

Drive Chain Maintenance

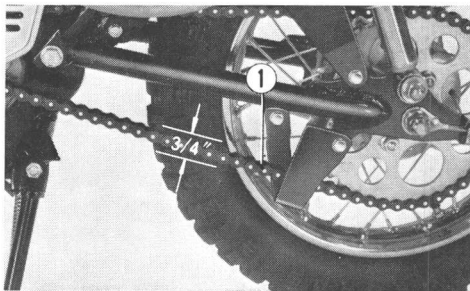
Proper tensioning and lubrication will help extend the service life of the drive chain and ensure smooth power transmission to the rear wheel. Under severe usage, or when the motorcycle is ridden in unusually dusty areas, more frequent maintenance is necessary.

Tension Adjustment:

1. Place the motorcycle on a support block to raise the rear wheel off the ground. Shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Check vertical movement of the lower length of the drive chain at a point midway between the sprockets. Move the chain up and down with your fingers and observe the amount of slack. Drive chain tension should be adjusted to allow approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " vertical movement at this point. Rotate the rear wheel and check drive

chain tension throughout its length. Drive chain tension should remain constant as the wheel is rotated.

If the chain is found to be slack in one segment of its length and taut in another, this indicates that some of the links are either worn or kinked and binding. Kinking and binding can frequently be eliminated by lubrication.



① Drive chain