Maintenance Fundamentals

Pre-ride Inspection

To ensure safety, it is your responsibility to perform a pre-ride inspection and make sure that any problem you find is corrected. A pre-ride inspection is a must, not only for safety, but because having a breakdown, or even a flat tire, can be a major inconvenience.

Check the following items before you get on your motorcycle:

- Tire tread wear and air pressures are within limits

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- Lights, horn, and turn signals operate normally

Check the following items if you are carrying a passenger or cargo:

Combined weight is within load limits
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- Cargo is secured properly
- Suspension spring preload and damper settings are adjusted to suit load ₱P.79, 81

Check the following items after you get on your motorcycle:

- Throttle action moves smoothly without binding

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- Brake lever and pedal operate normally
- Refuel when needed ▶P.13, 34
- Engine stop switch functions properly

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Check the following items at regular intervals:

- Oil level is between the upper and lower marks ►P.60
- Brake fluid level is between the upper and lower marks

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- Engine coolant level is between the upper and lower marks

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- Side stand functions properly

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