PLACING MOTORCYCLE IN STORAGE

If the motorcycle will not be operated for several months, such as during the winter season, there are several things which should be done to protect parts against corrosion, to preserve the battery and to prevent the buildup of gum and varnish in the fuel system.

CAUTION

Proper storage is important for the trouble-free operation of your motorcycle. See your Owner's Manual for storage recommendations or see a Harley-Davidson dealer. Improper storage procedures can lead to equipment damage. (00046a)

⚠WARNING

Do not store motorcycle with gasoline in tank within the home or garage where open flames, pilot lights, sparks or electric motors are present. Gasoline is extremely flammable and highly explosive, which could result in death or serious injury. (00003a)

NOTE

Make a list of everything you do and fasten it to a handgrip. When you take the motorcycle out of storage, this list will be your reference/checklist to get your motorcycle in operating condition.

1. Warm motorcycle to operating temperature; change oil and turn engine over to circulate the new oil.
2. Fill fuel tank and add a gasoline stabilizer. Use one of the commercially available gasoline stabilizers, following the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Run the engine until the gasoline stabilizer has had a chance to reach the carburetor float bowl.
4. Turn fuel supply valve OFF.
5. Adjust the belt.
6. Check tire inflation. Adjust to proper inflation pressure. Wash and wax painted and chrome surfaces.
7. See BATTERY in this section for proper battery care. If motorcycle is to be stored with security system armed, it will be necessary to connect a Battery Tender to maintain battery charge. If security system will not be armed and a Battery Tender is not available, it is recommended that the 30 Amp maxi-fuse be removed. See REPLACING THE MAXI-FUSE.