

## Storing Your Motorcycle

- Avoid getting gasoline, brake fluid, or detergents on the instruments, panels, or headlight.

### Exhaust Pipe and Muffler

The exhaust pipe and muffler are stainless steel but may become stained by mud or dust. To remove mud or dust, use a wet sponge and a liquid kitchen abrasive, then rinse well with clean water. Dry with chamois or a soft towel. If necessary, remove heat stains by using a commercially available fine texture compound. Then rinse by the same manner as removing mud or dust.

#### NOTICE

Even though the exhaust is made of stainless steel, it can become stained. Remove all marks and blemishes as soon as they are noticed.

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If you store your motorcycle outdoors, you should consider using a full-body motorcycle cover.

If you won't be riding for an extended period, follow these guidelines:

- Wash your motorcycle and wax all painted surfaces (except matte painted surfaces). Coat chrome pieces with rust-inhibiting oil.
- Lubricate the drive chain. [▶ P. 48](#)
- Place your motorcycle on its center stand and position a block so that both tires are off the ground.
- After rain, remove the body cover and allow the motorcycle to dry.
- Remove the battery ([▶ P. 56](#)) to prevent discharge. Charge the battery in a shaded, well-ventilated area.
  - ▶ If you leave the battery in place, disconnect the negative  $\ominus$  terminal to prevent discharge.