

# Operating Controls

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## Shift Lever

The shift lever is used to select the next higher or lower gear in the transmission. To operate, raise the shift lever (after pulling in the clutch lever) to engage the next higher gear or depress the shift lever to engage the next lower gear. See *Shifting Gears*, page 33.

## Rear Brake Pedal

The rear brake pedal is used to slow or stop your motorcycle. To operate, depress the pedal. For information on braking techniques, see page 35.

## Kickstarter

The kickstarter is used to start the engine. To operate, swing the kickstarter out from its stored position and depress it through its entire stroke. See *Starting the Engine*, page 30.

## Side Stand

The side stand is used to support your motorcycle while parked (page 37). To operate, use your foot to lower the stand. Before riding, raise the stand.