

# Riding

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## Safe Riding Precautions

Before riding your motorcycle for the first time, please review the *Important Safety Information* beginning on page 2 and the previous section, titled *Before Riding*.

Even if you have ridden other motorcycles, take time to become familiar with how this motorcycle works and handles. Practice in a safe area until you build up your skills and get accustomed to your motorcycle's size and weight.

For your safety, avoid starting or operating the engine in an enclosed area such as a garage. Your motorcycle's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas which can collect rapidly in an enclosed area and cause illness or death.

Your motorcycle is not equipped with lights. Do not ride at night.

## Break-in Guidelines

To protect your new engine and enjoy optimum performance and service life:

- During the first 20 hours or 200 miles (350 km) of riding, avoid full-throttle operation, do not operate at any one speed for a prolonged period, and never lug the engine.
- Perform all maintenance required at the end of the break-in period (pages 51, 52).