

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 tyre, can be a major inconvenience.

Check the following items before you ride motorcycle:

- Fuel level – Fill fuel tank when necessary. ➤ P. 38
- Throttle – Check for smooth opening and full closing in all steering positions. ➤ P. 77
- Engine oil level – Add engine oil if necessary. Check for leaks. ➤ P. 60
- Coolant level – Add coolant if required. Check for leaks. ➤ P. 64

- Drive chain – Check condition and slack, adjust and lubricate if necessary. ➤ P. 70
- Brakes – Check operation; Front and Rear: check brake fluid level and pads wear. ➤ P. 66, 67
- Lights and horn – Check that lights, indicators and horn function properly.
- Engine stop switch – Check for proper function.
- Clutch – Check operation; Adjust freeplay if necessary. ➤ P. 74
- Side stand ignition cut-off system – Check for proper function. ➤ P. 69
- Wheels and tyres – Check condition, air pressure and adjust if necessary. ➤ P. 53