

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. 75
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain. Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. ➔ P. 73

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

- Combined weight is within load limits. ➔ P. 148
- Cargo is secured properly.
- Suspension is adjusted to suit load. ➔ P. 103

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ➔ P. 100
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the fuel level and refuel when needed. ➔ P. 12, ➔ P. 56
- Engine stop switch functions properly. ➔ P. 50

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks. ➔ P. 83
- Brake fluid level is
Front: above the LOWER level mark. ➔ P. 89
Rear: between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ➔ P. 89
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ➔ P. 87
- Side stand functions properly. ➔ P. 92