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FOREWORD

This manual contains an introductory description on SUZUKI GSF1200/S and procedures for its inspection/service and overhaul of its main components.

Other information considered as generally known is not included.

Read GENERAL INFORMATION section to familiarize yourself with outline of the vehicle and MAINTENANCE and other sections to use as a guide for proper inspection and service.

This manual will help you know the vehicle better so that you can assure your customers of your optimum and quick service.

- * This manual has been prepared on the basis of the latest specification at the time of publication.
If modification has been made since then, difference may exist between the content of this manual and the actual vehicle.
- * Illustrations in this manual are used to show the basic principles of operation and work procedures.
They may not represent the actual vehicle exactly in detail.
- * This manual is intended for those who have enough knowledge and skills for servicing SUZUKI vehicles. Without such knowledge and skills, you should not attempt servicing by relying on this manual only.
Instead, please contact your nearby authorized SUZUKI motorcycle dealer.

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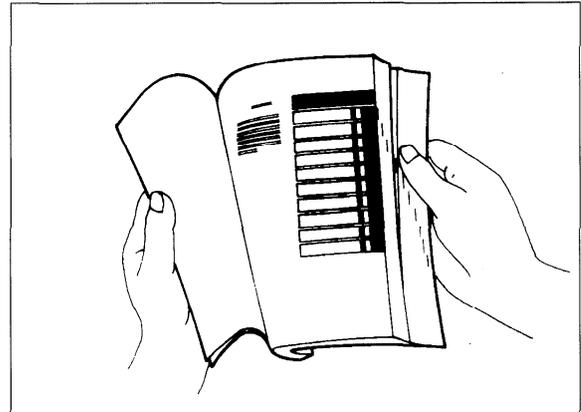
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HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

TO LOCATE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR:

1. The text of this manual is divided into sections.
2. As the title of these sections are listed on the previous page as GROUP INDEX, select the section where what you are looking for belong.
3. Holding the manual as shown at the right will allow you to find the first page of the section easily.
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COMPONENT PARTS AND WORK TO BE DONE

Under the name of each system or unit, its exploded view is provided with work instruction and other service information such as the tightening torque, lubricating points and locking agent points.

Example: Front wheel

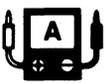
① Front axle
 ② Spacer
 ③ Disc (R)
 ④ Bearing
 ⑤ Spacer
 ⑥ Front wheel
 ⑦ Disc (L)
 ⑧ Speedometer gearbox

A Front axle
 B Axle pinch bolt
 C Brake disc bolt

ITEM	N·m	kg-m	lb-ft
A	100	10.0	72.5
B	23	2.3	16.5
C	23	2.3	16.5

SYMBOL

Listed in the table below are the symbols indicating instructions and other information necessary for servicing and meaning associated with them respectively.

SYMBOL	DEFINITION	SYMBOL	DEFINITION
	Torque control required. Data beside it indicates specified torque.		Apply THREAD LOCK SUPER "1303". 99000-32030
	Apply oil. Use engine oil unless otherwise specified.		Use fork oil. 99000-99044-10G
	Apply SUZUKI SUPER GREASE "A". 99000-25010		Apply or use brake fluid.
	Apply SUZUKI SILICONE GREASE. 99000-25100		Measure in voltage range.
	Apply SUZUKI MOLY PASTE. 99000-25140		Measure in resistance range.
	Apply SUZUKI BOND "1207B". 99000-31140		Measure in current range.
	Apply THREAD LOCK "1342". 99000-32050		Use special tool.
	Apply THREAD LOCK SUPER "1360". 99000-32130		

GENERAL INFORMATION

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WARNING/CAUTION/NOTE

Please read this manual and follow its instructions carefully. To emphasize special information, the symbol and the words WARNING, CAUTION and NOTE have special meanings. Pay special attention to the messages highlighted by these signal words.

▲ WARNING

Indicates a potential hazard that could result in death or injury.

▲ CAUTION

Indicates a potential hazard that could result in vehicle damage.

NOTE:

Indicates special information to make maintenance easier or instructions clearer.

Please note, however, that the warnings and cautions contained in this manual cannot possibly cover all potential hazards relating to the servicing, or lack of servicing, of the motorcycle. In addition to the WARNINGS and CAUTIONS stated, you must use good judgement and basic mechanical safety principles. If you are unsure about how to perform a particular service operation, ask a more experienced mechanic for advice.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

▲ WARNING

- * Proper service and repair procedures are important for the safety of the service mechanic and the safety and reliability of the vehicle.
- * When 2 or more persons work together, pay attention to the safety of each other.
- * When it is necessary to run the engine indoors, make sure that exhaust gas is forced outdoors.
- * When working with toxic or flammable materials, make sure that the area you work in is well-ventilated and that you follow all of the material manufacturer's instructions.
- * Never use gasoline as a cleaning solvent.
- * To avoid getting burned, do not touch the engine, engine oil or exhaust system during or for a while after engine operation.
- * After servicing fuel, oil, exhaust or brake systems, check all lines and fittings related to the system for leaks.

▲ CAUTION

- * If parts replacement is necessary, replace the parts with Suzuki Genuine Parts or their equivalent.
- * When removing parts that are to be reused, keep them arranged in an orderly manner so that they may be reinstalled in the proper order and orientation.
- * Be sure to use special tools when instructed.
- * Make sure that all parts used in reassembly are clean, and also lubricated when specified.
- * When use of a certain type of lubricant, bond, or sealant is specified, be sure to use the specified type.
- * When removing the battery, disconnect the negative cable first and then the positive cable. When reconnecting the battery, connect the positive cable first and then the negative cable, and replace the terminal cover on the positive terminal.
- * When performing service to electrical parts, if the service procedures not require use of battery power, disconnect the negative cable the battery.
- * Tighten cylinder head and case bolts and nuts, beginning with larger diameter and ending with smaller diameter, from inside to outside diagonally, to the specified tightening torque.
- * Whenever you remove oil seals, gaskets, packing, O-rings, locking washers, self-locking nuts, cotter pins, circlips, and certain other parts as specified, be sure to replace them with new ones. Also, before installing these new parts, be sure to remove any left over material from the mating surfaces.
- * Never reuse a circlip. When installing a new circlip, take care not to expand the end gap larger than required to slip the circlip over the shaft. After installing a circlip, always ensure that it is completely seated in its groove and securely fitted.
- * Use a torque wrench to tighten fasteners to the torque values when specified. Wipe off grease or oil if a thread is smeared with them.
- * After reassembly, check parts for tightness and operation.

- * To protect environment, do not unlawfully dispose of used motor oil and other fluids: batteries, and tires.
- * To protect Earth's natural resources, properly dispose of used vehicles and parts.

SUZUKI GSF1200T/1200ST ('96-MODEL)



GSF1200T

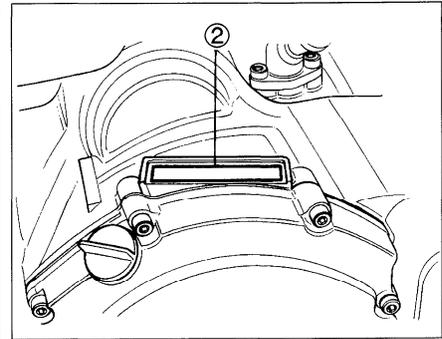
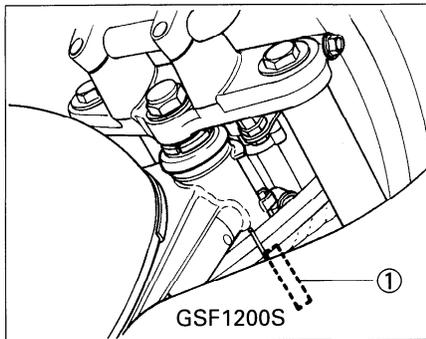
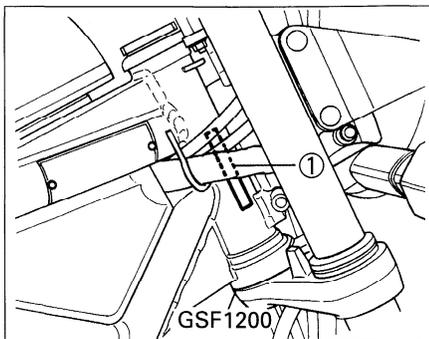


GSF1200ST

*Difference between photographs and actual motorcycles depends on the markets.

SERIAL NUMBER LOCATION

The frame serial number or V.I.N. (Vehicle Identification Number) ① is stamped on the right side of the steering head pipe. The engine serial number ② is located on the right side of the crankcase. These numbers are required especially for registering the machine and ordering spare parts.



FUEL AND OIL RECOMMENDATION

FUEL (FOR CANADIAN MODEL)

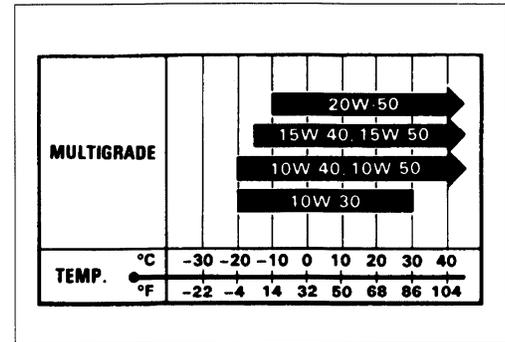
Use only unleaded gasoline of at least 87 pump octane ($\frac{R+M}{2}$) method or 91 octane or higher rated by the research method.

FUEL (FOR THE OTHER MODELS)

Gasoline used should be graded 85–95 octane (Research Method) or higher. An unleaded gasoline type is recommended.

ENGINE OIL

Make sure that the engine oil you use comes under API classification of SE, SF or SG and that its viscosity rating is SAE 10W/40. If an SAE 10W/40 motor oil is not available, select an alternate according to the right chart.



BRAKE FLUID

Specification and classification: DOT 4

⚠ WARNING

Since the brake system of this motorcycle is filled with a glycol-based brake fluid by the manufacturer, do not use or mix different types of fluid such as silicone-based and petroleum-based fluid for refilling the system, otherwise serious damage will result.

Do not use any brake fluid taken from old or used or unsealed containers.

Never re-use brake fluid left over from a previous servicing, which has been stored for a long period.

FRONT FORK OIL

Use fork oil #10.

BREAK-IN PROCEDURES

During manufacture only the best possible materials are used and all machined parts are finished to a very high standard but it is still necessary to allow the moving parts to "BREAK-IN" before subjecting the engine to maximum stresses. The future performance and reliability of the engine depends on the care and restraint exercised during its early life. The general rules are as follows.

- Keep to these break-in engine speed limits:

Initial 800 km (500 miles): Below 5 000 r/min.

Up to 1 600 km (1 000 miles): Below 7 500 r/min.

Over 1 600 km (1 000 miles): Below 10 000 r/min.

- Upon reaching an odometer reading of 1 600 km (1 000 miles) you can subject the motorcycle to full throttle operation. However, do not exceed 10 000 r/min. at any time.

CYLINDER IDENTIFICATION

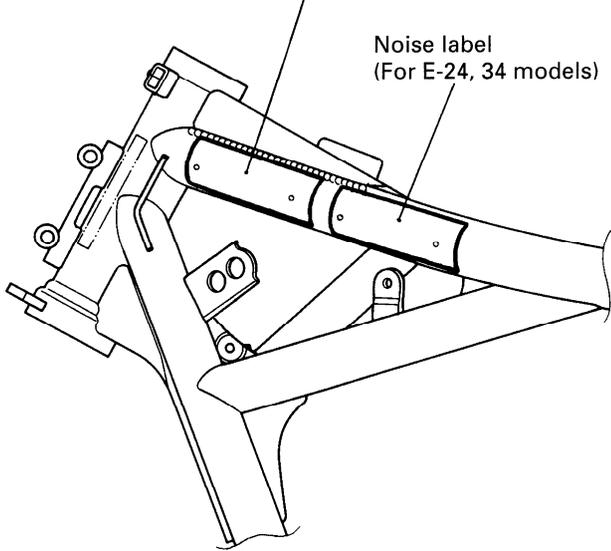
The four cylinders of this engine are identified as No.1, No.2, No.3 and No.4 cylinder, as counted from left to right (as viewed by the rider on the seat).

INFORMATION LABELS

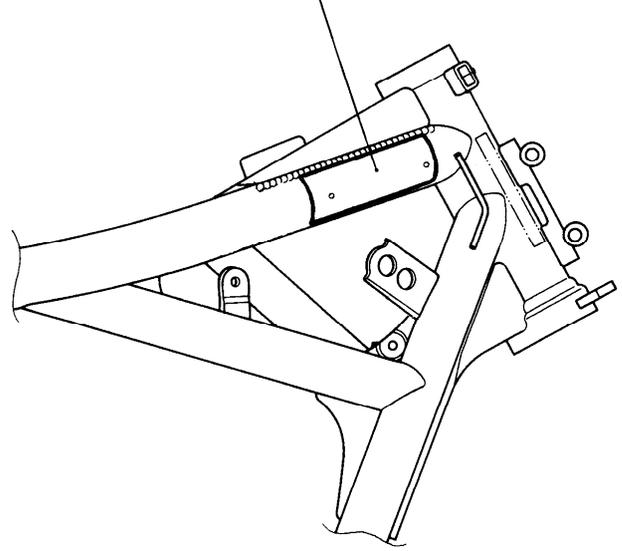
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(Except for E-18, 24, 28 models)
ICES label
(For E-28 model)

Noise label
(For E-24, 34 models)

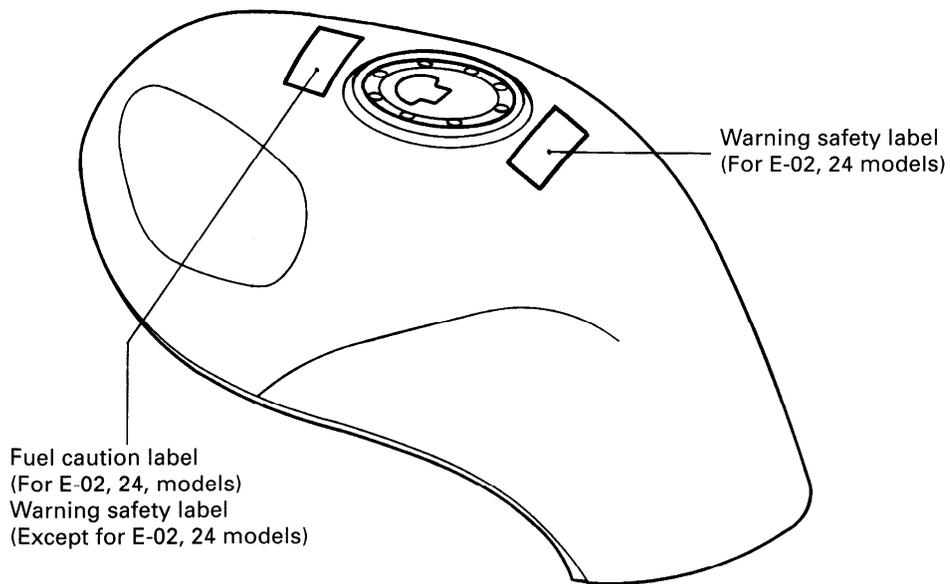
ID plate
(Except for E-28 model)
Safety plate
(For E-28 model)



LEFT SIDE

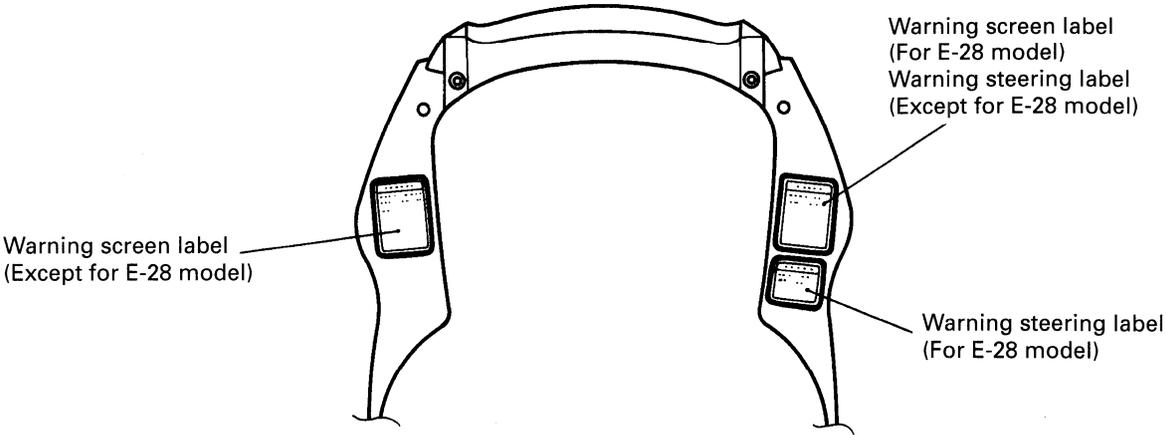
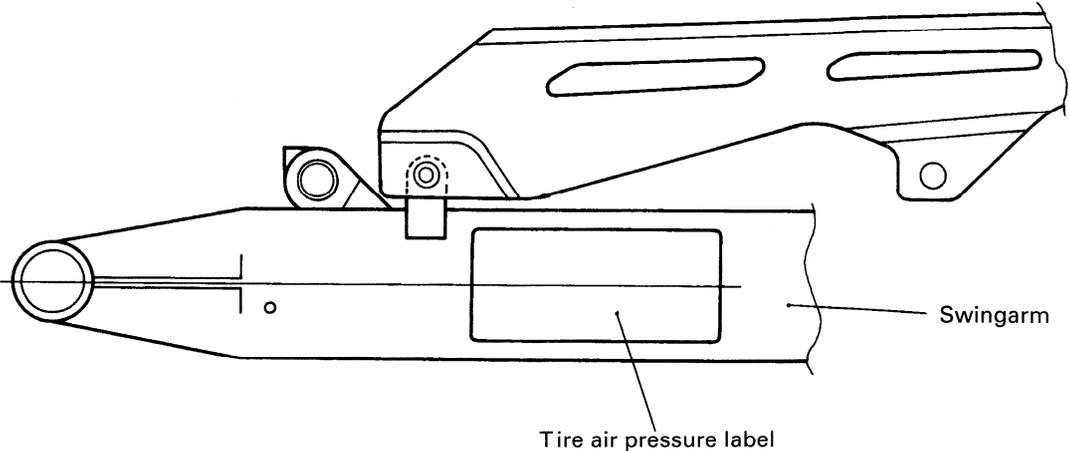
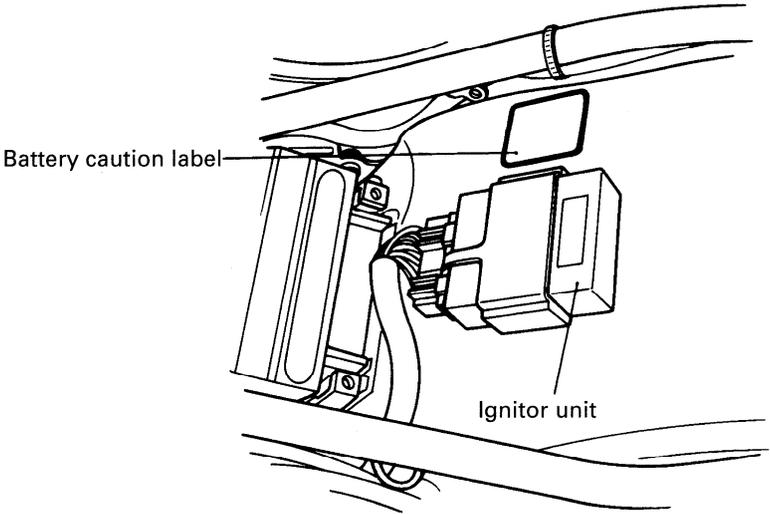


RIGHT SIDE



Fuel caution label
(For E-02, 24, models)
Warning safety label
(Except for E-02, 24 models)

Warning safety label
(For E-02, 24 models)



For GSF1200S model

SPECIFICATIONS

DIMENSIONS AND DRY MASS

Overall length	2 165 mm (84.6 in)	For E-15, 16, 17, 22
	2 180 mm (85.8 in)	For E-18, 39
	2 095 mm (82.5 in)	For the others
Overall width	790 mm (31.1 in)	
Overall height	1 100 mm (43.3 in)	GSF1200
	1 215 mm (47.8 in)	GSF1200S
Wheelbase	1 435 mm (56.5 in)	
Ground clearance	130 mm (5.1 in)	
Seat height	835 mm (32.9 in)	
Dry mass	211 kg (465 lbs)	GSF1200
	214 kg (471 lbs)	GSF1200S

ENGINE

Type	Four-stroke, air-cooled, with SACS, DOHC, TSCC
Number of cylinders	4
Bore	79.0 mm (3.110 in)
Stroke	59.0 mm (2.323 in)
Compression ratio	9.5 : 1
Piston displacement	1 157 cm ³ (70.6 cu. in)
Carburetor	MIKUNI BST36, four
Air cleaner	Non-woven fabric element
Starter system	Electric starter
Lubrication system	Wet sump

TRANSMISSION

Clutch	Wet multi-plate type
Transmission	5-speed constant mesh
Gearshift pattern	1-down, 4-up
Primary reduction ratio	1.565 (72/46)
Final reduction ratio	3.000 (45/15)
Gear ratios, Low	2.384 (31/13)
2nd	1.631 (31/19)
3rd	1.250 (25/20)
4th	1.045 (23/22)
Top	0.913 (21/23)
Drive chain	RK GB50MFOZ1, 110 links

COUNTRY OR AREA

The series of symbols on the left stand for the countries or area on the right.

SYMBOL	COUNTRY or AREA
E-02	England
E-04	France
E-15	Finland
E-16	Norway
E-17	Sweden
E-18	Switzerland
E-21	Belgium
E-22	Germany
E-24	Australia
E-25	Netherlands
E-26	Denmark
E-28	Canada
E-34	Italy
E-39	Austria
E-53	Spain

(E-15,16 and 26 countries are included in E-17.
E-21 and 53 countries are included in E-34.
E-39 country is included in E-18.)

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

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PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The chart below lists the recommended intervals for all the required periodic service work necessary to keep the motorcycle operating at peak performance and economy. Mileages are expressed in terms of kilometer, miles and time for your convenience.

NOTE:

More frequent servicing may be performed on motorcycles that are used under severe conditions.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE CHART

Item	Interval	km	1 000	6 000	12 000	18 000	24 000
		miles	600	4 000	7 500	11 000	15 000
		months	1	6	12	18	24
Valve clearance		I	–	I	–	I	
Spark plugs		–	I	R	I	R	
Exhaust pipe bolts and muffler bolts		T	–	T	–	T	
Air cleaner		–	I	I	R	I	
Engine oil		R	R	R	R	R	
Engine oil filter		R	–	–	R	–	
Fuel hose		–	I	I	I	I	
		Replace every 4 years.					
Engine idle speed		I	I	I	I	I	
Throttle cable play		I	I	I	I	I	
Carburetor synchronization		–	–	I	–	I	
Clutch hose		–	I	I	I	I	
		Replace every 4 years.					
Clutch fluid		–	–	I	–	I	
		Replace every 2 years.					
Drive chain		I	I	I	I	I	
		Clean and lubricate every 1 000 km (600 miles).					
Brakes		I	I	I	I	I	
Brake hose		–	I	I	I	I	
		Replace every 4 years.					
Brake fluid		–	I	I	I	I	
		Replace every 2 years.					
Tire		–	I	I	I	I	
Steering		I	–	I	–	I	
Front fork		–	–	I	–	I	
Rear suspension		–	–	I	–	I	
Chassis bolts and nuts		T	T	T	T	T	

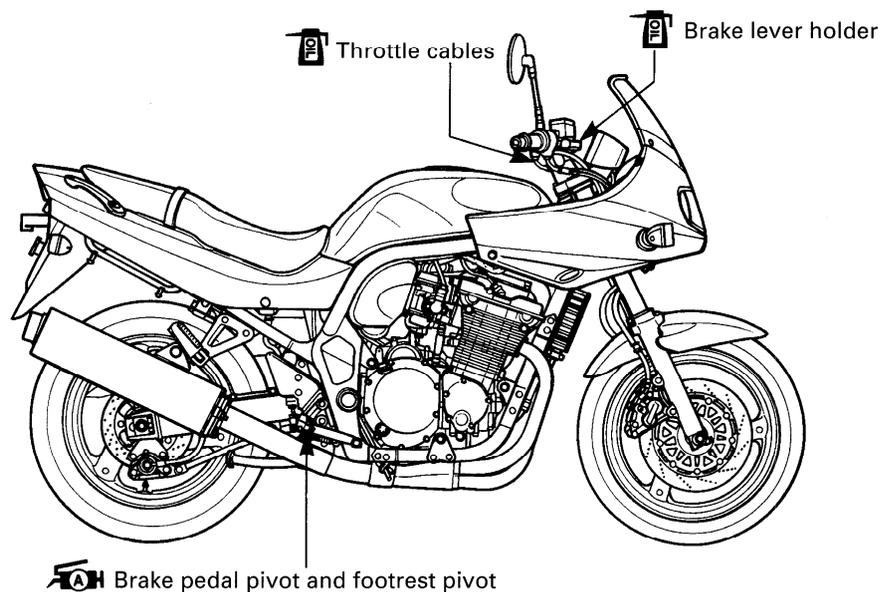
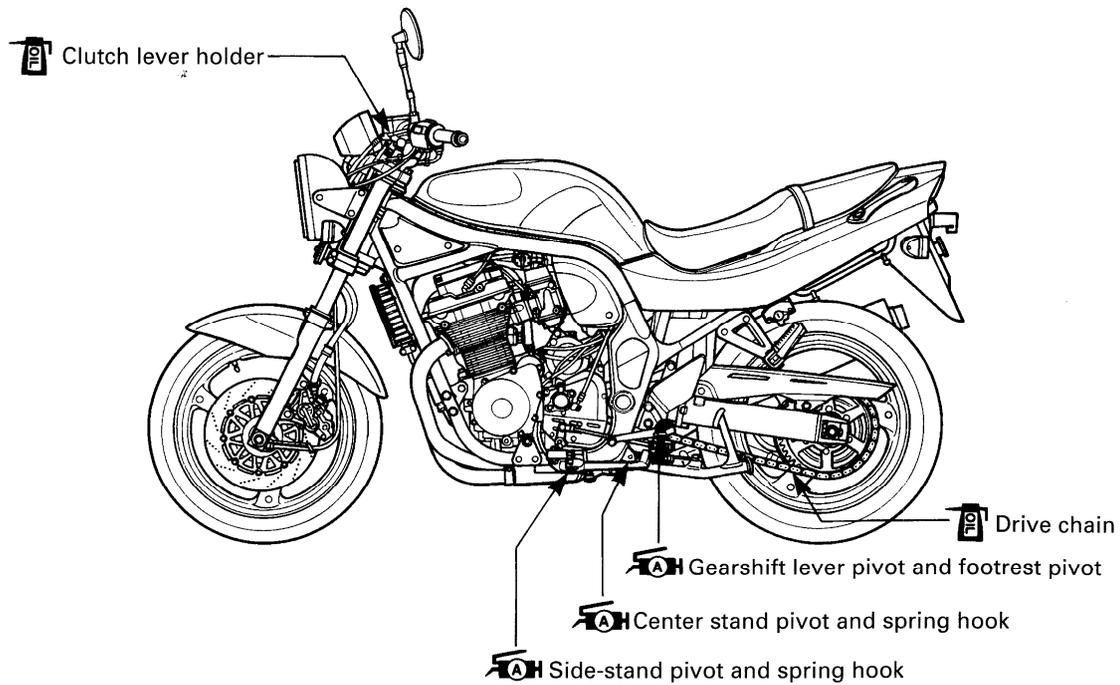
I=Inspection and adjust, clean, lubricate or replace as necessary

C=Clean R=Replace T=Tighten

LUBRICATION POINTS

Proper lubrication is important for smooth operation and long life of each working part of the motorcycle.

Major lubrication points are indicated below.



NOTE:

- * Before lubricating each part, clean off any rusty spots and wipe off any grease, oil, dirt or grime.
- * Lubricate exposed parts which are subject to rust, with a rust preventative spray whenever the motorcycle has been operated under wet or rainy conditions.

MAINTENANCE AND TUNE-UP PROCEDURES

This section describes the servicing procedures for each item of the Periodic Maintenance requirements.

VALVE CLEARANCE

Inspect Initially at 1 000 km (600 miles, 1 month) and Every 12 000 km (7 500 miles, 12 months).

- Remove the right and left side fairings. (For GSF1200S)
- Remove the seat and fuel tank.
- Remove the all spark plugs.
- Remove the cylinder head cover.

The valve clearance specification is different for intake and exhaust valves.

Valve clearance adjustment must be checked and adjusted 1) at the time of periodic inspection, 2) when the valve mechanism is serviced, and 3) when the camshafts are disturbed by removing them for servicing.

Valve clearance (when cold):

IN.: 0.10–0.15 mm (0.004–0.006 in)

EX.: 0.18–0.23 mm (0.007–0.009 in)

NOTE:

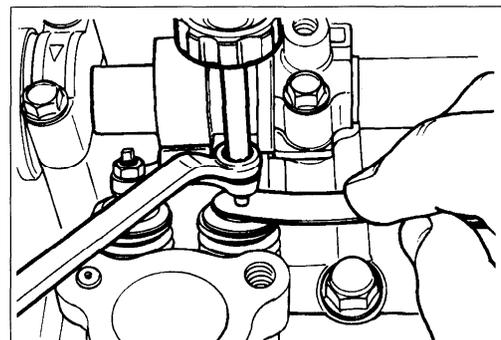
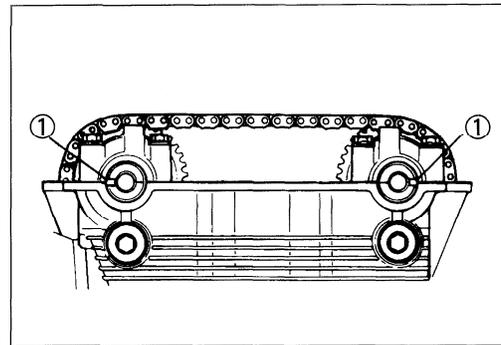
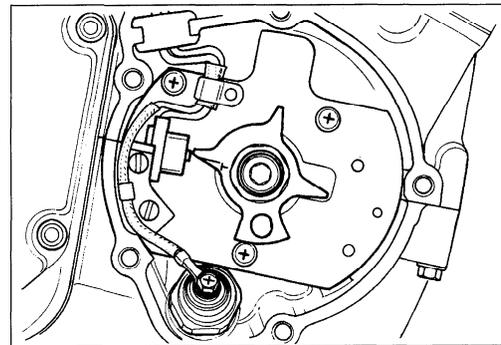
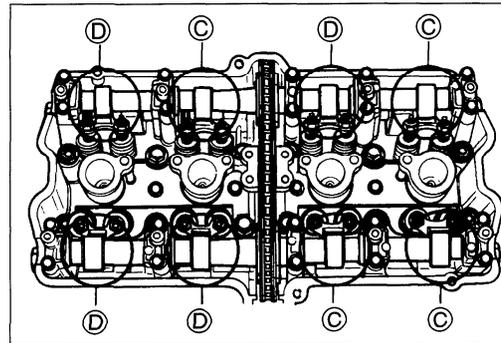
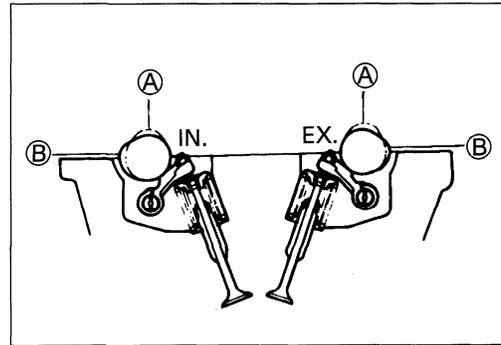
- * *The cam must be at positions, Ⓐ or Ⓑ, in order to check the valve clearance or to adjust valve clearance. Clearance readings should not be taken with the cam in any other position than these two positions.*
- * *The clearance specification is for COLD state.*
- * *To turn the crankshaft for clearance checking, be sure to use a 19-mm wrench and rotate in the normal running direction. All spark plugs should be removed.*
- Turn crankshaft to bring the "T" mark on the rotor to the center of pick up coil and also to bring the notches ① in the right ends of both camshafts (Ex and In) to the positions shown. In this condition, read the valve clearance at the valves Ⓒ (In and Ex of No.1 cylinder, Ex of No.2 and In of No.3).

- Use thickness gauge between adjusting screw and valve stem end. If clearance is off the specification, bring it into the specified range by using the special tool.

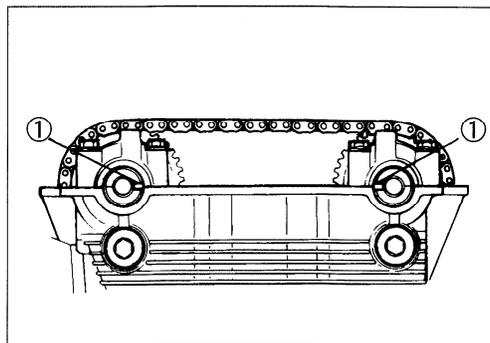


09900-20803: Thickness gauge

09917-14920: Valve adjuster driver



- Turn the crankshaft 360° (one rotation) to bring the “T” mark on the rotor to the center of pick up coil and also to bring the notches ① to the positions shown.
- Read the clearance at the remaining valves ② and adjust the clearance if necessary.



Cam Position	Notch ① position	
	Intake Camshaft	Exhaust Camshaft
Ⓒ		
Ⓓ		

- When installing the cylinder head cover, apply SUZUKI BOND NO.1207B to the head cover groove and cam end caps. (Refer to page 3-69.)

99000-31140: SUZUKI BOND NO. 1207B

- Tighten the cylinder head cover bolts to the specified torque.

Cylinder head cover bolt: 14 N·m (1.4 kg-m, 10.0 lb-ft)

▲ CAUTION

Both the right and left valve clearances should be as closely as possible.

SPARK PLUGS

Inspect at 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months), 18 000 km (11 000 miles, 18 months) and Replace Every 12 000 km (7 500 miles, 12 months).

- Remove the seat and fuel tank.
- Remove all the spark plugs.

NOTE:

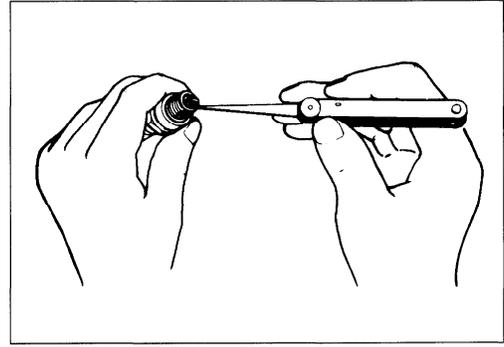
If it is difficult to remove the spark plug cap, pry up it with a screwdriver.

09930-10121: Spark plug socket wrench set

	Standard	Cold type	Hot type
NGK	JR9B	JR10B	JR8B

CARBON DEPOSIT

Check to see the carbon deposit on the plug.
 If the carbon is deposited, remove it with a spark plug cleaner machine or carefully using a tool with a pointed end.

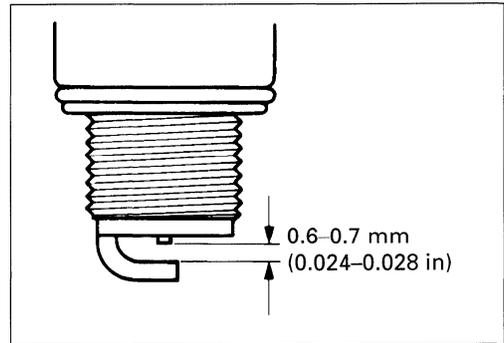


SPARK PLUG GAP

Measure the plug gap with a thickness gauge if it is correct.
 If not, adjust it to the following gap.

Spark plug gap	Standard
	0.6–0.7 mm (0.024–0.028 in)

TOOL 09900-20803: Thickness gauge



ELECTRODE'S CONDITION

Check to see the worn or burnt condition of the electrodes. If it is extremely worn or burnt, replace the plug. And also replace the plug if it has a broken insulator, damaged thread, etc.

CAUTION

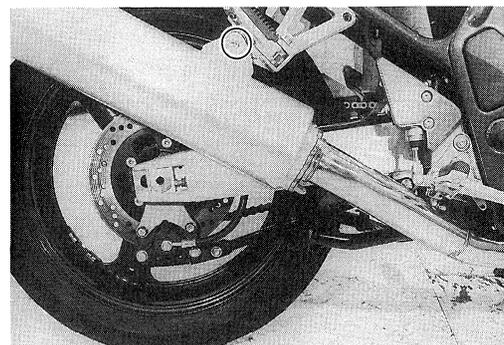
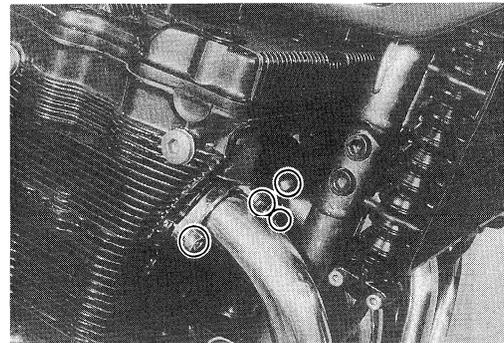
Confirm the thread size and reach when replacing the plug. If the reach is too short, carbon will be deposited on the screw portion of the plug hole and engine damage may result.

EXHAUST PIPE BOLTS AND MUFFLER BOLTS

Tighten Initially at 1 000 km (600 miles, 1 month) and Every 12 000 km (7 500 miles, 12 months).

- Tighten the exhaust pipe clamp bolts and muffler mounting bolts to the specified torque.

Exhaust pipe bolt: 23 N·m (2.3 kg-m, 16.5 lb-ft)
Muffler mounting bolt: 29 N·m (2.9 kg-m, 21.0 lb-ft)



AIR CLEANER ELEMENT

Inspect Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months) and Replace Every 18 000 km (11 000 miles, 18 months).

- Remove the seat and fuel tank.
- Remove the air cleaner element by removing the screws.
- Carefully use air hose to blow the dust from the cleaner element.

▲ CAUTION

Always use air pressure on the inside of the air cleaner element. If air pressure is used on the outside, dirt will be forced into the pores of the air cleaner element thus restricting air flow through the air cleaner element.

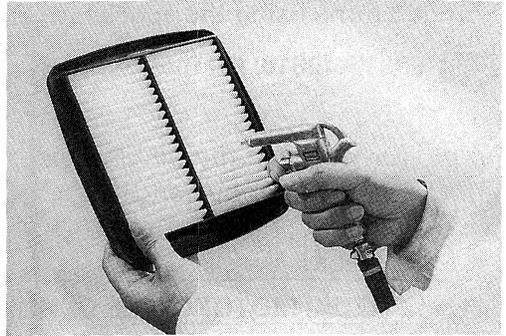
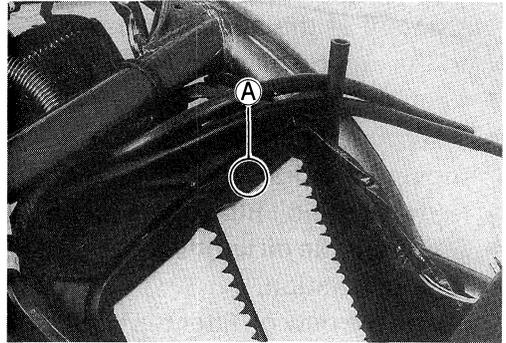
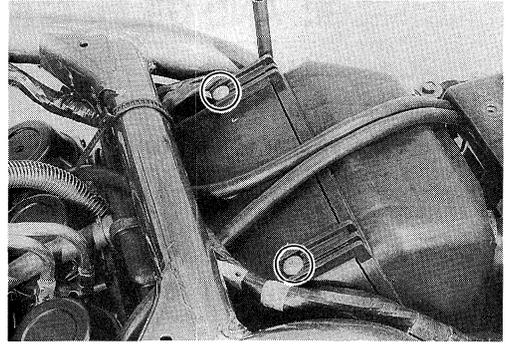
- Reinstall the cleaned or new air cleaner element in the reverse order of removal.
- When installing the air cleaner element in the cleaner case, make sure that the  mark  comes upward.

▲ CAUTION

If driving under dusty condition, clean the air cleaner element more frequently. The surest way to accelerate engine wear is to use the engine without the element or to use a ruptured element. Make sure that the air cleaner is in good condition at all times. Life of the engine depends largely on this component!

NOTE:

When cleaning the air cleaner element, drain water from the air cleaner drain hose by removing the drain plug.



ENGINE OIL AND OIL FILTER

(ENGINE OIL)

Replace Initially at 1 000 km (600 miles, 1 month) and Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months) thereafter.

(OIL FILTER)

Replace Initially at 1 000 km (600 miles, 1 month) and Every 18 000 km (11 000 miles, 18 months) thereafter.

Oil should be changed while the engine is warm. Oil filter replacement at the above intervals, should be done together with the engine oil change.

- Keep the motorcycle upright with the center stand.
- Place an oil pan below the engine, and drain the oil by removing the drain plug ① and filler cap ② .
- Remove the oil filter ③ by using the special tool.
- Apply engine oil lightly to the gasket of the new oil filter before installation.
- Install the new oil filter turning it by hand until you feel that the filter gasket contacts the mounting surface. Then tighten it 2 turns using the special tool.

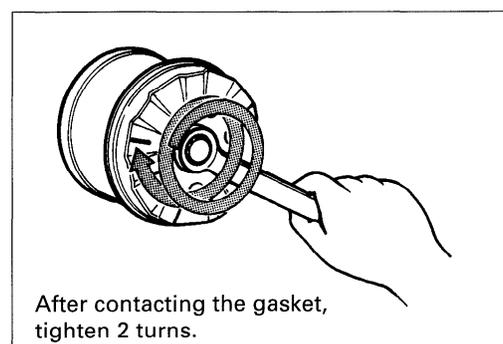
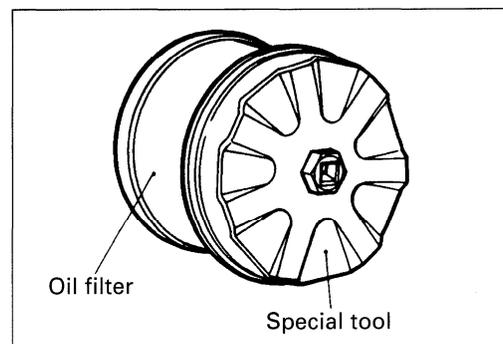
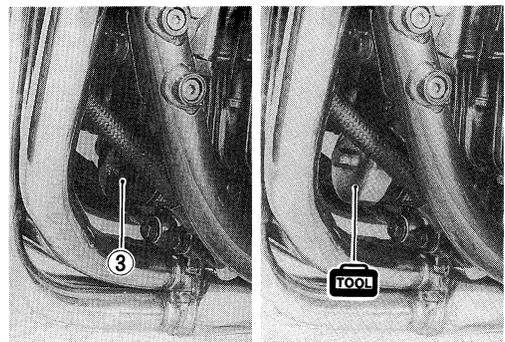
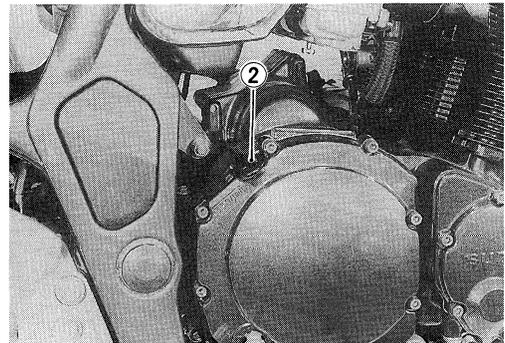
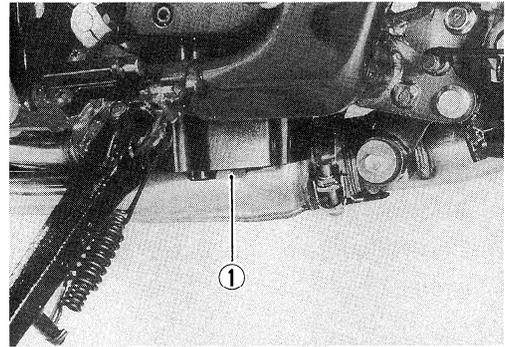
TOOL 09915-40610: Oil filter wrench

NOTE:

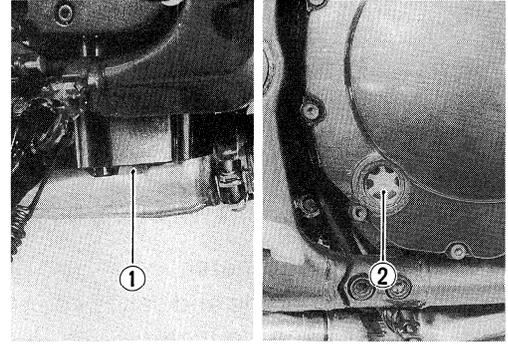
To properly tighten the oil filter, use the special tool. Never tighten the oil filter by hand.

▲ CAUTION

Use **SUZUKI MOTORCYCLE GENUINE OIL FILTER** only, since the other make's genuine filters and after-market parts may differ in thread specifications (thread diameter and pitch), filtering performance and durability, which could cause engine damage or oil leaks. Suzuki automobile genuine oil filter is also not usable for the motorcycles.



- Fit the drain plug ① securely, and pour fresh oil through the oil filler. The engine will hold about 3.3 L of oil. Use an API classification of SE, SF or SG oil with SAE 10W/40 viscosity.
- Start up the engine and allow it to run for several seconds at idling speed.
- Turn off the engine and wait about one minute, then check the oil level through the inspection window ②. If the level is below mark "F", add oil to that level.



NECESSARY AMOUNT OF ENGINE OIL

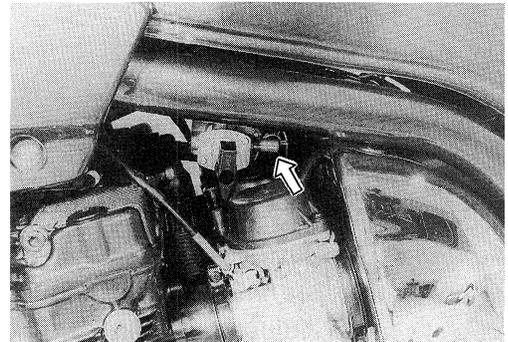
Oil change: 3.3 L (3.4/2.9 US/Imp qt)

Filter change: 3.5 L (3.6/3.0 US/Imp qt)

Overhaul engine: 4.6 L (4.9/4.0 US/Imp qt)

FUEL HOSE

Inspect Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months).
Replace Every 4 years.



ENGINE IDLE SPEED

Inspect Initially at 1 000 km (600 miles, 1 month) and Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months) thereafter.

NOTE:

Make this adjustment when the engine is hot.

- Connect a tachometer.
- Start up the engine and set its speed at anywhere between 1 100 and 1 300 r/min. by turning throttle stop screw.

Engine idle speed: $1\ 200 \pm 100$ r/min.

$1\ 200 \begin{matrix} +100 \\ -50 \end{matrix}$ r/min. For E-18 model

THROTTLE CABLE PLAY

Inspect Initially at 1 000 km (600 miles, 1 month) and Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months) thereafter.

To adjust the cable play, adjust the returning cable first and then adjust the pulling cable.

Returning cable play (A)

The returning cable play (A) should be 0.5–1.0 mm (0.02–0.04 in). Adjust the throttle cable play with the following procedures.

- Loosen the lock nut ① and turn the adjuster ② in or out until the specified play is obtained.
- Tighten the lock nut ① while holding the adjuster.

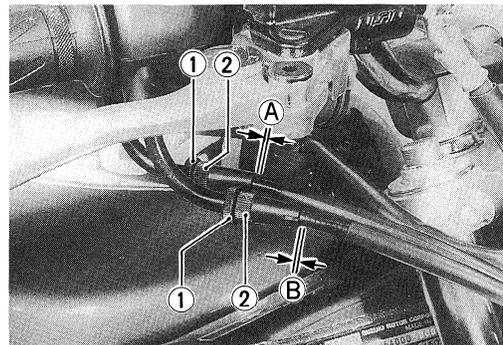
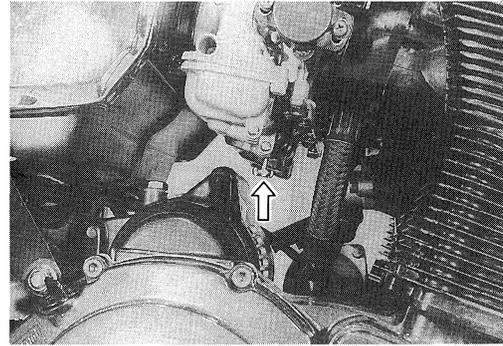
Pulling cable play (B)

There should be 0.5–1.0 mm (0.02–0.04 in) play (B) in the throttle cable. Adjust the throttle cable play in the same manner as the returning cable play adjustment.

Throttle cable play (A, B): 0.5–1.0 mm (0.02–0.04 in)

⚠ WARNING

After the adjustment is completed, check that handlebar movement does not raise the engine idle speed and that the throttle grip returns smoothly and automatically.



CARBURETOR SYNCHRONIZATION

Inspect Every 12 000 km (7 500 miles, 12 months).

Refer to page 4-15.

CLUTCH

(CLUTCH FLUID)

Inspect Every 12 000 km (7 500 miles, 12 months).
Replace fluid Every 2 years.

(CLUTCH HOSE)

Inspect Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months).
Replace hose Every 4 years.

CLUTCH FLUID LEVEL

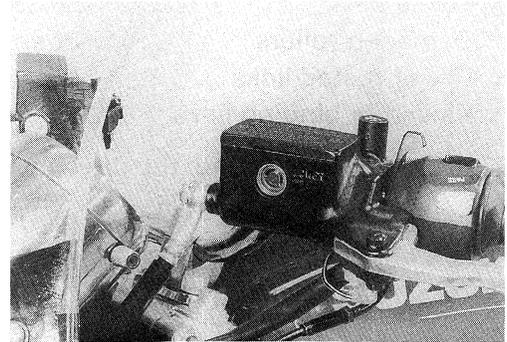
- Keep the motorcycle upright and place the handlebars straight.
- Check the clutch fluid level by observing the lower limit line on the clutch fluid reservoir.
- If the level is found to be lower than the lower mark, replenish with BRAKE FLUID that the following specification.



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⚠ WARNING

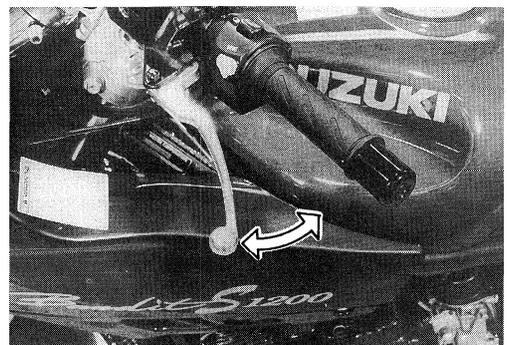
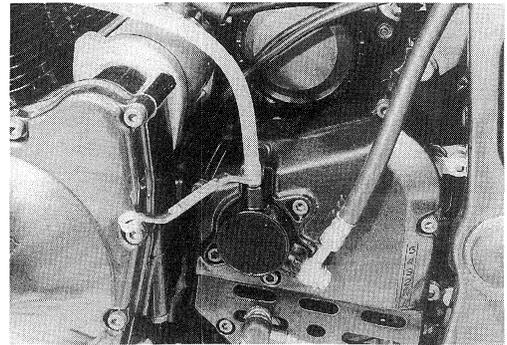
The clutch system of this motorcycle is filled with a glycol-based brake fluid. Do not use or mix different types of fluid such as silicone-based or petroleum-based. Do not use any brake fluid taken from old, used or unsealed containers. Never re-use brake fluid left over from the last servicing or stored for a long periods. Check the clutch hose and hose joints for cracks and oil leakage.



BLEEDING AIR FROM THE CLUTCH FLUID CIRCUIT

The clutch fluid circuit may be purged of air in the following manner.

- Keep the motorcycle upright and place the handlebars straight.
- Fill up the master cylinder reservoir to the upper end of the inspection window. Replace the reservoir cap to prevent entry of dirt.
- Attach a pipe to the bleeder valve and insert the free end of the pipe into a receptacle.
- Squeeze and release the clutch lever several times in rapid succession, and squeeze the lever fully without releasing it. Loosen the bleeder valve by turning it a quarter of a turn so that the fluid runs into the receptacle; this will remove the tension of the clutch lever causing it to touch the handlebar grip. Then, close the valve, pump and squeeze the lever, and open the valve. Repeat this process until the fluid flowing into the receptacle no longer contains air bubbles.
- Close the bleeder valve, and disconnect the pipe. Fill the reservoir with brake fluid to the upper end of the inspection window.



 **Air bleeder valve: 8 N·m (0.8 kg-m, 6.0 lb-ft)**

DRIVE CHAIN

**Inspect Initially at 1 000 km (600 miles, 1 month) and Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months) thereafter.
Clean and lubricate Every 1 000 km (600 miles).**

Visually check the drive chain for the possible defects listed below. (Support the motorcycle by a center stand, turn the rear wheel slowly by hand with the transmission shifted to Neutral.)

- * Loose pins
- * Excessive wear
- * Damaged rollers
- * Improper chain adjustment
- * Dry or rusted links
- * Missing O-ring seals
- * Kinked or binding links

If any defects are found, the drive chain must be replaced.

NOTE:

When replacing the drive chain, replace the drive chain and sprockets as a set.

CHECKING

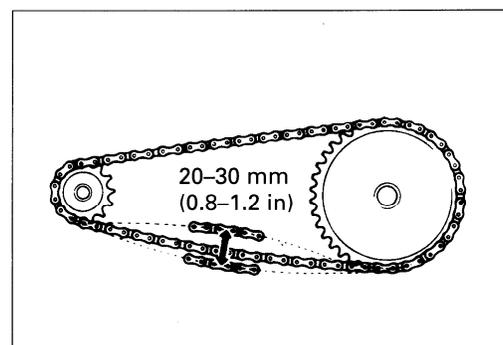
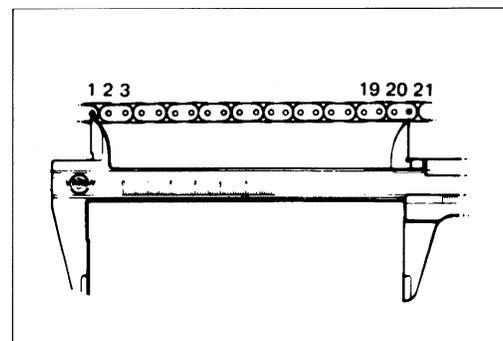
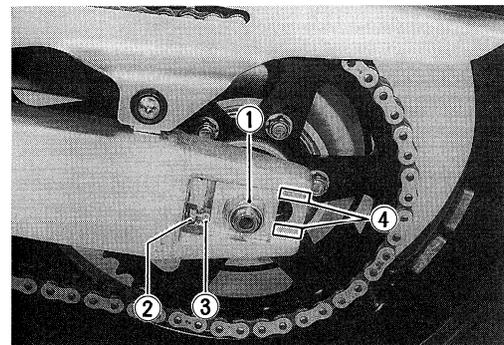
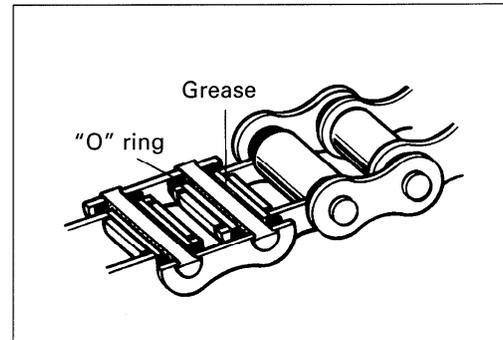
- Remove the cotter pin. (For Canadian model)
 - Loosen the axle nut ①.
 - Loosen both chain adjuster lock nuts ②.
 - Tense the drive chain fully by turning both chain adjuster bolts ③.
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- Count out 21 pins (20 pitches) on the chain and measure the distance between the two points. If the distance exceeds the service limit, the chain must be replaced.

Drive chain 20-pitch length	Service Limit
	319.4 mm (12.6 in)

ADJUSTING

- Loosen or tighten both chain adjuster bolts ③ until the chain has 20–30 mm (0.8–1.2 in) of slack in the middle between engine and rear sprockets. The marks ④ on both chain adjusters must be at the same position on the scale to ensure that the front and rear wheels are correctly aligned.
- Place the motorcycle on its side-stand for accurate adjustment.
- After adjusting the drive chain, tighten the axle nut ① to the specified torque.
- Tighten both chain adjuster lock nuts ② securely.

 **Rear axle nut: 100 N·m (10.0 kg·m, 72.5 lb-ft)**



CLEANING AND LUBRICATING

- Wash the chain with kerosene. If the chain tends to rust quickly, the intervals must be shortened.

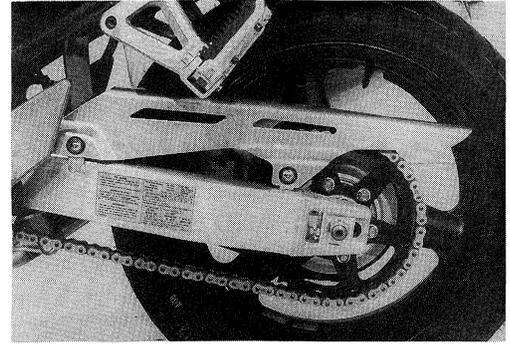
▲ CAUTION

Do not use trichlene, gasoline or any similar fluids: These fluids have too great a dissolving power for this chain and, what is more important, they can damage the "O"-rings (or seals) confining the grease in the bush to pin clearance. Remember, high durability comes from the presence of grease in that clearance.

- After washing and drying the chain, oil it with a heavy-weight motor oil.

▲ CAUTION

- * **Do not use any oil sold commercially as "drive chain oil". Such oil can damage the "O"-rings (or seals).**
- * **The standard drive chain is RK GB50MFOZ1. SUZUKI recommends that this standard drive chain should be used for the replacement.**



BRAKE

(BRAKE)

Inspect Initially at 1 000 km (600 miles, 1 month) and Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months) thereafter.

(BRAKE HOSE AND BRAKE FLUID)

Inspect Every 6 000 km (4 000 miles, 6 months).
Replace hoses Every 4 years. Replace fluid Every 2 years.

BRAKE FLUID LEVEL

- Keep the motorcycle upright and place the handlebars straight.
- Check the brake fluid level by observing the lower limit lines on the front and rear brake fluid reservoirs.
- When the level is below the lower limit line, replenish with brake fluid that meets the following specification.



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⚠ WARNING

The brake system of this motorcycle is filled with a glycol-based brake fluid. Do not use or mix different types of fluid such as silicone-based or petroleum-based. Do not use any brake fluid taken from old, used or unsealed containers. Never re-use brake fluid left over from the last servicing or stored for a long period.

⚠ WARNING

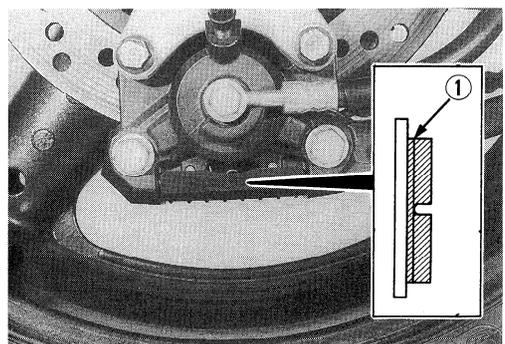
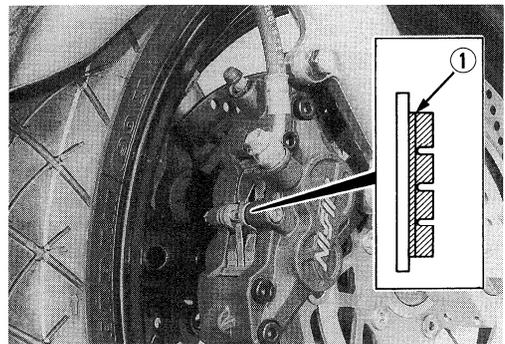
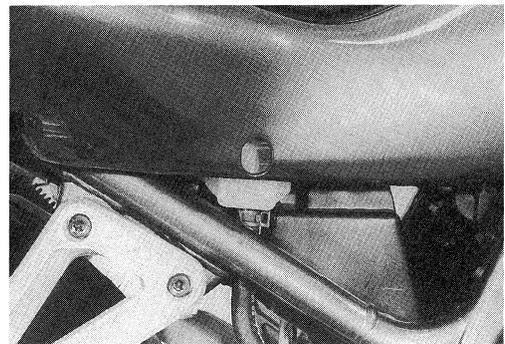
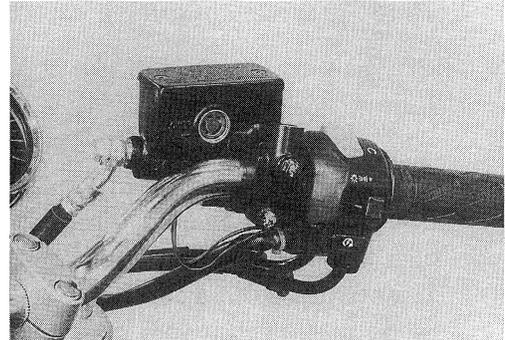
Brake fluid, if it leaks, will interfere with safe running and immediately discolor painted surfaces. Check the brake hoses and hose joints for cracks and oil leakage before riding.

BRAKE PADS

The extent of brake pad wear can be checked by observing the grooved limit line ① on the pad. When the wear exceeds the grooved limit line, replace the pads with new ones. (Refer to pages 5-16 and 5-42.)

⚠ CAUTION

Replace the brake pad as a set, otherwise braking performance will be adversely affected.



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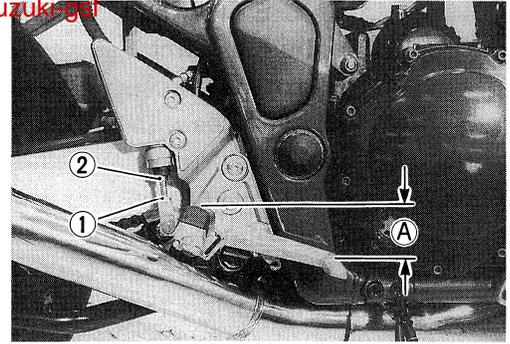
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BRAKE PEDAL HEIGHT

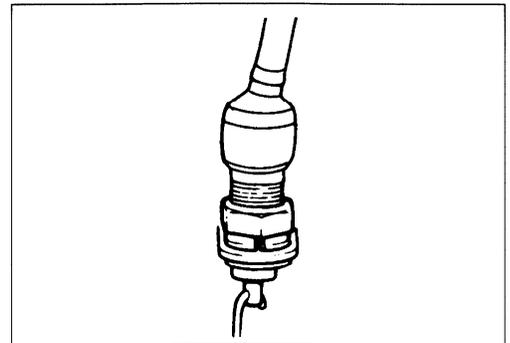
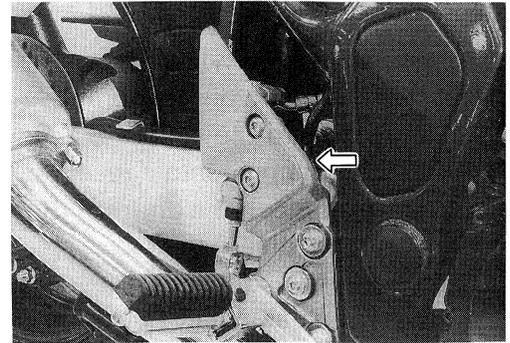
- Loosen the lock nut ① and rotate the push rod ② to locate brake pedal 55 mm (2.2 in) ③ below the top face of the footrest.
- Retighten the lock nut ① to secure the push rod ② in the proper position.

Brake pedal height ③ : 55 mm (2.2 in)



BRAKE LIGHT SWITCH

Adjust the rear brake light switch so that the brake light will come on just before pressure is felt when the brake pedal is depressed.



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