcycle. (June 23, 2015) World Records. Motorcycle speed record (fastest motorcycle). 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