

Wheels

Refer to *Safety Precautions* on [page 43](#).

Keeping the wheels true (round) and maintaining correct spoke tension is critical to safe motorcycle operation. During the first 100 miles (150 km), spokes will loosen more rapidly due to the initial seating of the parts. Excessively loose spokes may result in instability at high speeds and the possible loss of control. Neglecting this maintenance may also cause rim or spoke damage. It's also important that the rim locks are secure to prevent tire slippage.

It is not necessary to remove the wheels to perform the recommended service in the Maintenance Schedule. However, information for wheel removal is provided for emergency situations.