

STARTING THE ENGINE

This motorcycle is equipped with a side stand ignition cut-off system. The engine cannot be started if the side stand is down, unless the transmission is in neutral. If the side stand is up, the engine can be started in neutral or in gear with the clutch lever pulled in. After starting with the side stand down, the engine will shut off if the transmission is put in gear.

▲WARNING

* Never run the engine in a closed area. The exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death.

NOTE:

* Do not use the electric starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. Release the starter button for approximately 10 seconds before pressing it again.

Preparation

Before starting, insert the key, turn the ignition switch ON and confirm the following:

- The transmission is in NEUTRAL (neutral indicator light ON).
- The engine stop switch is at RUN.
- The red engine oil pressure warning light is ON.

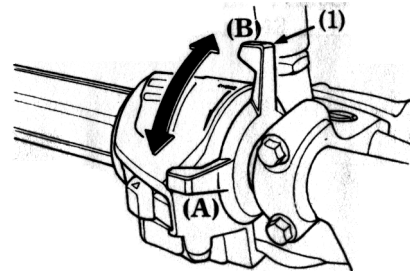
Starting procedure

To restart a warm engine, follow the procedure for "High Air Temperature."

Normal Air Temperature

10–35°C (50–95°F)

1. Pull the choke lever (1) back all the way to Fully ON(A).
2. Start the engine, leaving the throttle closed.



(1) Choke lever

(A) Fully ON
(B) Fully OFF

NOTE:

* Do not open the throttle when starting the engine with the choke ON. This will lean the mixture, resulting in hard starting.

CAUTION:

* The red oil pressure warning light should go off a few seconds after the engine starts. If the light stays on, stop the engine immediately and check engine oil level. Operating the engine with insufficient oil pressure can cause serious engine damage.

3. Immediately after the engine starts, operate the choke lever (1) to keep fast idle at: 1,500–2,500 rpm.
4. About a half minute after the engine starts, push the choke lever (1) forward all the way to Fully OFF (B).
5. If idling is unstable, open the throttle slightly.