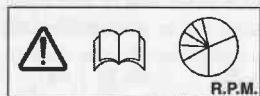


# General Information

## Breaking-in



Breaking-in is the name given to the process that occurs during the first hours of a new vehicle's operation.

In particular, internal friction in the engine will be higher when components are new. Later on, when continued operation of the engine has ensured that the components have 'bedded in', this internal friction will be greatly reduced.

A period of careful breaking-in will ensure lower exhaust emissions, and will optimize performance, fuel economy and longevity of the engine and other motorcycle components.

During the first 500 miles (800 kilometers):

- Do not use full throttle.
- Avoid high engine speeds at all times.
- Avoid riding at one constant engine speed, whether fast or slow, for a long period of time.
- Avoid aggressive starts, stops, and rapid accelerations, except in an emergency.
- Do not ride at speeds greater than 3/4 of maximum engine speed.

From 500 to 1000 miles (800 to 1500 kilometers):

- Engine speed can gradually be increased to the rev limit for short periods.

Both during and after breaking-in has been completed:

- Do not over-rev the engine when cold.
- Do not lug the engine. Always downshift before the engine begins to 'struggle'.
- Do not ride with engine speeds unnecessarily high. Shifting up a gear helps reduce fuel consumption, reduces noise and helps to protect the environment.