

# The Importance of Maintenance

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A well-maintained motorcycle is essential for safe, economical, and trouble-free riding. It will also help reduce air pollution. Careful pre-ride inspections and good maintenance are especially important because your motorcycle is designed to be ridden over rough off-road terrain.

To help you properly care for your motorcycle, this section of the manual provides a Maintenance Schedule. The service intervals in this schedule are based on average riding conditions.

More frequent service is needed if you subject your motorcycle to severe use (see the Competition Inspection checklist, [page 50](#)) or ride in unusually wet or dusty areas.

Frequent servicing of the air cleaner is especially important to help you avoid a possible costly engine repair.

If your motorcycle overturns or is involved in a crash, be sure your dealer inspects all major parts, even if you are able to make some repairs.

## **WARNING**

Improperly maintaining this motorcycle or failing to correct a problem before you ride can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always follow the inspection and maintenance recommendations and schedules in this owner's manual.