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 pre-ride 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. 58
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain.
 Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. P. 56

USA model (Model not equipped with Optional Passenger Seat Kit)

Check the following items if you are carrying a cargo:

Canada model and USA model equipped with Optional Passenger Seat Kit

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

- Combined weight is within load limits.
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- Cargo is secured properly.
- Suspension is adjusted to suit load. **≥** P. 90

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ■ P. 87
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the fuel level and refuel when needed.
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- Engine stop switch functions properly.
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