

Brakes

Observe the following guidelines:

- Avoid excessively hard braking and sudden shifting to a lower gear.
 - ▶ Sudden braking can reduce the motorcycle's stability.
 - ▶ Where possible, reduce speed before turning; otherwise you risk wheel slippage.
- Exercise caution on low traction surfaces.
 - ▶ The wheels lock more easily on such surfaces, and braking distances are longer.
- Avoid continuous braking.
 - ▶ Repeated braking can overheat the brakes, reducing their effectiveness.

Engine Braking

Engine braking helps slow your motorcycle down when you release the throttle. For further slowing action, downshift to a lower gear. Use engine braking with intermittent use of the brakes to reduce speed when descending long, steep slopes.

Wet or Rainy Conditions

Road surfaces are slippery when wet, and wet brakes further reduce braking efficiency. Exercise extra caution when braking in wet conditions.

If the brakes get wet, apply the brakes while riding at low speed to help them dry.