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. 50
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain.
 Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. ▶ P. 75

Check the following items if you are carrying a passenger or cargo:

- Combined weight is within load limits.▶ P. 131
- Cargo is secured properly.

 Suspension spring preload and damper settings are adjusted to suit load. ⇒ P. 80, 83

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ≥ P. 78
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Refuel when needed. ⇒ P. 13, 30
- Engine stop switch functions properly.▶ P. 26

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower marks. ⇒ P. 60
- Brake fluid level is between the UPPER and LOWER marks. ⇒ P. 70
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER marks. → P. 67
- Clutch fluid level is between the UPPER and LOWER marks. ₱ P. 73
- Side stand function properly.

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