

Is Your Motorcycle Ready to Ride?

If you are carrying a passenger or cargo, also check the following:

Load Limits Make sure you do not exceed the load limits ([page 50](#)).

Cargo Check that all cargo is secure.

Adjustments Adjust the rear suspension ([page 192](#)) according to your load.

Check these items after you get on the motorcycle:

Throttle Rotate the throttle to check it moves smoothly without binding.

Brakes Pull the brake lever and press on the brake pedal to check that they operate normally.

Indicators Turn the ignition on and check for normal operation of the indicators ([page 16](#)).

Gauges Check the fuel level and other gauges ([page 15](#)).

If you haven't ridden the motorcycle in over a week, you should also check other items, such as the oil level and other fluids. See *Periodic Maintenance* ([page 155](#)). Periodic maintenance should also be done at least once a month, no matter how often you ride.

Remember, be sure to take care of any problem you find, or have your dealer correct it before you ride.