



# Maintenance Fundamentals

## Pre-ride Inspection

To ensure safety, it is your responsibility to perform a pre-ride inspection and make sure that any problem you find is corrected. A pre-ride inspection is a must, not only for safety, but because having a breakdown, or even a flat tyre, can be a major inconvenience.

Check the following items before you get on your motorcycle:

- Tyre tread wear and air pressures are within limits. ➤P.41
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain. Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. ➤P.40, 59

Check the following items if you are carrying a passenger or cargo:

- Combined weight is within load limits. ➤P.106
- Cargo is secured properly.
- Suspension spring preload is adjusted to suit load. ➤P.69, 70

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ➤P.66
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally
- Refuel when needed. ➤P.9, 24
- Engine stop switch functions properly. ➤P.20

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower marks. ➤P.49
- Brake fluid level is  
Front: above the LOWER level mark.  
Rear: between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ➤P.55