

Basic Operation & Riding

This section gives basic riding instructions, including how to start and stop your engine, and how to use the throttle, clutch, and brakes. It also provides important information on riding with a passenger or cargo, and operating your cruise control.

To protect your new engine and enjoy optimum performance and service life, refer to Break-in Guidelines ([page 260](#)).

To protect the catalytic converters in your motorcycle's exhaust system, avoid extended idling and the use of leaded gasoline.

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