

# Battery

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Your motorcycle has a maintenance-free type battery. You do not have to check the battery electrolyte level or add distilled water as you would with a conventional-type battery.

## NOTICE

*Your battery is a maintenance-free type and can be permanently damaged if the cap strip is removed.*

Electrical accessories use current from the battery, even when the ignition is OFF. Limited operation also allows the battery to discharge. If you have electrical accessories on your motorcycle or do not ride frequently, we recommend that you charge the battery frequently (see *Battery Charging*, [page 174](#) ).

If you do not expect to ride your motorcycle for at least two weeks, we recommend you remove the battery, or at least disconnect the battery cables (negative cable first).

If you plan to store your motorcycle, see *Battery Storage*, [page 172](#) .

If your battery seems weak and/or is leaking electrolyte (causing slow starting or other electrical problems), see your dealer.

**WARNING:** Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds. **Wash your hands after handling.**