Operation Identification

To protect your property from theft and to help ensure its return if recovered, it is important to engrave a driver's license number into your pocket bike for identification. Pocket bikes do not have VIN numbers for DMV or Police Officers to reference. Engravers are available to borrow from the Milpitas P.D. Community Relations Unit. Please fill out this form and keep it in a safe place to be used if your pocket bike is stolen.

Make: ______________________
Model: ______________________
Year: ______________________
Color: ______________________
Number Engraved: ____________
Location Engraved on: ____________

The Milpitas Police Department is committed to the protection of lives and property by working with our community and providing professional and responsive police services.

Don’t get taken for a ride.......
What is a Pocket Bike?

*These mini-motorcycles have roots in Europe as entry-level to the full size GP motorcycle racers. They range in size from 1’4” to 2’2” and are priced from $300 to over $3000 for a race ready bike. Owners manuals clearly state that they are intended for use on closed tracks. Unfortunately, these bikes are being mass marketed as “scooters.”

*Pocket Bikes are actually “motor-driven cycles” as defined in section 405 of the California Vehicle Code. A motor-driven cycle is a motorcycle with an engine displacement of less than 150 cubic centimeters.

*Since pocket bikes are considered motor-driven cycles in the Vehicle Code, they must be registered and insured to be used on the street. The driver must have an endorsement for a motor-driven cycle on their license and wear a DOT motorcycle helmet. However, pocket bikes do not meet Federal safety standards and do not have proper vehicle identification numbers. Because they do not conform to these standards, they cannot be licensed and must be used only on private property or closed courses. They can never be used on the street or sidewalk.

*Regardless of what the dealer tells you, they are not scooters.

* Drive a pocket bike on the road and you will be stopped and may be cited for several violations, including an unsafe vehicle (24004 CVC). The officer may also tow the bike under section 22651 (O) CVC, as an unregistered vehicle, and 22651 (P) CVC, if you are not properly licensed. If you are unlicensed, your pocket bike may be impounded for up to 30 days. The fees for that impound can be $1300 or more.