

STORAGE GUIDE

Extended storage, such as for winter, requires that you take certain steps to reduce the effects of deterioration from non-use of the motorcycle. In addition, necessary repairs should be made **BEFORE** storing the motorcycle; otherwise, these repairs may be forgotten by the time the motorcycle is removed from storage.

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1. Change the engine oil and filter.
2. Make sure the cooling system is filled with a 50/50 antifreeze solution.
3. Drain the fuel tank and carburetors. Spray the inside of the tank with an aerosol rust-inhibiting oil. Reinstall the fuel cap on the tank.

NOTE:

- If storage will last more than one month, carburetor draining is very important, to assure proper performance after storage.

▲WARNING

- **Gasoline is flammable and is explosive under certain conditions. Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks near the equipment while draining fuel.**

4. Remove the spark plugs and pour a tablespoon (15–20 cc) of clean engine oil into each cylinder. Crank the engine several times to distribute the oil, then reinstall the spark plugs.

NOTE:

- When turning the engine over, the Engine Stop Switch should be OFF and each spark plug placed in its cable cap and grounded to prevent damage to the ignition system.

5. Remove the battery. Store in an area protected from freezing temperatures and direct sunlight.
6. Wash and dry the motorcycle. Wax all painted surfaces. Coat chrome with rust-inhibiting oil.
7. Inflate the tires to their recommended pressures. Place the motorcycle on blocks to raise both tires off the ground.
8. Cover the motorcycle (don't use plastic or other coated materials) and store in an unheated area, free of dampness and with a minimum of daily temperature variation. Do not store the motorcycle in direct sunlight.

REMOVAL FROM STORAGE

1. Uncover and clean the motorcycle. Change the engine oil if more than 4 months have passed since the start of storage.
2. Charge the battery as required. Install the battery.
3. Drain any excess aerosol rust-inhibiting oil from the fuel tank. Fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline.
4. Perform all Pre-ride Inspection checks (page 39). Test ride the motorcycle at low speeds in a safe riding area away from traffic.