

On-Road Use

For your safety, it is very important to inspect your motorcycle before each ride and make sure any problem you find is corrected.

If you plan to ride off-road, a pre-ride inspection is a must, because off-road riding can be tough on a motorcycle and you don't want to have a breakdown far from help. See Pre-ride Inspection (this page) and check the items in the On-Road use.

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Competitive riding can be tough on a motorcycle, so it's important to inspect your motorcycle and correct any problems you find before each ride. See Pre-ride Inspection (page 20) and check the items in the Off-Road use.

WARNING

Improperly maintaining this motorcycle or failing to correct a problem before riding can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

Pre-ride Inspection

Before riding on-road, or returning to pavement after riding off-road, take a few moments to walk around your motorcycle and look for any loose parts or anything that appears unusual. Also check the following.

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- **Fuel Line**
Check the fuel line for leakage while warming up the engine.
- **Tires & Wheels**
Look at the tires. If a tire appears low, use an air pressure gauge to check its pressure. Also look for signs of excessive wear or damage to the tires, rims and spokes (page 126).
- **Chain**
Check the condition of the chain. Adjust slack and lubricate as needed (page 130).
- **Leaks**
Walk around your motorcycle and look for leaking fluids under the motorcycle.
- **Throttle**
Rotate the throttle to check it moves smoothly without binding.
- **Brakes**
Pull the brake lever and press on the brake pedal to check that they operate normally.
- **Lights**
Make sure the headlight, position light, brake light, taillight, and turn signals are working properly.

When riding at high or continuous speed on the highway, check the following frequently:

- **Engine Oil**
Check the level and add oil if needed (page 70).

Before riding off-road check all of the preceding plus the following:

- **Spokes & Rims**
Make sure the spokes are tight. Check the rims for any damage (page 126).
- **Engine Oil**
Check the level and add oil if needed (page 70).

- **Fuel**
Check the fuel level and add as much fuel as needed. Be sure the fuel fill cap is securely fastened (page 60).
- **Drive Chain**
Check the condition of the chain. Adjust slack and lubricate as needed (page 130).
- **Clutch Lever**
Check for smooth operation and adjust if needed (page 81).
- **Cables**
Check for loose cables and other parts, and anything that appears abnormal.
- **Nuts & Bolts**
Use a wrench to check the tightness of all accessible nuts, bolts and fasteners.

If you haven't ridden the motorcycle in over a week, you should also check other items, such as the oil level and other fluids. See Periodic Maintenance (page 34).

Periodic maintenance should also be done at least once a month, no matter how often you ride.

Remember, be sure to take care of any problem you find, or have your Honda dealer correct it before you ride.

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