

4. Remove the handlebar pipe. (See page 81.)
5. Remove the front wheel and remove the front forks. (See page 85.)
6. Remove the oil pipe and related parts as an assembly.
7. Remove the steering stem nut and remove the fork top bridge.

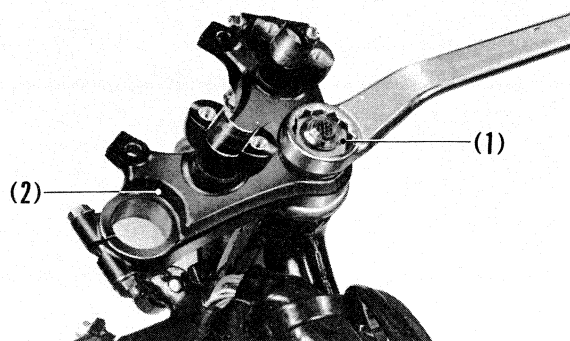


Fig. 5-65 (1) Steering stem nut
(2) Fork top bridge

8. Using the 46 mm pin spanner (Tool No. 07902-2400000) remove the steering head top thread and pull the steering stem downward

CAUTION:

Take care not to lose the #8 steel balls.

9. Remove the handlebar lock.

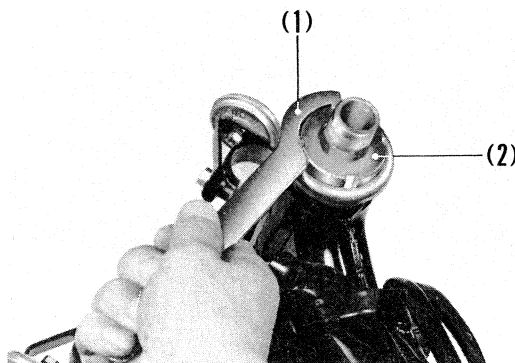


Fig. 5-66 (1) 46 mm pin spanner
(2) Steering head top thread

10. When removing the top and bottom ball races for replacement, remove them from the steering head using the ball race remover (Tool No. 07953-3330000).

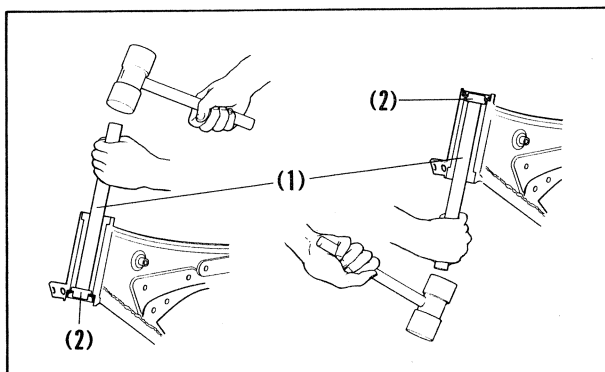


Fig. 5-67 (1) Ball race remover
(2) Ball race

Inspection

1. Check the #8 steel balls for wear or damage. If any one ball is worn or damaged, replace all balls with new ones.
2. Check the contact surfaces of the top and bottom cone races for wear or damage.
3. Check the steering head dust seal for wear.
4. Check the steering stem for bend and the threaded part for wear.
5. Check the stop for deformation or cracks.

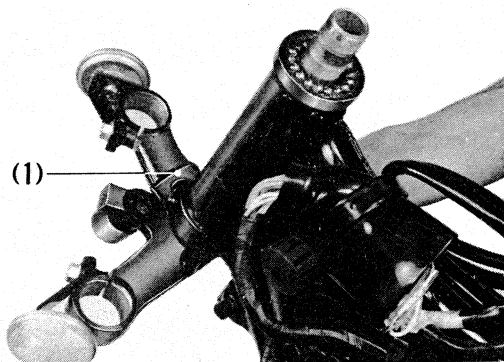


Fig. 5-68 (1) Stop