Shifting Gears

GL1800/B

Your motorcycle transmission has 6 forward gears in a one-down, five-up shift pattern.



If you put the motorcycle in gear with the side stand down, the engine will shut off.

Recommended Shift Points

Shifting Up	
From 1st to 2nd	12 mph (20 km/h)
From 2nd to 3rd	19 mph (30 km/h)
From 3rd to 4th	25 mph (40 km/h)
From 4th to 5th	31 mph (50 km/h)
From 5th to 6th	37 mph (60 km/h)

Shifting Down	
From 6th to 5th	28 mph (45 km/h)
From 5th to 4th	22 mph (35 km/h)
From 4th to 3rd	16 mph (25 km/h)

NOTICE

Improper shifting can damage the engine, transmission, and drive train. Also, coasting or towing the motorcycle for long distances with the engine off can damage the transmission.

GL1800BD/D/DA

Your motorcycle is equipped with an automatically controlled 7-speed transmission. It can be shifted automatically (by AT MODE) or manually (by MT MODE).

Recommended Shift Points

Shifting Up	
From 1st to 2nd	15 mph (24 km/h)
From 2nd to 3rd	20 mph (32 km/h)
From 3rd to 4th	27 mph (43 km/h)
From 4th to 5th	35 mph (56 km/h)
From 5th to 6th	45 mph (72 km/h)
From 6th to 7th	55 mph (88 km/h)

Shifting Down	
From 7th to 6th	45 mph (72 km/h)
From 6th to 5th	35 mph (56 km/h)
From 5th to 4th	25 mph (40 km/h)
From 4th to 3rd	18 mph (29 km/h)
From 3rd to 2nd	13 mph (21 km/h)
From 2nd to 1st	10 mph (16 km/h)

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