

Removal and Cleaning:

When the drive chain becomes dirty, it should be removed and cleaned prior to lubrication.

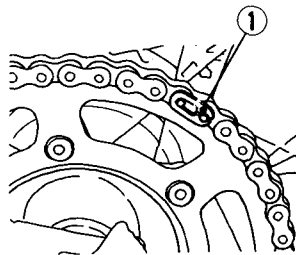
1. Carefully remove the master link retaining clip (1) with a pair of pliers. Do not bend or twist the clip. Remove the master link. Remove the drive chain from the motorcycle.
2. Clean the drive chain in clean nonflammable or high flash point solvent and allow to dry. Inspect the drive chain and clip for possible wear or damage. Replace any chain that has damaged rollers, loose fitting links, or otherwise appears unserviceable.

⚠ WARNING

- * **Never use petrol or low flash point solvents for cleaning the drive chain. A fire or explosion could result.**
3. Inspect the sprocket teeth for possible wear or damage. Replace if necessary.
 4. Lubricate the drive chain (page 63).
 5. Pass the chain over the sprockets and join the ends of the chain with the master link. For ease of assembly, hold the chain ends against the rear sprocket teeth while inserting the master link.

Install the master link retaining clip (1) so that the closed end of the clip will face the direction of forward wheel rotation. The master link is the most critical part affecting the security of the drive chain. It is recommended that a new master link retaining clip be installed whenever the drive chain is re-assembled.

6. Adjust the drive chain and rear brake pedal free play.



(1) Retaining clip