Is Your Motorcycle Ready to Ride?

Before each ride, it's important to inspect your motorcycle and make sure 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.

AWARNING

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

Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

Pre-ride Inspection

Check the following items before you get on the motorcycle:

Tires & Wheels	Look at the tires. If a tire appears low, use an air pressure gauge to check its pressure. Also look for signs of excessive wear (page 203) or damage to the tires and wheels.
Leaks, Loose Parts	Walk around your motorcycle and look for anything that appears unusual, such as a leak or loose cable.
Lights	Make sure the headlight, brake light, tail light, and turn signals are working properly.