This bulletin and the 1985 Motorcycle Set-Up Manual, Part No. 99947-85, Section I (Pre-Delivery Inspections, All 1985 Models) and Section II (Pre-Delivery Inspections 1000cc 4-speed) provides pre-delivery and setup information for the 1986 XLH 883cc motorcycle. Read all information completely and thoroughly before you begin.

When uncrating the XLH 883cc, locate separately packaged items:

- Clutch lever
- Horn
- Fuel tank mounting screw
- Spacer
- Throttle cable guide
- Mirror
- Battery vent tube
- Brake lever

When removing banding rings from the fuel tank front mounting, retain the washer and nut removed from the shipping screw.

When mounting the brake handlever, use Loctite ANTI-SEIZE to lightly coat the reaction pin of the front brake handlever.

Assembly of the brake handlever is simplified by using a piece of string or wire to hold push rod stationary while aligning reaction pin.

See Figure 1. Mount the horn, spacer, and throttle cable clip as shown. Use mounting screw supplied separate from the vehicle to install horn. Secure with washer and nut removed from shipping screw at the fuel tank front mounting.

Check that horn bracket does not contact fuel tank or coil and that coil does not contact frame.

Tighten nut to 19 ft-lbs torque.

Connect the yellow wire to the horn.

See Figure 2. Install the mirror to the clutch lever bracket as shown. Adjust mirror for rear view.
Bench charge battery at the recommended charging rate for 12 hours or until specific gravity is 1.270-1.280 for three successive hourly readings.

See Figure 3. Check that speedometer, brake, and clutch cable routings are as shown.

### RECOMMENDED CHARGING RATE

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*Low maintenance

Figure 3. XLH 883cc Cable Routings — Left Side
See Figure 4. Check that throttle cables are routed as shown.

![Image of throttle cables](image)

Figure 4. XLH 883cc Routing Throttle Cables

**CAUTION**

If air cleaner backplate removal is necessary, refer to the special instructions under AIR CLEANER in Section 4 of the MODEL XLH 883cc SERVICE INFORMATION MANUAL.

New spark plug torque is 11-18 ft. lbs. using an 11/16 in. spark plug socket.

See Figure 5. Check the operation of four indicator lights. Blue BEAM light is on when high beam headlamp filament is operating. Green NEUTRAL light is on when transmission is in neutral. Yellow TURN indicator flashes when either turn signal is activated. Check operation of Red OIL indicator light.

![Image of indicator lights](image)

Figure 5. Indicator Lights — XLH 883cc

Complete timing information is in the 1986 XLH 883cc PRELIMINARY SERVICE INFORMATION, Section 7.

**WARNING**

When checking advance timing, always check V.O.E.S. operation. Failure to do so may result in running engine with too much spark advance, and may cause extreme engine knock and engine failure.

See Figure 6. The lazy ∞ indicates rear cylinder advanced timing.

**IGNITION TIMING — SPARK OCCURRENCE**

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<td>Normal 950 RPM</td>
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* Timing set condition