

KTM TECHNICAL BULLETIN**March 29, 2002****TB 0240****Spoke Nipple Torque Specifications for all Full Size KTM Models and Years.**

Analyses of spoke failures and cracked hubs showed that in most cases the spoke nipples were over tightened and in some cases to a torque that was as much as three times the recommended value.

Spokes nipples tightened with a torque setting that is too high will cause the spokes to fall and hubs to crack.

The recommended torque setting is between 5 Nm (44.2 lbf/in) and 6 Nm (53.1 lbf/in). Never exceed a torque setting above 8 Nm (53.1 lbf/in) or below 3 Nm (44.2 lbf/in).

Do not over tighten the spoke nipples! Correct spoke tension is very important for the stability of the wheels and rider safety.

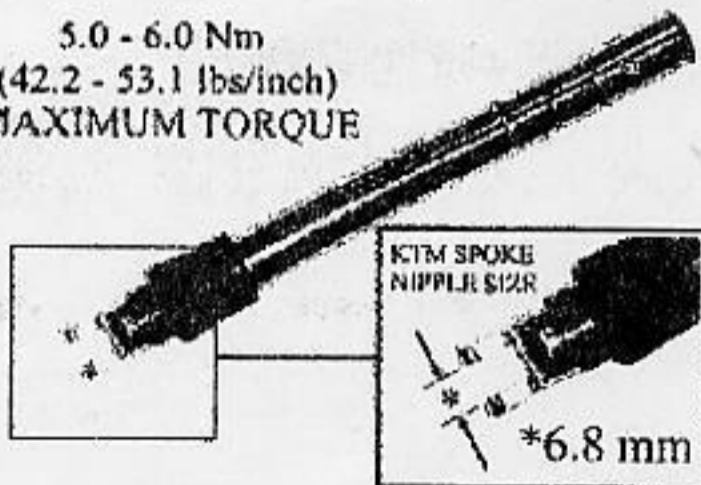
Check spoke tension, especially on a new motorcycle after every two hours of use. Spokes must be checked on motorcycles used in competition before every race.

Failures resulting from improperly maintained wheels and spokes are not covered under warranty.

To ensure the spokes are tightened to the correct torque we suggest using a torque wrench that is similar to the example. *KTM SPOKE NIPPLE TORQUE WRENCH PART NUMBER 951 126.

SPOKE NIPPLE TORQUE WRENCH

5.0 - 6.0 Nm
(42.2 - 53.1 lbs/inch)
MAXIMUM TORQUE



* KTM Part Number 951 126

Not a warranty item.

Specifications subject to change without notification.

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