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. 27
- Throttle-Check for smooth opening and full closing in all steering positions. ⇒ P. 73
- Engine oil level-Add engine oil if necessary. Check for leaks. ▶ P. 53
- Coolant level-Add coolant if required.
 Check for leaks. ⇒ P. 57

- Brakes (VT750C)-Check operation;
 Front: check brake fluid level (➡ P. 59) and pads wear. ➡ P. 60
 Rear: check shoes wear (➡ P. 64) and freeplay (➡ P. 61), adjust if necessary. ➡ P. 62
- Brakes (VT750C ABS)-Check operation;
 Front and Rear: check brake fluid level
 P. 59) and pads wear. ▶ P. 60
- Lights and horn-Check that lights, indicators and horn function properly.
- Engine stop switch-check for proper function. ⇒ P. 22
- Clutch-Check operation;
 Adjust freeplay if necessary. ⇒ P. 65
- Side stand ignition cut-off system-check for proper function. ▶ P. 68
- Wheels and tires-Check condition, air pressure and adjust if necessary.

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