Maintenance Fundamentals

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:

- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.

Check the following items if you are carrying a passenger or cargo:

- Combined weight is within load limits.
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- Cargo is secured properly.
- Suspension is adjusted to suit load.

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Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ▶ P. 76
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Refuel when needed. ▶ P. 13, ▶ P. 28
- Engine stop switch functions properly.
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Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Brake fluid level is above the LOWER level mark. ▶ P. 65
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ➡ P. 61