## Caring for Your Motorcycle

## Washing Precautions

Follow these guidelines when washing:

- Do not use high-pressure washers:
  - ► High-pressure water cleaners can damage moving parts and electrical parts, rendering them inoperable.
  - Water in the air intake can be drawn into the throttle body and/or enter the air cleaner.
- Do not direct water at the muffler:
  - ► Water in the muffler can prevent starting and causes rust in the muffler.
- Dry the brakes:
  - Water adversely affects braking effectiveness. After washing, apply the brakes intermittently at low speed to help dry them.
- Do not direct water under the front seat:
  - Water in the under seat compartment can damage your documents and other belongings.

- Do not direct water at the air cleaner:
  - ► Water in the air cleaner can prevent the engine from starting.
- When you wash your motorcycle, bring the rear seat down to its original position.
  - Water in the under seat compartment can damage moving parts rendering them inoperable.
- Do not direct water near the headlight:
  - The headlight's inside lens may fog temporarily after washing or while riding in the rain. This does not impact the headlight function.

    However, if you see a large amount of
    - water or ice accumulated inside the lens(es), have your vehicle inspected by your dealer.
- Do not use wax or polishing compounds on matte painted surface:
  - Use a soft cloth or sponge, plenty of water, and a mild detergent to clean matte painted surfaces. Dry with a soft clean cloth.