

### Instrument Panel

The instrument panel is coated with a special surface treatment to prevent reflection and glare.

Wipe any moisture (including rainwater) on the instrument panel with a dry, soft cloth immediately.

Using plenty of water, clean the instrument panel with a soft cloth or sponge.

For a dirtier instrument panel, use a diluted neutral detergent with a sponge and plenty of water. Make sure to wash off all the detergent. Dry with a soft, clean cloth.

Take care to keep battery electrolyte, brake fluid, or other chemical solvents off the instrument panel. They will damage the special surface treatment of the instrument panel.

### Exhaust Pipe and Muffler

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.

When the exhaust pipe and muffler are painted, do not use a commercially available abrasive kitchen cleaning compound. Use a neutral detergent to clean the painted surface on the exhaust pipe and muffler. If you are not sure if your exhaust pipe and muffler are painted, contact your dealer.

#### NOTICE

Even though the exhaust is made of stainless steel, it can become stained. Remove all marks and blemishes as soon as they are noticed.

## Storing Your Motorcycle

If you store your motorcycle outdoors, you should consider using a full-body motorcycle cover.

If you won't be riding for an extended period, follow these guidelines:

- Wash your motorcycle and wax all painted surfaces (except matte painted surfaces).  
Coat chrome pieces with rust-inhibiting oil.
- **GL1800/D/DA**  
Place your motorcycle on its center stand and position a block so that both tires are off the ground.
- **GL1800B/BD**  
Place your motorcycle on a maintenance stand and position a block so that both tires are off the ground.
- After rain, remove the body cover and allow the motorcycle to dry.
- Remove the battery (➔ P. 153) to prevent discharge. Charge the battery in a shaded, well-ventilated area.
  - ▶ If you leave the battery in place, disconnect the negative ⊖ terminal to prevent discharge.