

### Removal and Cleaning:

When the drive chain becomes dirty, it should be removed and cleaned prior to lubrication.

1. With the engine off, carefully remove the master link retaining clip (1) with a pair of pliers. Do not bend or twist the clip. Remove the master link. Remove the drive chain from the motorcycle.
2. Clean the drive chain in high flash-point solvent and allow it to dry. Inspect the drive chain for possible wear or damage. Replace any chain that has damaged rollers, loose fitting links, or otherwise appears unserviceable.

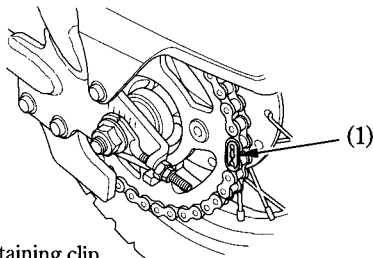
Never use petrol or low flash point solvents for cleaning the drive chain. A fire or explosion could result.

3. Inspect the sprocket teeth for possible wear or damage.
4. Lubricate the drive chain (page 70).

5. Pass the chain over the sprockets and join the ends of the chain with the master link. For ease of assembly, hold the chain ends against adjacent rear sprocket teeth while inserting the master link.

The master link is the most critical part affecting the security of the drive chain. Master links are reusable, if they remain in excellent condition, but it is recommended that a new master link retaining clip be installed whenever the drive chain is reassembled.

Install the master link retaining clip so that the closed end of the clip will face the direction of forward wheel rotation.



(1) Retaining clip