

FOREWORD

THANK YOU for choosing Suzuki. We at Suzuki have designed, tested and produced this motorcycle using the most modern technology available to provide you with many happy, enjoyable, safety riding. Motorcycling is one of man's most exhilarating sports and to insure your riding enjoyment, you should become thoroughly familiar with the information presented in this Owner's Manual before riding the motorcycle.

The proper care and maintenance that your motorcycle requires is outlined in this manual. By following these instructions explicitly you will insure a long trouble free operating life for your motorcycle. This motorcycle also conforms to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emission regulations which apply to new motorcycles. The proper adjustment of engine components is necessary for this motorcycle to comply with the EPA regulations. Therefore, please follow the maintenance instructions closely to ensure emission compliance. Your Suzuki dealer has experienced technicians that are trained to provide your machine with the best possible service with the right tools and equipment.

CAUTIONS TO GS450GA OWNERS

This motorcycle features the SUZUKIMATIC transmission, a torque converter coupled to a two-speed transmission for easy driving. The SUZUKIMATIC transmission and its related features require special care and operation which differs from standard shift motorcycles. Please follow the instructions below and thoroughly read the owner's manual for details.

STARTING THE ENGINE

- * Turn the ignition switch to the "C", check position, and pause before continuing to the "ON" position. In the "C" position the side stand position buzzer should buzz plus the side stand check light and oil pressure light will operate.
- * The engine will start in the neutral position only. For added safety, apply the parking brake. (The starter motor will not operate if the transmission is in gear.)
- * Warm up the engine until it idles smoothly without the choke. Starting off with the choke on can be dangerous since the motorcycle will start moving forward as soon as the gear is engaged and closing the throttle will not slow it down.

STARTING OFF

- * Engage the transmission when the engine is at idle speed only. If the gear is engaged with engine revved up, the motorcycle will abruptly move forward, possibly resulting in loss of rider control. It is a good practice to apply front brake when engaging the transmission.
- * Make sure that the parking brake is released before starting off. Driving with the parking brake engaged may damage the brake system and could affect rider control. The brake could actuate as soon as the throttle is closed, resulting in rear wheel lock.