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Tires & Tubes

Always check air pressure when your tires are “cold.” If you check air pressure when your tires are “warm” — even if your motorcycle has only been ridden for a few miles — the readings will be higher. If you let air out of warm tires to match the recommended cold pressures, the tires will be underinflated. The correct “cold” tire pressures are:

Front	15 psi (100 kPa , 1.0 kgf/cm ²)
Rear	15 psi (100 kPa , 1.0 kgf/cm ²)

If you decide to adjust tire pressures for a particular riding condition, make changes a little at a time.

Inspection

A flat tire or blowout is inconvenient and may even cause an accident. Take time to inspect your tires and wheels before you ride. For more information about handling flat tires, see page 150.

The diagram shows a side view of a motorcycle tire mounted on a rim. Three callout lines point to specific parts: (1) points to the tread pattern on the tire surface; (2) points to a nut on a spoke; (3) points to a lock nut on the rim.

(1) tire tread depth
 (2) spoke nut
 (3) rim lock nut

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