

# Appearance Care

5. Dry your motorcycle with a chamois or a soft towel.  
Leaving water on the surface to air dry can cause dulling and water spots. As you dry, inspect for chips and scratches.
6. Lubricate the drive chain to prevent rusting.
7. Start the engine and let it idle for several minutes. The engine heat will help dry moist areas.
8. As a precaution, ride at a slow speed and apply the brakes several times. This will help dry the brakes and restore normal braking performance.

## After Cleaning Lubrication

There are some things you should do just after washing your motorcycle to help prevent rust and corrosion.

Once your motorcycle is clean and dry, you should protect any bare steel from rusting by applying a light coating of a rust-inhibitor. Lubricate the drive chain and drive sprocket after removing and thoroughly cleaning in solvent. Be sure the chain is wiped clean and is dry before applying the chain lube.

Follow the suggestions given in the pages of this manual for lubricating items such as the brake and clutch lever pivot points and footpeg pivot pins.

## Panels

Follow these guidelines to prevent scratches and blemishes:

- Wash gently using a soft sponge and plenty of water.
- To remove stubborn stains, use diluted detergent and rinse thoroughly with plenty of water.
- Avoid getting gasoline, brake fluid, or detergents on the instruments, panels, or headlight.

## Aluminum Frame Maintenance

Aluminum corrodes when it comes in contact with dust, mud and road salt.

To remove stains, use Scotch Brite Hand Pad #7447 (maroon) or an equivalent. Wet the pad and polish the surface using strokes parallel to the length of the frame.

Clean the frame using a wet sponge and a mild detergent, then rinse well with clean water. Dry the frame with a soft clean cloth, using strokes parallel to the length of the frame.

## NOTICE

*Do not use steel wool to clean the frame as it could damage or discolor the frame surface.  
Scotch Brite Hand Pad #7447-maroon is for removing stains on the non-coated aluminum frame only.*

## Titanium Fuel Tank Maintenance

The fuel tank is made of titanium material. To remove mud or dust, use a sponge or soft cloth and a stainless steel kitchen detergent, then rinse well with clean water. After washing, rinse with plenty of water and dry with a clean cloth.

## Exhaust Pipe and Muffler Maintenance

The exhaust pipe and muffler are stainless steel but may become stained by mud or dust.

To remove mud or dust, use a wet sponge and a liquid kitchen abrasive, then rinse well with clean water. Dry with chamois or a soft towel.

If necessary, remove heat stains by using a commercially available fine texture compound. Then rinse by the same manner as removing mud or dust.