

## 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](#)