

SIDE STAND

Support the motorcycle on a level surface.

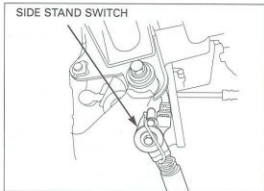
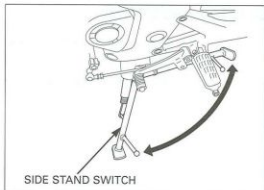
Check the side stand spring for damage or loss of tension.

Check the side stand assembly for freedom of movement and lubricate the side stand pivot if necessary.

Check the side stand ignition cut-off system:

- Sit astride the motorcycle and raise the side stand.
- Start the engine with the transmission in neutral, then shift the transmission into gear, with the clutch lever squeezed.
- Move the side stand full down.
- The engine should stop as the side stand is lowered.

If there is a problem with the system, check the side stand switch (section 19).



SUSPENSION

Loose, worn or damaged suspension parts impair motorcycle stability and control.

FRONT SUSPENSION INSPECTION

Check the action of the forks by compressing the front suspension several times.

Check the entire fork assembly for signs of leaks, damage or loose fasteners.

Replace damaged components that cannot be repaired.

Tighten all nuts and bolts (page 1-13).

Refer to section 13 for fork service.



REAR SUSPENSION INSPECTION

Check the action of the shock absorber by compressing it several times.

Check the entire shock absorber assembly for signs of leaks, damage or loose fasteners.

Replace damaged components that cannot be repaired.

Tighten all nuts and bolts (page 1-13).

Place the motorcycle on a work stand or box to raise the rear wheel off the ground and support the motorcycle securely. Check for worn swingarm bearings by grabbing the swingarm and attempting to move the wheel side to side. Replace the bearings if any looseness is noted.

