

RIDING

Review Motorcycle Safety (pages 1 – 13) before you ride.

Make sure you understand the function of the side stand mechanism. (See MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE on page 66 and explanation for SIDE STAND on page 88).

Make sure flammable materials such as dry grass or leaves do not come in contact with the exhaust system when riding, idling, or parking your motorcycle.

1. Warm up the engine.
2. With the engine idling, shift into low (1st) by depressing the toe end of the shift lever.
3. Slowly open the throttle to start the motorcycle rolling smoothly, and when the motorcycle attains a moderate speed, close the throttle and depress the shift lever with the toe to shift into 2nd gear.

4. This sequence is repeated to progressively shift into the next higher gear.
5. Shifting down is accomplished by depressing the heel end of the shift lever.
6. Coordinate the throttle and brakes for smooth deceleration.
7. Both front and rear brakes should be used at the same time and should not be applied strongly enough to lock the wheel, or braking effectiveness will be reduced and control of the motorcycle be difficult.

