

If the drive chain requires adjustment, the procedure is as follows:

1. Place the motorcycle on its side stand with the transmission in neutral and the ignition switch off.
2. Loosen the rear axle nut (1).
3. Loosen the lock nuts (2) on both adjusting bolts (3).
4. Turn both adjusting bolts an equal number of turns until the correct drive chain slack is obtained. Turn the adjusting bolts counterclockwise to tighten the chain. Turn the adjusting bolts clockwise and push the rear wheel toward the front to provide more slack. Adjust the chain slack at a point midway between the drive sprocket and the driven sprocket. Roll the motorcycle forward. Stop and place it on its side stand. Recheck chain slack.

Chain slack should be:

30 – 40 mm (1.2 – 1.6 in)

5. Align the end of the chain adjusters (4) with the corresponding scale graduations (5) on both sides of the swingarm. Both left and right marks should correspond. If the axle is misaligned, turn the left or right adjusting bolt until the marks correspond on the scale graduation on the swingarm and recheck chain slack.
6. Tighten the rear axle nut to the specified torque. Rear axle nut torque:
113 N·m (11.5 kgf·m , 83 lbf·ft)

If a torque wrench is not used for this installation, see your Honda dealer as soon as possible to verify proper assembly.

7. Tighten the adjusting bolts lightly by turning it counterclockwise, then tighten the lock nuts by holding the adjusting bolts with a spanner.
8. Recheck drive chain slack.