

# Shifting Gears

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Learning when to shift gears comes with experience. Upshift to a higher gear or reduce throttle before engine rpm (speed) gets too high. Downshift to a lower gear before you feel the engine laboring (lugging) at low rpm.

## NOTICE

*Downshifting can help slow your motorcycle, especially on downhills. However, downshifting when engine rpm is too high can cause engine damage.*

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*To prevent transmission damage, do not coast or tow the motorcycle for long distances with the engine off.*