

# If You Have a Flat Tire

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## Should You Repair or Replace a Tire?

We strongly recommend that you replace, not permanently repair, any tire that is punctured or damaged, even if the tire has only a minor puncture. For a full discussion of repairs and replacement, see [page 205](#).

## Emergency Front Wheel Removal/Installation

Refer to *Safety Precautions* on [page 154](#).

We recommend wheel removal be done only by your dealer or another qualified mechanic. Do not attempt to remove the wheel on your own. Wheel removal requires mechanical skill and professional tools.

### Removal

1. Park your motorcycle on a firm, level surface.
2. Raise the front wheel off the ground by placing a support block under the engine, being careful to avoid contact with the exhaust pipe and front lower cover.
3. Remove the parts in sequence, according to the order in the illustration.
  - When removing and installing the wheel, be careful not to damage the sensor and pulser ring. (Models equipped with ABS)
  - To avoid damage to the brake hose during removal, support the caliper assembly so that it doesn't hang from the hose. Do not twist the brake hose.
  - Avoid getting grease, oil, or dirt on the disc or pad surfaces. Any contamination can cause poor brake performance or rapid pad wear after reassembly.
  - Avoid depressing the brake lever and brake pedal when the wheel is off the motorcycle. This will force the caliper pistons out of the cylinders. The result will be a loss of brake fluid. If this occurs, the brake system will require service.  
See your dealer for this service.