

## DRIVE CHAIN

(Refer to the maintenance precautions on page 45).

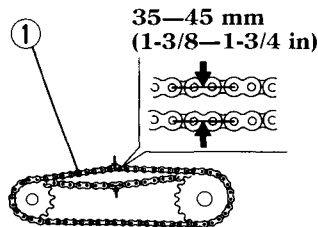
The service life of the drive chain (1) is dependent upon proper lubrication and adjustment. Poor maintenance can cause premature wear or damage to the drive chain and sprockets.

The drive chain should be checked and lubricated as part of the Pre-ride Inspection (page 36). Under severe usage, or when the motorcycle is ridden in unusually dusty areas, more frequent maintenance will be necessary.

### Inspection:

1. Turn the engine off, raise the rear wheel off the ground by placing a support under the engine, and shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Check slack in the upper drive chain run midway between the sprockets. Drive chain slack should be adjusted to allow the following vertical movement by hand:  
35—45 mm (1-3/8—1-3/4 in)

3. Rotate the wheel and check drive chain slack as the wheel rotates. Drive chain slack should remain constant as the wheel rotates. If the chain is slack only in certain sections, some links are kinked and binding. Kinks and binding can frequently be eliminated by lubrication.



(1) Drive chain