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. 147
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.

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

- Combined weight is within load limits. ▶ P. 233, 235
- Cargo is secured properly.
- Suspension is adjusted to suit load. ▶ P. 168, 169

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. P. 165
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the fuel level and refuel when needed. ▶ P. 15, 125
- Engine stop switch functions properly. ▶ P. 48

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks. ▶ P. 154
- Brake fluid level is Front: above the LWR mark. ■ P. 160 Rear: above the LWR mark. ■ P. 160
- GL1800/B Clutch fluid level is above the LWR mark. ▶ P. 164
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ➡ P. 158
- Side stand functions properly. ▶ P. 163
- GL1800BD/D/DA Parking brake works properly. ▶ P. 162