

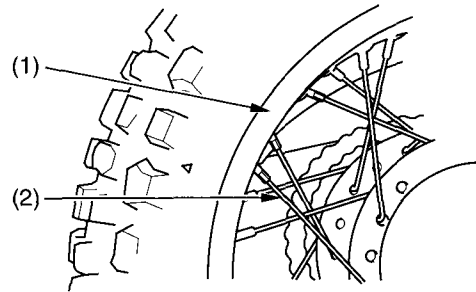
Refer to *Safety Precautions* on page 47 .

Maintenance of spoke tension and wheel trueness (roundness) is critical to safe motorcycle operation. During the first 100 miles (150 km), spokes will loosen more rapidly due to the initial seating of the parts. Excessively loose spokes may result in instability at high speeds and the possible loss of control. It's also important that the rim locks are secure to prevent tire slippage.

It is not necessary to remove the wheels to perform the recommended service in the Maintenance Schedule. However, information for wheel removal is provided for emergency situations.

## Wheel Rims & Spokes

REAR



(1) wheel rim  
(2) spoke

1. Inspect the wheel rims (1) and spokes (2) for damage.
2. Tighten any loose spokes.