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 vehicle:

- Tire tread wear and air pressures are within limits. ■ P. 150
- 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. 237, 239
- Cargo is secured properly.
- Suspension is adjusted to suit load.▶ P. 172, 173

Check the following items after you get on your vehicle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding.

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- Brake lever and pedal operate normally.
- Check the fuel level and refuel when needed. P. 15, 127
- Engine stop switch functions properly.▶ P. 48

Check the following items at regular intervals:

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

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- Brake fluid level is
 Front: above the LWR mark. P. 164

 Rear: above the LWR mark. P. 164
- GL1800/B Clutch fluid level is above the LWR mark. ▶ P. 168
- Engine coolant level is between the UPPER and LOWER level marks. ▶ P. 162
- Side stand functions properly. ▶ P. 167
- GL1800BD/D/DA Parking brake works properly. ▶ P. 166