SHOCK ABSORBER RUBBER BUSHINGS/1000CC MODELS

The condition of the rear shock absorber upper and lower mounting bushings should be checked at least every 5,000 miles since excessive looseness of the bushings could affect proper shock absorber function.

Check for looseness by raising and supporting the rear of the motorcycle, taking the vehicle weight off the shock absorbers. Twist the shock absorbers making sure the shock eyes move only the limited amount allowed by normal rubber flexing.

If the rubber bushing is loose in any shock eye, remove shock upper and lower mounting bolts - one side at a time. Remove rubber bushings and inspect for a worn or distorted condition. (See illustration.)

Replace both upper and lower bushings (available under part No. 54523-79). Tighten mounting bolts to 20 ft-lbs torque.

Repeat procedure for other side. Note that replacement of all 4 bushings is recommended if any needs replacement.

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