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. 48
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain.
 Adjust slack and lubricate as needed.
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Check the following items if you are carrying a passenger or cargo:

Combined weight is within load limits.▶ P. 109

• Cargo is secured properly.

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ⇒ P. 68
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the remaining fuel and refuel when needed.

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- Engine stop switch functions properly.▶ P. 26

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks. ⇒ P. 54
- Brake fluid level is Front:above the LWR level mark. Rear:between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ▶ P. 58
- Side stand functions properly. ⇒ P. 30, 61