

# Wheels

Refer to *Important Safety Precautions* on page 33.

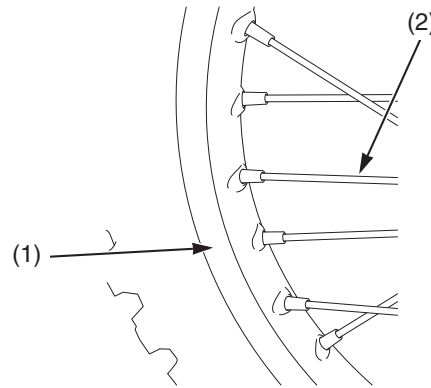
Keeping the wheels true (round) and maintaining correct spoke tension are critical to safe motorcycle operation. During the first few rides, spokes will loosen more rapidly due to the initial seating of the parts. Excessively loose spokes may result in instability at high speeds and the possible loss of control.

It is not necessary to remove the wheels to perform the recommended service in the Maintenance Schedule (pages 36, 37).

However, information for wheel removal is provided for emergency situations (page 167).

## Wheel Rims & Spokes

1. Inspect the wheel rims (1) and spokes (2) for damage.
2. Tighten, any loose spokes to the specified torque:  
Spokes: 2.7 lbf·ft (3.7 N·m, 0.4 kgf·m)
3. Check wheel rim runout. If runout is noticeable, see an official Honda Service Manual for inspection instructions.



(1) wheel rim

(2) spokes

Also inspect the valve stems for their positions. A tilted valve stem indicates the tube is slipping inside the tire or the tire is slipping on the rim. See your dealer.

## Axles & Wheel Bearings

See an official Honda Service Manual for inspection information:

1. Check the axle shaft for runout.
2. Check the condition of the wheel bearings.