Maintenance Fundamentals

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. 55
- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally.
- Check the condition of the drive chain.
 Adjust slack and lubricate as needed. ➡ P. 52

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

- Combined weight is within load limits.▶ P. 129
- Cargo is secured properly.

 Suspension spring preload is adjusted to suit load. ➡ P. 85, 86

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding. ■ P. 81
- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the fuel level and refuel when needed.
 ▶ P. 13, 36
- Engine stop switch functions properly.
 ▶ P. 32

Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower level marks.

 P. 63
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER level marks.
 ▶ P. 68
- Side stand functions properly. ▶ P. 73