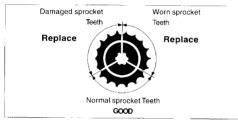
This motorcycle has a staked master link drive chain which requires a special tool for cutting and staking. Do not use an ordinary master link with this chain. See your Honda dealer.

Inspect the sprocket teeth for possible wear or damage. Replace if necessary.



Standard sprocket sizes:

Drive sprocket (engine)	Driven sprocket (rear wheel)
13 teeth	50 teeth

If the drive chain or sprockets are excessively worn or damaged, they should be replaced. Never use a new chain with worn sprockets; rapid chain wear will result.

Adjustment

If the drive chain requires adjustment, the procedure is as follows:

- Place a support block under the engine to raise the rear wheel off the ground.
- 2. Loosen the rear axle nut (1) while holding the axle.
- Turn both the right and left adjusters (2) equally to increase or decrease chain slack.

 After adjusting the sure the same adjuster index.
- After adjusting, be sure the same adjuster index marks (3) align with the stopper pins (4) on both sides of the swingarm.

If the drive chain slack is excessive when the rear axle is moved to the furthest limit of adjustment, the drive chain is worn and must be replaced.

5. Tighten the rear axle nut to:

108 N·m (11.0 kgf·m, 80 lbf·ft)

If a torque wrench is not used for this installation, see your Honda dealer as soon as possible to verify proper assembly.

- 6. Recheck drive chain slack.
- Rear brake pedal free play is affected when repositioning the rear wheel to adjust drive chain slack. Check rear brake pedal free play and adjust as necessary (page 19).