

DRIVE CHAIN

(Refer to the maintenance precautions on page 62).

The service life of the drive chain is dependent upon proper lubrication and adjustment. Poor maintenance can cause premature wear or damage to the drive chain and sprockets.

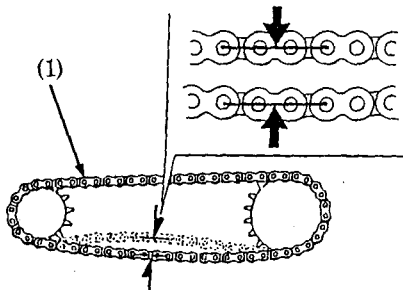
The drive chain should be checked and lubricated as part of the Pre-ride Inspection (page 44). Under severe usage, or when the motorcycle is ridden in unusually dusty or muddy areas, more frequent maintenance will be necessary.

Inspection:

1. Turn the engine off, place the motorcycle on its side stand and shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Check slack in the lower drive chain run midway between the sprockets. Drive chain slack should be adjusted to allow the following vertical movement by hand:

15—25 mm (0.59—0.98 in)

3. Rotate the rear wheel and check the drive chain slack as the wheel turns. Drive chain slack should remain constant as the wheel rotates. If the chain is slack only in certain sections, some links are kinked and binding. Binding can frequently be eliminated by lubrication.



(1) Drive chain