Removing Road Salt

Road Salt used on roads during winter and salt from seawater causes rust.

Wash your motorcycle as follows after it has run through salty water or on roads treated with Road Salt.

1. Clean the motorcycle using cool water (page 162).

Do not use warm water. This worsens the effect of the salt.

2. Dry the motorcycle and make sure the metal is protected with the wax.

Painted Aluminum Wheel Maintenance

Aluminum may corrode from contact with dirt, mud, or road salt. Clean the wheels after riding through any of these substances. Use a wet sponge and mild detergent. Avoid stiff brushes, steel wool, or cleaners containing abrasives or chemical compounds.

After washing, rinse with plenty of water and dry with a clean cloth.