

## Pre-ride Inspection

To ensure safety, it is your responsibility to perform a pre-ride inspection and make sure that any problem you find is corrected. A pre-ride inspection is a must, not only for safety, but because having a breakdown, or even a flat tire, can be a major inconvenience.

Check the following items before you get on your motorcycle:

- Tire tread wear and air pressures are within limits. ➤ P. 50
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.

### VT1300CXA IICM type only

Check the following items if you are carrying a passenger or cargo:

### Except VT1300CXA IICM type

Check the following items if you are carrying a cargo:

- Combined weight is within load limits.  
➤ P. 127
- Cargo is secured properly.
- Suspension spring preload and damper setting are adjusted to suit load. ➤ P. 84

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ➤ P. 81
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the fuel level and refuel when needed.  
➤ P. 14, 31
- Engine stop switch functions properly.  
➤ P. 26

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks. ➤ P. 65
- Brake fluid level is  
Front: above the (LOWER) level mark. ➤ P. 74  
Rear: between the (UPPER) and (LOWER) level marks. ➤ P. 74