

# Is Your Motorcycle Ready to Ride?

Before each ride, it's important to inspect your motorcycle and make sure 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.

## **WARNING**

Improperly maintaining this motorcycle or failing to correct a problem before riding can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

## Pre-ride Inspection

Check the following items before you get on the motorcycle:

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| <i>Tires<br/>&amp;<br/>Wheels</i> | Look at the tires. If a tire appears low, use an air pressure gauge to check its pressure. Also look for signs of excessive wear ( <a href="#">page 165</a> ) or damage to the tires and wheels. |
| <i>Leaks,<br/>Loose<br/>Parts</i> | Walk around your motorcycle and look for anything that appears unusual, such as a leak or loose cable.   |
| <i>Lights</i>                     | Make sure the headlight, brakelight, taillight, and turn signals are working properly.   |