

OPERATION

STARTING THE ENGINE

Always follow the proper starting procedure described below.

This motorcycle is equipped with a side stand ignition cut-off system. The engine cannot be started if the side stand is down, unless the transmission is in neutral. If the side stand is up, the engine can be started in neutral or in gear with the clutch lever pulled in. After starting with the side stand down, the engine will stop if the transmission is put in gear.


To protect the catalytic converter in your motorcycle's exhaust system, avoid extending idling and the use of leaded petrol.

Your motorcycle's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas. High levels of carbon monoxide can collect rapidly in enclosed areas such as a garage. Do not run the engine with the garage door closed. Even with the door open, run the engine only long enough to move your motorcycle out of the garage.

Do not use the electric starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. Release the starter button for approximately 10 seconds before pressing it again.

Preparation

Before starting, insert the key, turn the ignition switch **ON** and *confirm* the following:

- The transmission is in **NEUTRAL** (neutral indicator light **ON**).
- The engine stop switch is at  (**RUN**).
- The low oil pressure light is **ON**.
- The PGM-FI indicator is **OFF**.
- The immobilizer system (**HISS**) indicator is **OFF**.

The low oil pressure indicator should go off a few seconds after the engine starts. If the light stays on, stop the engine immediately and check the engine oil level.

NOTICE

Operating the engine with insufficient oil pressure can cause serious engine damage.