

Instrument Panel

The instrument panel is coated with a special surface treatment to prevent reflection and glare.

Wipe any moisture (including rainwater) on the instrument panel with a dry, soft cloth immediately.

Using plenty of water, clean the instrument panel with a soft cloth or sponge.

For a dirtier instrument panel, use a diluted neutral detergent with a sponge and plenty of water. Make sure to wash off all the detergent. Dry with a soft, clean cloth.

Take care to keep battery electrolyte, brake fluid, or other chemical solvents off the instrument panel. They will damage the special surface treatment of the instrument panel.

Exhaust Pipe and Muffler

The exhaust pipe and muffler are stainless steel but may become stained by mud or dust.

To remove mud or dust, use a wet sponge and a liquid kitchen abrasive, then rinse well with clean water. Dry with chamois or a soft towel.

If necessary, remove heat stains by using a commercially available fine texture compound. Then rinse by the same manner as removing mud or dust.

When the exhaust pipe and muffler are painted, do not use a commercially available abrasive kitchen cleaning compound. Use a neutral detergent to clean the painted surface on the exhaust pipe and muffler. If you are not sure if your exhaust pipe and muffler are painted, contact your dealer.

NOTICE

Even though the exhaust is made of stainless steel, it can become stained. Remove all marks and blemishes as soon as they are noticed.

Storing Your Motorcycle

If you store your motorcycle outdoors, you should consider using a full-body motorcycle cover.

If you won't be riding for an extended period, follow these guidelines:

- Wash your motorcycle and wax all painted surfaces (except matte painted surfaces).
Coat chrome pieces with rust-inhibiting oil.
- **GL1800/D/DA**
Place your motorcycle on its center stand and position a block so that both tires are off the ground.
- **GL1800B/BD**
Place your motorcycle on a maintenance stand and position a block so that both tires are off the ground.
- After rain, remove the body cover and allow the motorcycle to dry.
- Remove the battery (➔ P. 153) to prevent discharge. Charge the battery in a shaded, well-ventilated area.
 - ▶ If you leave the battery in place, disconnect the negative ⊖ terminal to prevent discharge.