

## Motorcycle Headlight Precautions

Anyone planning to build the "Headlight Modulator for Cycle Safety" (June 1981) should be aware of the following restrictions and precautions:

(1) In some states (including Maryland), a headlight modulator is illegal except on emergency vehicles. Check the requirements with your state's motor vehicle authorities.

(2) The U.S. Dept. of Transportation and other agencies have conducted tests whose results indicate that the modulator may confuse others rather than identify the motorcycle.

(3) On all recent-model motorcycles the headlights are turned "on" automatically when the starter is activated. Additional aids to cycle conspicuity are bright headgear and clothing and reflective items either worn or on the bike.  
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