

DRIVE CHAIN

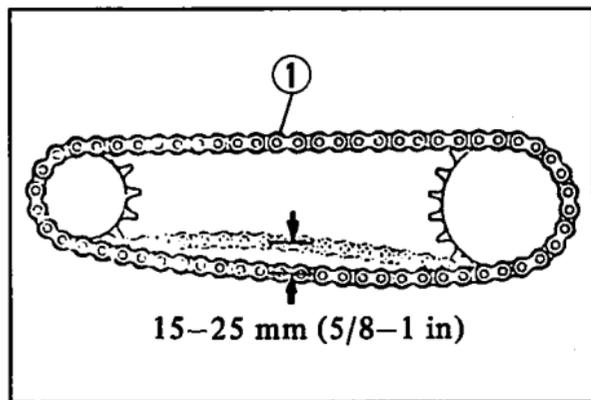
The service life of the drive chain is dependent upon proper lubrication and adjustment. Poor maintenance can cause premature wear or damage to the drive chain and sprockets.

The drive chain should be checked and lubricated as part of the Pre-ride Inspection (page 33). Under severe usage, or when the motorcycle is ridden in unusually dusty areas, more frequent maintenance will be necessary.

Inspection:

1. Turn the engine off, place the motorcycle on its center stand, and shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Check slack in the lower drive chain run midway between the sprockets.
Drive chain slack should be adjusted to allow approximately 15–25 mm (5/8–1 in) vertical movement by hand. Rotate the rear wheel and check drive chain slack as the wheel turns.

Drive chain slack should remain constant as the wheel rotates. If the chain is slack in one section and taut in another, some links are kinked and binding. Binding can frequently be eliminated by lubrication.



(1) Drive chain