

## If You Have a Flat Tire

### **WARNING**

Riding your motorcycle with a temporary tire or tube repair can be risky. If the temporary repair fails, you can crash and be seriously injured or killed.

If you must ride with a temporary tire repair, ride slowly and carefully and do not exceed 30 mph (50 km/h) until the tire and tube are replaced.

Due to the uncertainty of any temporary repair, you should ride slowly (not over 30 mph, 50 km/h) and carefully (preferably without a passenger or cargo) until the tire and tube are replaced. Stop frequently and

check the air pressure. If the tire is losing pressure, it may be unsafe to continue riding. As the tire gets low, it will affect the handling of your motorcycle (especially with a passenger and cargo) and it may overheat and blow out.

### **Should You Repair or Replace a Tire or Tube?**

We strongly recommend that you replace, not repair, any tire or tube that is punctured or damaged, even if the tire has only a minor puncture. For a full discussion of repairs and replacement, see the text beginning on page 127 .