

## Caring for Your Motorcycle

### Washing Precautions

Follow these guidelines when washing:

- Do not use high-pressure washers:
  - ▶ High-pressure water cleaners can damage moving parts and electrical parts, rendering them inoperable.
- Do not direct water at the muffler:
  - ▶ Water in the muffler can prevent starting and causes rust in the muffler.
- Dry the brakes:
  - ▶ Water adversely affects braking effectiveness. After washing, apply the brakes intermittently at low speed to help dry them.
- Do not direct water under the rear seat:
  - ▶ Water in the under seat compartment can damage your documents and other belongings.
- Do not direct water at the air cleaner:
  - ▶ Water in the air cleaner can prevent the engine from starting.

- Do not direct water near the headlight:
  - ▶ Any condensation inside the headlight should dissipate after a few minutes of running the engine.
- Do not use waxes containing compounds at the mat painted surface:
  - ▶ Using plenty of water, clean the mat painted surface with a soft cloth or sponge. Dry with a soft, clean cloth.
  - ▶ Use neutral detergent to clean mat painted surface.

### Aluminium Components

Aluminium will corrode from contact with dirt, mud, or road salt. Clean aluminium parts regularly and follow these guidelines to avoid scratches:

- Do not use stiff brushes, steel wool, or cleaners containing abrasives.
- Avoid riding over or scraping against curbs.

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