Maintenance Fundamentals

Pre-ride Inspection

To ensure safety, it is your responsibility to perform a pre-ride inspection and make sure that any problem you find is corrected. A preride inspection is a must, not only for safety, but because having a breakdown, or even a flat tire, can be a major inconvenience.

Check the following items before you get on your vehicle:

- Tire tread wear and air pressures are within limits. ≥ P. 72
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain. Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. ■ P. 70 Check the following items if you are carrying a passenger or cargo:
- Combined weight is within load limits. ▶ P. 152
- Cargo is secured properly.

● Suspension is adjusted to suit load. ■ P. 103, ■ P. 104

Check the following items after you get on your vehicle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ▶ P. 99
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the fuel level and refuel when needed. ≥ P. 13, ≥ P. 53
- Engine stop switch functions properly. ▶ P. 48

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks. ≥ P. 80
- Brake fluid level is Front: above the LWR level mark. ■ P. 88 Rear: between the UPPER and LOWER level marks ■ P. 88
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ► P. 86
- Side stand functions properly. ≥ P. 91