

1. Warm up the engine.
2. With the engine idling, squeeze the clutch lever and shift into low (1st) by depressing the gearshift pedal.
3. Slowly release the clutch lever while gradually increasing speed. Coordination of these two operations will assure a smooth start.
4. When the motorcycle attains smooth forward motion, slow down the engine, squeeze the clutch lever again and shift into 2nd by raising the shift pedal. Do the same for the other gears,
5. Coordinate the throttle and brakes for smooth deceleration.
6. 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.

 **WARNING**

- \* *Do not downshift when traveling at a speed that would force the engine to overrev in the next lower gear, or cause the rear wheel to lose traction.*

**CAUTION:**

- \* *Do not shift gears without disengaging the clutch and closing the throttle. The engine and drive train could be damaged by overspeed and shock.*
- \* *Do not tow the motorcycle or coast for long distances while the engine is off. The transmission will not be properly lubricated and damage may result.*
- \* *Do not exceed 10,500 rpm when running the engine without a load. Serious engine damage may result.*

**NOTE:**

- \* The battery will not charge while the engine speed is below 1,200 rpm. Avoid idling for prolonged periods.