TURN&GO WORDS & PICS: Todd Sutherland PUNCTURE REPAIR



So after all these years of getting away with it, it's happened. The bike started feeling funny a while back but just as I came off those straights and peeled into that sweet sweeper, whoa. Yep, I've got a flat tyre.

On the side of the road, just on dark, ordinarily I'd be screwed. Good thing that I bought that 'Turn and Go' tyre repair kit.

EASY FIX

If you've ever changed a tubeless tyre you'll be only too aware of what a mission sorting out a puncture can be. Thankfully with this system, you can forget all about getting out any spanners. Below is the 'Turn and Go' cheat sheet.

- 1. Find and mark the puncture (chalk)
- 2. Pull out the offending item (pliers)
- 3. Screw in the plug and break it off (pliers)
- 4. Screw the adaptor on the valve. Screw in a canister (make sure you slip the sleeve on so you don't cold 'burn' your fingers)
- 5. You may need a couple of canisters for a front tyre, and perhaps three for a rear, at least until you get to service station to check the pressure.

YOU'RE DONE

The great thing about the 'Turn and Go' kit is that everything is there. Pliers, chalk, a wee bag to put it all in and even a plastic glove to keep your hands clean!

To be without the stress of worrying about what I'd do if I was stranded without the 'Turn and Go' kit makes it worth every penny.

We heard of a guy using this kit three times on different punctures on a South Island tour. Reportedly the plugs are still in there. Not something we'd recommend, but testimony to its effectiveness and perhaps how lucky I've been all these years in not getting a puncture.

Michael Old at Drury Tires, tells me that legally an external repair can't get through a warrant. Regardless, these kits are a worthy additional backstop for anybody travelling any kind of distance from immediate roadside assistance.

A basic kit starts at \$46 and these are available from most motorcycle shops, distributed by Dold Industries. KR

Staffer Todd S. putting the Turn & Go puncture/tyre repair kit to the test....







