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 preride 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:

- Tire tread wear and air pressures are within limits. ≥ P. 55
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain. Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. ≥ P. 52

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

- Combined weight is within load limits. ⇒ P. 129
- Cargo is secured properly.

● Suspension spring preload is adjusted to suit load. ⇒ P. 86

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ⊇ P. 83
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the remaining fuel and refuel when needed. ⇒ P. 13, 36
- Engine stop switch functions properly. ⇒ P. 32

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks. ≥ P. 65
- Brake fluid level is Front: above the LWR mark. Rear: between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. D P. 72
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ⇒ P. 70
- Side stand functions properly. ⊇ P. 75