

- Inspect carefully for bumps or bulges in the side of the tire or the tread. Replace any tire that has a bump or bulge.
- Look closely for cuts, slits, or cracks in the tires. Replace a tire if you can see fabric or cord.
- Check for rocks or other objects embedded in the tire or tread. Remove any objects.
- Measure tread depth (1). Replace the tire before depth at the center reaches 0.12 in (3 mm), or any time you notice a reduction in traction.
- 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 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 135](#).

Use a replacement tube equivalent to the original.

We recommend that tubes be replaced by your dealer. Replacing a tube requires removing and reinstalling the wheel. Any time a tube is replaced, carefully inspect the tire as described on [page 100](#).