Maintenance Fundamentals

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. 47
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain. Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. ▶ P. 45

Check the following items if you are carrying a cargo:

- Combined weight is within load limits.
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- Cargo is secured properly.

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ■ P. 74
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Engine stop switch functions properly.▶ P. 22

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks.

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- Brake fluid level is Front: above the LOWER level mark. ➡ P. 63 Rear: between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ➡ P. 63