Before each ride, it's important to inspect your motorcycle and make sure any problem you find is corrected. A pre-ride inspection is a must because off-road riding can be tough on a motorcycle and you don't want to have a breakdown far from help.

AWARNING

Improperly maintaining this motorcycle or failing to correct a problem before riding can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

Pre-ride Inspection

Check the following items before you get on the motorcycle:

- *Tires* Use a gauge to check the air pressure. Adjust if needed. Also look for signs of damage or excessive wear (page 101).
- Spokes &Make sure the spokes and rimRimslocks are tight. Also check the
rims for damage (page 95).
- Leaks Look under the motorcycle for signs of leaking fluids (fuel, engine oil, brake fluid).