Brake Burn In Procedure

Rotors need to be burned in and pads need to be burnished. When replacing either, follow the following steps to get the most out of your brakes.

- Remember that any time a rotor is replaced the pads should be replaced as well. So if you are burning in a rotor you are also burnishing the pads.
- Burning in a rotor refers to transferring a little of the pad compound into the surface of the rotor. This helps the pad grip the rotor.
- Burnishing pads refers to polishing the surface of the pads so that they have more grip on the rotor.
- It takes about 20 stops for the burn in to take place. It is important to do this in controlled and clean conditions.
- Preferably on pavement, get the bike up to a good speed and then firmly and evenly apply the brakes until the bike comes to almost a complete stop. Repeat this process 10 to 20 times.
- If the bike is ridden hard before the burn in process is performed the rotor can be ruined. Indications that this has happened are noise and lack of power.