

6. Both left and right marks should correspond. If the axle is misaligned, turn the left or right adjusting nut until the marks correspond on the rear edge of the adjusting slots and recheck chain slack.

7. Tighten the axle nut to specified torque.

Axle nut torque:

59 N·m (6.0 kgf·m, 43 lbf·ft)

8. Tighten the adjusting nuts lightly, then tighten the lock nuts by holding the adjusting nuts with a spanner.

CAUTION:

* The drive chain on this motorcycle is equipped with small O-rings between the link plates. These O-rings retain grease inside the chain to improve its service life. However, special precautions must be taken when adjusting, lubricating, washing, and replacing the chain.

Wear inspection:

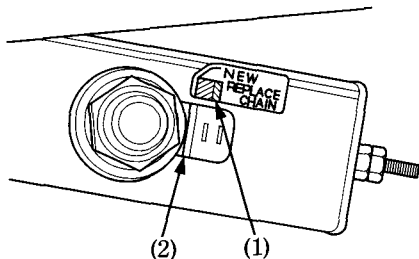
Check the chain wear label when adjusting the chain. If the red zone (1) on the label aligns with the long index mark (2) on the chain adjuster plates after the chain has been adjusted to the proper slack, the chain is excessively worn and must be replaced. The proper slack is:

20–30 mm (0.8–1.2 in)

CAUTION:

* **Damage to the bottom part of the frame may be caused by excessive drive chain slack of more than:**

40 mm (1.6 in)



(1) Red zone

(2) Long index mark