

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 pre-ride 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 motorcycle:

- Tire tread wear and air pressures are within limits. ➔ P. 45
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain. Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. ➔ P. 64

Check the following items if you are carrying a passenger or cargo:

- Combined weight is within load limits. ➔ P. 114

- Cargo is secured properly.
- Suspension spring preload is adjusted to suit load. ➔ P. 73

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ➔ P. 71
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Refuel when needed. ➔ P. 13, 28
- Engine stop switch functions properly. ➔ P. 24

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower marks. ➔ P. 54
- Brake fluid level is
Front: above the LOWER level mark.
Rear: between the LOWER and UPPER level marks. ➔ P. 61
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER marks. ➔ P. 59
- Side stand functions properly. ➔ P. 27, 63