

# Army in Europe Regulation 190-1

(Motorcycle Requirements Excerpt)

## Driver and Vehicle Requirements and the Installation Traffic Code for the U.S. Forces in Germany

- **Applicability.** This publication applies to—
- Members of the U.S. Forces (Army, Navy, and Air Force) and the civilian component (including Family members) who are assigned to or employed within the geographic boundaries of Germany and who are authorized a U.S. Forces certificate of license and POV registration privileges under [AE Regulation 600-700](#).
- Personnel who drive on U.S. installations, including local national and foreign national employees of the U.S. Government, and other personnel who routinely require access to U.S. installations in Germany.

### 5-6. MOTORCYCLES AND SIMILAR VEHICLES

**a. General.** A motorcycle operator has the same rights and responsibilities as the driver of any other vehicle under this publication. This section prescribes additional guidance unique to operating motorcycles.

#### **b. Motorcycle Safety.**

(1) Motorcycle operators will ride only on the permanently attached seat. Operators will not carry another person on a motorcycle unless the motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person. Passengers must ride on the permanent and regular seat (if designed for two persons) or a sidecar.

(2) Persons riding a motorcycle must sit facing forward with one leg on each side of the motorcycle.

(3) Motorcycle operators will not carry bundles, packages, or other articles that prevent them from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

(4) Motorcycle passengers will not interfere with the operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the operator.

(5) Motorcycle riders will not attach themselves or the motorcycle to any other vehicle on the road.

(6) Motorcycle operators and passengers will wear—

(a) A helmet properly fastened under the chin. Helmets must meet the standards set by the American National Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation Standards, the *Institut für Zweiradsicherheit e. V.* (Institute for Two-Wheel Safety), or

the Economic Commission of Europe for bicycle helmets.

(b) Eye protection. Eye protection must meet the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission Regulation standards or the European equivalent. Eye protection must be impact- or shatter-resistant goggles or a full-face shield properly attached to the helmet. A windshield or eyeglasses alone are not proper eye protection.

(c) Protective clothing. Clothing will include clothing required by DODI 6055.04, the *Institut für Zweiradsicherheit e.V.*, or the European equivalent—

1. Full-fingered gloves.

2. High-visibility garments (bright-colored clothing (for example, yellow, bright green, red, orange) for day travel and reflective clothing for night travel). When wearing military uniforms, military operators will wear a brightly colored reflective PT-style vest that is clearly visible from the front and rear of the motorcycle. Operators in military uniform may also wear brightly colored approved motorcycle riding jackets. The Army PT jacket worn with an orange or yellow reflective belt (worn diagonally across the shoulder) meets both day and night requirements.

3. Over-the-ankle footwear according to DODI 6055.04, enclosure 3, paragraph 6e(4)(c). Footwear should be made of sturdy leather and have a good oil-resistant sole to reduce slipping hazards. Service boots meet this requirement.

4. Long-sleeved shirt or jacket.

5. Full-length trousers.

## 2-14. SUSPENSIONS

**b. Mandatory Suspension.** Mandatory suspensions will be assessed for 7 days, 30 days, 90 days, or 180 days as indicated below. The suspending authority will suspend driving privileges for—

(1) 7 days for the following:

(b) Not wearing a seatbelt while operating a POV or not requiring passengers to wear seatbelts or restraining devices while riding in a POV. This also applies to motorcyclists who do not wear proper protective clothing while riding a motorcycle or do not require their passengers to do so.

Table 2-1 Traffic-Point Table	
<b>Violation</b>	
Failing to require any passenger on a motorcycle to wear required safety devices (for example, protective eye device, helmet, proper protective clothing) on or off military installations.	<b>3 POINTS</b>

