

DRIVE CHAIN

Refer to the Safety Precautions on page 76 .

The service life of the drive chain is dependent upon proper lubrication and adjustment. Poor maintenance can cause premature wear or damage to the drive chain and sprockets.

The drive chain should be checked and lubricated as part of the Pre-ride Inspection (page 63). Under severe usage, or when the motorcycle is ridden in unusually dusty or muddy areas, more frequent maintenance will be necessary.

Inspection:

1. **Except U type:**

Turn the engine off, place the motorcycle on its center stand, and shift the transmission into neutral.

For U type:

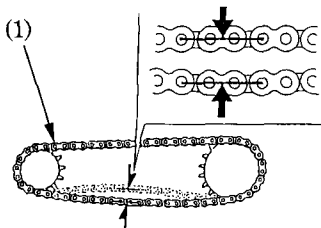
Turn the engine off, place the motorcycle on its side stand and shift the transmission into neutral.

2. Check slack in the lower drive chain run midway between the sprockets.

Drive chain slack should be adjusted to allow the following vertical movement by hand:

25–35 mm (1.0–1.4 in)

3. Rotate the rear wheel. Stop. Check the drive chain slack. Repeat this procedure several times. Drive chain slack should remain constant. If the chain is slack only in certain sections, some links are kinked and binding. Binding and kinking can frequently be eliminated by lubrication.



(1) Drive chain