

# OPERATION

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## STARTING THE ENGINE

Always follow the proper starting procedure described below.

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 stop if the transmission is put in gear before raising the side stand.

### WARNING

- ***Never run the engine in an enclosed area. The exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can cause loss of consciousness and lead to death.***
- ***Do not flood the engine by twisting the throttle repeatedly. The carburetor has an accelerator pump.***

### 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 ABS Indicator Light, TCS Indicator Light, TCS OFF Indicator and TCS Activation Light are ON (For model equipped with CBS/ABS/TCS. See pages 14—15).
- The red low oil pressure indicator light is ON.

### CAUTION:

- ***The red low oil pressure indicator 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.***