

RIDING ON HILLS

- When climbing steep hills, the motorcycle may begin to slow down and show lack of power. At this point you should shift to a lower gear so that the engine will again be operating in its normal power range. Shift rapidly to prevent the motorcycle from losing momentum.
 - When riding down a steep hill, the engine may be used for braking by shifting to low gear range.
- Be careful, however, not to allow the engine to over rev.

WARNING

- (1) If this is the first time that you have ridden a machine of this type, we suggest that you practice on a non-public road to become thoroughly familiar with the controls and operation of the motorcycle.
- (2) Before starting off, always return the side stand to its normal "up" position.
- (3) Slow down to a safe speed before negotiating a corner.
- (4) Don't down shift in the midst of cornering.
- (5) One-hand riding is extremely dangerous. Keep both hands firmly on the handlebars and both feet securely on the foot rests. Under no circumstances should both hands be removed from the handlebars.

STOPPING AND PARKING

- Twist the throttle grip away from yourself to close the throttle completely.
- Apply the front and rear brakes evenly and at the same time.
- Downshift the gear as the motorcycle speed decreases below 3 miles (5 km/h).

NOTE: Inexperienced riders tend to use the rear brake only. This can lead to premature brake wear and excessive stopping distances.

WARNING

Using only the front or rear brake is dangerous and can cause skidding and loss of control. Apply the brakes lightly and with great care on a wet highway pavement or other slippery surfaces and at all corners. Any abrupt braking on slippery or irregular roads can cause loss of rider control.

WARNING

Do not rely on engine brake to slow down the motorcycle, especially at low speed. The SUZUKIMATIC transmission on this motorcycle provides less engine brake than a standard transmission.

- For momentary stops, leave the transmission in gear and apply the brakes while idling.
- Shift to neutral for extended idling.

WARNING

Do not open the throttle or rev the engine while stopped in gear. The motorcycle may move forward.

- Apply the brakes lightly and with great care on a wet highway pavement or other slippery surfaces and at all corners. Any abrupt braking on slippery or irregular roads can be particularly dangerous.
- If the motorcycle is to be parked on the side stand and on a slight slope, engage the parking brake to prevent it from rolling off the side stand.
- Turn the ignition switch to the "OFF" position to stop the engine.
- Lock the steering for security.
- Remove the ignition key from the switch.

HIGH SPEED RIDING

The rear suspension setting should be adjusted to meet the suspected road conditions and motorcycle speeds. Tire pressures should also be increased for high speed riding as described in tire pressure section.

WARNING

High speed cruising requires special care. Be sure that you review the provide instruction chart and be sure that your machine is in top condition. Do not exceed the posted speed limits.