

1. Inspect carefully for bumps or bulges in the side of the tire or the tread. Replace any tire that has a bump or bulge.
2. Look closely for cuts, slits, or cracks in the tires. Replace a tire if you can see fabric or cord.
3. Check for rocks or other objects embedded in the tire or tread. Remove any objects.
4. Measure tread depth (1). Replace the tire before depth at the center reaches 3 mm (1/8 in.), or any time you notice a reduction in traction.
5. Check the position of both valve stems. A tilted valve stem indicates the tube is slipping inside the tire or the tire is slipping on the rim. See your Honda dealer.

Tube Replacement

If a tube is punctured or damaged, you should replace it as soon as possible. A repaired tube may not have the same reliability as a new one, and it may fail while you are riding. For information on making a temporary repair, see page 120.

Use a replacement tube equivalent to the original.

We recommend that tubes be replaced by your Honda dealer. Replacing a tube requires removing and reinstalling the wheel. Any time a tube is replaced, carefully inspect the tire as described on page 92.