

Is Your Motorcycle Ready to Ride?

<i>Engine Oil</i>	Check the level and add oil if needed (page 67).	<i>Spark Plug & Cap</i>	Check for looseness (page 84).
<i>Fuel</i>	Check the level and add fuel (page 61) if needed. Also make sure the fuel fill cap is securely fastened.	<i>Throttle</i>	Check these items after you get on the motorcycle:
<i>Drive Chain</i>	Check the condition and slack. Adjust and lubricate if needed. Also check the chain guide slider and slipper for wear and replace if needed (page 123).	<i>Brakes</i>	Check the freeplay and adjust if needed. Rotate the throttle to make sure it moves smoothly without sticking, and snaps shut automatically when it is released, in all steering positions (page 77).
<i>Cables</i>	Check the cable housings for wear. Check the fittings for looseness. Replace or tighten as needed.	<i>Brakes</i>	Squeeze the front brake lever and step on the rear brake pedal to check that the controls operate normally. Check for proper freeplay (page 107).
<i>Nuts & Bolts</i>	Use a wrench to make sure all accessible nuts, bolts, and fasteners are tight.		(cont'd)