

Both left and right marks should correspond. If the axle is misaligned, turn the left or right adjusting nut until the marks correspond on both sides of the rear edge of the adjusting slots and recheck chain slack.

6. Tighten the adjusting nut lightly, then hold the adjusting nut with a spanner. Secure the lock nut on each side of the swingarm.
7. Tighten the axle nut to 90 N·m (9.0 kg-m, 65 ft-lb).
8. Rear brake pedal free play is affected when repositioning the rear wheel to adjust drive chain slack. Check rear brake pedal free play and adjust as necessary.

**CAUTION:**

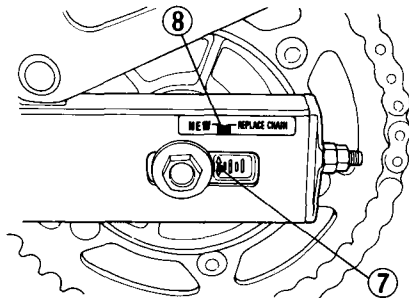
\* *The drive chain on this motorcycle is equipped with small O-rings between the link plates. These O-rings retain grease inside the chain to improve its service life. However, special precautions must be taken when adjusting, lubricating, washing, and replacing the chain.*

Wear inspection:

Check the chain wear label when adjusting the chain. If the red zone (8) on the label aligns with the arrow mark (7) on the rear axle washer after the chain has been adjusted to 15–25 mm (5/8–1 in) slack, the chain is excessively worn and must be replaced.

**CAUTION:**

\* *Excessive chain slack, 50 mm (2 in) or more, may damage the bottom part of the frame.*



(7) Arrow mark

(7) Red zone