

# CLEANING AND STORAGE

## A. CLEANING

Frequent thorough cleaning of your motorcycle will not only enhance its appearance but will improve general performance and extend the useful life of many components.

1. Before cleaning the machine:
  - a) Block off the end of the exhaust pipe to prevent water entry; a plastic bag and strong rubber band may be used.
  - b) Make sure spark plugs and gas cap are properly installed.
2. If engine case is excessively greasy, apply degreaser with a paint brush. Do not apply degreaser to wheel axles.
3. Rinse dirt and degreaser off with a garden hose, using only enough hose pressure to do the job. Excessive hose pressure may cause water seepage and

contamination of wheel bearings, front Forks, brake calipers and transmission seals. Many expensive repair bills have resulted from improper high pressure detergent application such as those available in coin-operated car washes.

4. Once the majority of the dirt has been hosed off, wash all surfaces with warm water and mild, detergent-type soap. An old tooth brush or bottle brush is handy to reach hard-to-get-to places.
5. Rinse machine off immediately with clean water and dry all surfaces with a chamois, clean towel, or soft absorbent cloth.
6. Immediately after washing, remove excess moisture from chain and lubricate to prevent rust.
7. Chrome-plated parts such as handlebars, fenders, forks, etc., may be further cleaned with automotive chrome cleaner.

8. Clean the seat with a vinyl upholstery cleaner to keep the cover pliable and glossy.
9. Automotive-type wax may be applied to all painted and chrome-plated surfaces. Avoid combination cleaner-waxes. Many contain abrasives which may mar paint or protective finish on fuel tank and side covers.
10. After finishing, start the engine immediately and allow to idle for several minutes.

## B. STORAGE

Long term storage (60 days or more) of your motorcycle will require some preventive procedures to insure against deterioration. After cleaning motorcycle thoroughly, prepare for storage as follows:

1. Drain fuel tank, fuel lines, and carburetor float bowl(s).

2. Remove empty fuel tank, pour a cup of SAE 10W/30 or 20W/40 motor oil in tank, shake tank to coat inner surfaces thoroughly and drain off excess oil. Re-install tank.
3. Remove spark plug(s), pour about one tablespoon of SAE 10W/30 or 20W/40 motor oil in spark plug hole(s) and re-install spark plugs. Kick engine over several times (with ignition off) to coat cylinder walls with oil.

### WARNING:

When using starter motor to crank the **engine, remove spark plug wires and ground them to prevent sparking.**

4. Remove drive chain. Clean, thoroughly with solvent and lubricate. Re-install chain or store in a plastic bag and tie to frame for safekeeping.
5. Lubricate all control cables.

6. Block up frame to raise both wheels off ground.
7. Tie a plastic bag over exhaust pipe outlet(s) to prevent moisture from entering.
8. If storing in humid or salt-air atmosphere, coat all exposed metal surfaces with a light film of oil. Do not apply oil to rubber parts or seat cover.
9. Remove battery and charge it. Store in a dry place and re-charge once a month. Do not store battery in an excessively warm or cold place (less than 0°C (32°F) or more than 30°C (90°F)).

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Make any necessary repairs before storing the motorcycle.

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