

The regular use of special oil additives is unnecessary and will only increase operating expenses.

Engine oil should be changed at the intervals prescribed in the Maintenance Schedule on page 35.

NOTE: Engine oil is a major factor affecting the performance and service life of the engine. Non-detergent and low quality oils are specifically not recommended.

● Viscosity

Viscosity selection should be based on the average atmospheric temperature in your riding area. Change to the proper viscosity oil whenever the average atmospheric temperature changes substantially.

Recommended oil viscosity:

General all temperatures

SAE 10 W-40

Alternate:

Above 59°F (15°C)

SAE 30

32° (0°C) to 59°F (15°C)

SAE 20 or 20 W

Below 32°F (0°C)

SAE 10 W

■ PRE-RIDING INSPECTION

WARNING: When washing your motorcycle, take care not to let water enter the muffler or the brake system. Water in the muffler may cause poor starting and wet brakes may reduce brake efficiency.

Prior to starting your motorcycle, it is advised that you perform a general inspection as a matter of habit to make sure that the motorcycle is in good, safe riding condition. This inspection will only require a few minutes and can save you much time and expense in the long run. Check the following items and if adjustment or servicing is necessary, refer to the appropriate section in the manual.

1. Oil Tank Level. (page 23)
2. Fuel Level. (page 21)
3. Front and Rear Brakes. (page 18, 59)
4. Wheels and Tires. (page 65)
5. Steering Operation. (page 72)
6. Front and Rear Suspension Units. (page 72, 74)