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.
- 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 at the storage bag.
 - ➤ Water in the storage bag 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.
- Do not direct water near the headlight:
 - Any condensation inside the headlight should dissipate after a few minutes of

- running the engine.
- 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.

Aluminum Components

Aluminum will corrode from contact with dirt, mud, or road salt. Clean aluminum parts regularly and follow these guidelines to avoid scratches:

- Do not use stiff brushes, steel wool, or cleaners containing abrasives.
- Avoid riding over or scraping against curbs.

Panels

Follow these guidelines to prevent scratches and blemishes:

 Wash gently using a soft sponge and plenty of water.