

## **RIDING**

Review Motorcycle Safety (pages 1 – 8) before you ride.

Make sure the side stand is fully retracted before riding the motorcycle. If the stand is extended, it may interfere with control during a left turn.

Make sure you understand the function of the side stand mechanism. (See MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE on page 48 and explanation for SIDE STAND on page 88).

1. After the engine has been warmed up, the motorcycle is ready for riding.
2. While the engine is idling, pull in the clutch lever and depress the gearshift pedal to shift into 1st (low) gear.
3. Slowly release the clutch lever and at the same time gradually increase engine speed by opening the throttle. Coordination of the throttle and clutch lever will assure a smooth positive start.
4. When the motorcycle attains a moderate speed, close the throttle, pull in the clutch lever and shift to 2nd gear by raising the gearshift pedal.  
This sequence is repeated to progressively shift to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th (top) gear.