

DRIVE CHAIN

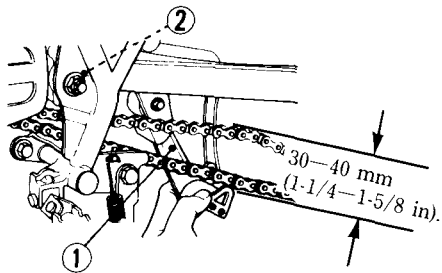
(Refer to the maintenance precaution on page 47).

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. Under severe usage, or when the motorcycle is ridden in dusty areas, more frequent maintenance will be necessary.

Drive chain inspection:

1. Turn the engine off, place the motorcycle on the side stand and shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Push the chain tensioner (1) downward. 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:
30–40 mm (1-1/4–1-5/8 in).

3. Roll the motorcycle forward, Stop. Check 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) Chain tensioner (2) Chain guide slider