

# Drive Chain

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2. Check drive chain slack at several points along the chain. The slack should remain constant. If it isn't, some links may be kinked and binding. Lubricating the chain will often eliminate binding and kinking.

## NOTICE

*Excessive chain slack may allow the drive chain to damage the engine cases.*

3. Inspect the drive chain for:

- damaged rollers
- loose pins
- dry or rusted links
- kinked or binding links
- excessive wear
- damaged or missing O-rings

Replace the drive chain ([page 111](#)) if it has damaged rollers, loose pins, or kinks that cannot be freed. Lubricate the drive chain ([page 110](#)) if it appears dry or shows signs

- of rust. Lubricate any kinked or binding links and work them free. Adjust chain slack if needed.
4. Check the chain slider (2), chain guide slider (3), chain roller (4) and lower slider (5) for wear. If the chain slider and lower slider are worn to the bottom of the cutouts (6), have your dealer replace the slider. Replace the chain guide slider if the chain is visible through the wear inspection window (7). Replace the chain roller if it is smaller than 0.7 in (18 mm).