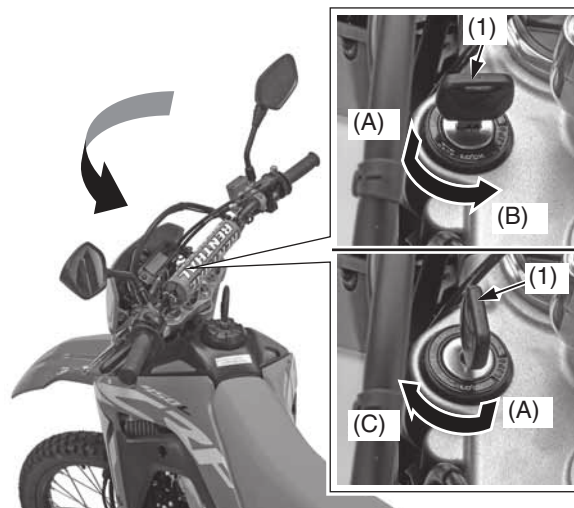


1. Look for a level parking area. If you can't park on a paved surface, make sure the ground surface is firm, especially under the side stand. If you must park on a hill, leave the transmission in gear and position the rear tire against the curb at a 45 degree angle.

Make sure flammable materials such as dry grass or leaves do not come in contact with the exhaust system when parking your motorcycle. Refer to *Catalytic Converter*, page 186.

2. Use the side stand to support the motorcycle while parked.
  - To lower the side stand, use your foot to guide it down. Remember that lowering the side stand with the transmission in gear will stop the engine, even if the clutch lever is pulled in. That is a function of the side stand ignition cut-off system.
  - Check that the side stand is down all the way so that the side stand ignition cut-off system (page 25) is activated.
  - If you have to park on a soft surface, insert something solid under the side stand for support.
3. Use the steering lock, which locks the handlebar in place. Turn the handlebar all the way to the left. Push in on the ignition key (1) and turn it to LOCK. Remove the key. (To unlock the steering lock, insert the key, push it in and turn it to the right to the OFF position.)



(1) ignition key

(A) push in  
(B) turn to LOCK  
(C) turn to OFF

## Theft-prevention Tips

- Park your motorcycle in a locked garage whenever possible. If a garage isn't available, park in a concealed area or in a well-lit area with enough pedestrian traffic to discourage a thief.
- Always take the ignition key with you.
- Always use the steering lock, even if you're parking for just a minute or two. A thief can easily push an unlocked motorcycle to a waiting truck.
- In addition to the steering lock, use a good quality anti-theft device made specifically to lock a motorcycle to a secure object.
- If you decide to use an anti-theft device, select one of good quality and be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions.