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:

- Fuel level-Fill fuel tank when necessary.▶ P. 48
- Throttle-Check for smooth opening and full closing in all steering positions. ⇒P. 93
- Engine oil level-Add engine oil if necessary.
 Check for leaks. ≥ P. 76
- Coolant level-Add coolant if required. Check for leaks. → P. 80
- Drive chain-Check condition and slack, adjust and lubricate if necessary. ≥ P. 86

- Brakes-Check operation;
 Front and Rear: check brake fluid level and pad wear. ▶ P. 82, 83
- Lights and horn-Check that lights, indicators and horn function properly.
- Engine stop switch-Check for proper function. ⇒ P. 44
- Clutch-Check operation;
 Adjust freeplay if necessary. ⇒ P. 90
- Wheels and tires-Check condition, air pressure and adjust if necessary. ⇒ P. 66