## **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. 73
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Suspension is adjusted to suit load. 
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   ■ P. 102

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

- Combined weight is within load limits.
   ▶ P. 151
- Cargo is secured properly.

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ➡ P. 96
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the fuel level and refuel when needed. 
   ■ P. 14, ■ P. 56
- Engine stop switch functions properly.▶ P 32

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks. 

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- Brake fluid level is Front: above the LOWER level mark. ➡ P. 90 Rear: between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ➡ P. 90
- VFR1200X/XA

Clutch fluid level is above the LOWER level mark. ▶ P. 95

- Side stand functions properly. P. 94
- VFR1200XD/XDA
   Parking brake works properly. ▶ P. 92