

3. Turn the adjusting nut (2) on both the right and left chain adjusters an equal number of turns to increase or decrease chain slack.

Align the chain adjuster index marks (3) with the corresponding scale graduations (4) on both sides of the swingarm.

If the drive chain slack is excessive when the rear axle is moved to the furthest limit of adjustment, the drive chain is worn and must be replaced.

4. Tighten the axle nut to:  
59 N·m (6.0 kgf·m , 43 lbf·ft)
5. Tighten the adjusting nuts.
6. Recheck drive chain slack.
7. Rear brake pedal freeplay is affected when repositioning the rear wheel to adjust drive chain slack. Check rear brake pedal freeplay and adjust as necessary (page 17 ).

If a torque wrench is not used for this installation, see your Honda dealer as soon as possible to verify proper assembly.

#### Lubrication:

Use SAE 80 or 90 gear oil or a commercially prepared drive chain lubricants in preference to motor oil or other lubricants. Saturate each chain link joint so that the lubricant penetrates between the link plates, pins, bushings, and rollers.

