

# Tires & Tubes

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Refer to *Safety Precautions* on page 43.

To safely operate your motorcycle, the tires must be the proper type (off-road) and size, in good condition with adequate tread, and correctly inflated.

## **WARNING**

Using tires that are excessively worn or improperly inflated can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Follow all instructions in this owner's manual regarding tire inflation and maintenance.

The following pages give detailed information on how and when to check your air pressure, how to inspect your tires for wear and damage,

and our recommendations on tire repair and replacement.

## **Air Pressure**

Properly inflated tires provide the best combination of handling, tread life, and riding comfort. Generally, underinflated tires wear unevenly, adversely affect handling, and are more likely to fail from being overheated. Underinflated tires can also cause wheel damage in rocky terrain. Overinflated tires make your motorcycle ride more harshly, are more prone to damage from surface hazards, and wear unevenly.

Make sure the valve stem caps are secure. If necessary, install a new cap.