Congratulations on your purchase of the Yamaha XV250S. This model is the result of Yamaha’s vast experience in the production of fine sporting, touring, and pacesetting racing machines. It represents the high degree of craftsmanship and reliability that have made Yamaha a leader in these fields. This manual will give you an understanding of the operation, inspection, and basic maintenance of this motorcycle. If you have any questions about the operation or maintenance of your motorcycle, please consult a Yamaha dealer.
Particularly important information is distinguished in this manual by the following notations:

- **The Safety Alert Symbol** means ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!

- **WARNING** Failure to follow WARNING instructions could result in severe injury or death to the motorcycle operator, a bystander or a person inspecting or repairing the motorcycle.

- **CAUTION** A CAUTION indicates special precautions that must be taken to avoid damage to the motorcycle.

- **NOTE** A NOTE provides key information to make procedures easier or clearer.

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**NOTE:**

- This manual should be considered a permanent part of this motorcycle and should remain with it even if the motorcycle is subsequently sold.
- Yamaha continually seeks advancements in product design and quality. Therefore, while this manual contains the most current product information available at the time of printing, there may be minor discrepancies between your motorcycle and this manual. If there is any question concerning this manual, please consult your Yamaha dealer.
WARNING

PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY BEFORE OPERATING THIS MOTORCYCLE.
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SAFETY INFORMATION

TWO-WHEELED MOTORCYCLES ARE SINGLE TRACK VEHICLES. THEIR SAFE USE AND OPERATION ARE DEPENDENT UPON THE USE OF PROPER RIDING TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS THE EXPERTISE OF THE OPERATOR. EVERY OPERATOR SHOULD KNOW THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE RIDING.

HE OR SHE SHOULD

1. Obtain thorough instructions from a competent source on all aspects of motorcycle operation.
2. Observe the warnings and maintenance requirements in the owner's manual.
3. Obtain qualified training in safe and proper riding techniques.
4. Obtain professional technical service as indicated by the owner's manual and/or when made necessary by mechanical conditions.

Safe riding

1. Always make pre-operation checks. Careful checks may help prevent an accident.
2. This motorcycle is designed to carry the operator and a passenger.
3. The failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic is the predominating cause of automobile/motorcycle accidents. Many accidents have been caused by an automobile driver who did not see the motorcycle. Making yourself conspicuous appears to be very effective in reducing the chance of this type of accident.

Therefore,

a. Wear a brightly colored jacket.

b. Use extra caution when you approach and pass through intersections, since intersections are the most likely places for motorcycle accidents.

c. Ride where other motorists can see you. Avoid riding in another motorist's "blind spot".
4. Many accidents involve inexperienced operators. In fact, many operators who have been involved in accidents do not even have a current motorcycle license.
   a. Make sure you are qualified. Also, only lend your motorcycle to experienced operators.
   b. Know your skills and limits. Staying within your limits may help you to avoid an accident.
   c. We recommend that you practice riding your motorcycle where there is no traffic until you have become thoroughly familiar with your motorcycle and all of its controls.

5. Many motorcycle accidents have been caused by motorcycle operator errors. A typical error made by the operator is veering wide on a turn due to EXCESSIVE SPEED or undercomering (insufficient lean angle for the speed).
   a. Always obey the speed limits and never travel faster than warranted by road and traffic conditions.
   b. Always signal before turning or changing lanes. Make sure other motorists see you.

6. The operator's and passenger's posture are important for proper control.
   a. The operator should keep both hands on the handlebars and both feet on the operator footrests during operation to maintain control of the motorcycle.
   b. The passenger should always hold on to the operator, or the seat strap or grab bar if the motorcycle is so equipped, with both hands and keep both feet on the passenger footrests.
   c. Never carry a passenger unless he or she can firmly place both feet on the passenger footrests.

7. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

8. This motorcycle is designed for on-road use only. It is not suitable for off-road use.
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Protective apparel

The majority of fatalities from motorcycle accidents are the result of head injuries. The use of a safety helmet is the single most critical factor in the prevention or reduction of head injuries.

1. Always wear an approved helmet.
2. Wear a face shield or goggles. Wind on your unprotected eyes could contribute to an impairment of vision which could delay seeing a hazard.
3. The use of heavy boots, jacket, trousers, gloves, etc. is effective in preventing or reducing abrasions or lacerations.
4. Never wear loose fitting clothing. It could catch on the control levers, footrests, or wheels and cause injury or accident.
5. Never touch the engine or exhaust system during or after operation. They become very hot and can cause burns. Always wear protective clothing that covers your legs, ankles, and feet.
6. A passenger should also observe the above precautions.

Modification

Modifications made to the motorcycle not approved by Yamaha, or the removal of original equipment, may render your motorcycle unsafe for use and may cause severe personal injury. Modifications may also make your motorcycle illegal to use.

Loading and accessories

Adding accessories or cargo to your motorcycle can adversely affect stability and handling if the weight distribution of the machine is changed. To avoid the possibility of an accident, extreme caution should be used if adding cargo or accessories to your motorcycle. Use extra care if riding a motorcycle which has added cargo or accessories. Here are some general guidelines to follow if loading cargo or adding accessories to your motorcycle.
Loading

The total weight of the operator, passenger, accessories and cargo must not exceed the maximum load limit of 183 kg.
When loading within these weight limits, keep the following in mind:

1. Cargo and accessory weight should be kept as low and close to the motorcycle as possible. Be sure to distribute the weight as evenly as possible on both sides of the machine to minimize imbalance or instability.
2. Shifting weights can create a sudden imbalance. Make sure that accessories and cargo are securely attached to the motorcycle before riding. Recheck accessory mounts and cargo restraints frequently.
3. Never attach any large or heavy items to the handlebars, front forks, or front fender. These items, including such cargo as sleeping bags, duffle bags, or tents, can create unstable handling or slow steering response.

Accessories

Genuine Yamaha accessories have been specifically designed for use on this motorcycle. Since Yamaha cannot test all other accessories which may be available, you must personally be responsible for the proper selection, installation and use of non-Yamaha accessories. You should use extreme caution when selecting and installing any accessories.
Keep in mind these guidelines for mounting accessories in addition to those provided under “LOADING”

1. Never install accessories or carry cargo that would impair the performance of your motorcycle. Carefully inspect the accessory before using it to make sure it does not in any way reduce ground clearance or cornering clearance, limit suspension travel, steering travel or control operation, or obscure lights or reflectors.
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a. Accessories fitted to the handlebar or the front fork area can create instability due to improper weight distribution or aerodynamic changes. If accessories are added to the handlebar or front fork area, they must be as lightweight as possible and should be kept to a minimum.

b. Bulky or large accessories may seriously affect the stability of the motorcycle due to aerodynamic effects. Wind may attempt to lift the motorcycle, or the motorcycle may become unstable in cross winds. These accessories may also cause instability when being passed by or passing large vehicles.

c. Certain accessories can displace the operator from his or her normal riding position. This improper position limits the freedom of movement of the operator and may limit control ability. Therefore such accessories are not recommended.

2. Caution must be used if adding electrical accessories. If these accessories exceed the capacity of the motorcycle’s electrical system, an electric failure could result, which could cause a dangerous loss of lights or engine power.

Gasoline and exhaust gas

1. GASOLINE IS HIGHLY FLAMMABLE.
   a. Always turn off the engine when refueling.
   b. Take care not to spill any gasoline on the engine or exhaust system when refueling.
   c. Never refuel while smoking or in the vicinity of an open flame.

2. Never start the engine or let it run for any length of time in a closed area. The exhaust fumes are poisonous and may cause loss of consciousness and death within a short time. Always operate your motorcycle in an area that has adequate ventilation.

3. Always turn off the engine before leaving the motorcycle unattended and remove the ignition key. When parking the motorcycle, note the following:
a. The engine and exhaust system may be hot. Park the motorcycle in a place where pedestrians or children are not likely to touch these hot areas.

b. Do not park the motorcycle on a slope or soft ground, the motorcycle may fall over.

c. Do not park the motorcycle near a flammable source, e.g., a kerosene heater, or near an open flame. The motorcycle could catch fire.

4. When transporting the motorcycle in another vehicle, be sure it is kept upright and that the fuel cock is turned to "ON" or "RES" (for vacuum type) "OFF" (for manual type). If it should lean over, gasoline may leak out of the carburetor or fuel tank.

5. If you should swallow any gasoline, inhale a lot of gasoline vapor, or allow gasoline to get in your eyes, see your doctor immediately. If any gasoline spills on your skin or clothing, immediately wash it off with soap and water and change your clothes.
LOCATION OF THE IMPORTANT LABELS
Please read the following labels carefully before operating this motorcycle.
WARNING

Before you operate this vehicle, read the owner's manual

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INSTRUMENT AND CONTROL FUNCTIONS

OFF
All electrical circuits are switched off. The key can be removed in this position.

NOTE:
Always turn the main switch to “OFF” and remove the key when the motorcycle is unattended.

Main switch
The main switch controls the ignition and lighting systems. Its operation is described below.

ON.
Electrical circuits are switched on, and the headlight, meter light, and taillight come on. The engine can be started. The key cannot be removed in this position.
High beam indicator light "HIGH BEAM"
This indicator comes on when the headlight high beam is used.

Indicator lights

1. Turn indicator light "TURN"
2. Neutral indicator light "NEUTRAL"
3. High beam indicator light "HIGH BEAM"

Handlebar switches

1. Pass switch "PASS"
2. Dimmer switch "LIGHTS"
3. Turn signal switch "TURN"
4. Horn switch "HORN"

Pass switch "PASS"
Press the switch to operate the passing light.

Dimmer switch "LIGHTS"
Turn the switch to "HI" for the high beam and to "LO" for the low beam.
Turn signal switch “TURN”
To signal a right-hand turn, push the switch to the right. To signal a left-hand turn, push the switch to the left. Once the switch is released it will return to the center position. To cancel the signal, push the switch in after it has returned to the center position.

Horn switch “HORN”
Press the switch to sound the horn.

Hazard switch “HAZARD”
The hazard switch should be turned on under emergency or hazardous conditions. All turn signal lights will flash simultaneously when this switch is turned on with the main switch in the “ON” position.

CAUTION:
The battery can discharge from extended use, making it difficult to operate the starter.

NOTE: Turn on the hazard switch to warn other drivers if your motorcycle must be stopped where it might be a traffic hazard.

Engine stop switch “ENGINE STOP”
The engine stop switch is a safety device for use in an emergency such as when the motorcycle overturns or if trouble occurs in the throttle system. Turn the switch to “RUN” to start the engine. In case of emergency, turn the switch to “OFF” to stop the engine.

Start switch “START”
The starter motor cranks the engine when pushing the start switch.

CAUTION:
See starting instructions prior to starting the engine.
**Speedometer**

The speedometer shows riding speed. This speedometer is equipped with an odometer and trip odometer. The trip odometer can be reset to "0" with the reset knob. Use the trip odometer to estimate how far you can ride on a tank of fuel. This information will enable you to plan fuel stops in the future.

**Clutch lever**

The clutch lever is located on the left handlebar, and the ignition circuit cut-off system is incorporated in the clutch lever holder. Pull the clutch lever to the handlebar to disengage the clutch, and release the lever to engage the clutch. The lever should be pulled rapidly and released slowly for smooth clutch operation. (Refer to the engine starting procedures for a description of the ignition circuit cut-off system.)

**Shift pedal**

This motorcycle is equipped with a constant-mesh 5-speed transmission. The shift pedal is located on the left side of the engine and is used in combination with the clutch when shifting.
Front brake lever
The front brake lever is located on the right handlebar. Pull it toward the handlebar to apply the front brake.

Rear brake pedal
The rear brake pedal is on the right side of the motorcycle. Press down on the brake pedal to apply the rear brake.
Fuel tank cap
TO OPEN:
Insert the key and turn it 1/4 turn clockwise. The lock will be released and the cap can be opened.

TO CLOSE
Push the tank cap into position with the key inserted. To remove the key, turn it counterclockwise to the original position.

NOTE: This tank cap cannot be closed unless the key is in the lock. The key cannot be removed if the cap is not locked properly.

WARNING
Be sure the cap is properly installed and locked in place before riding the motorcycle.

Fuel
Make sure there is sufficient fuel in the tank.

WARNING
Do not overfill the fuel tank. Avoid spilling fuel on the hot engine. Do not fill the fuel tank above the bottom of the filler tube as shown in the illustration or it may overflow when the fuel heats up later and expands.
Always wipe off spilled fuel immediately with a dry and clean soft cloth. Fuel may deteriorate painted surfaces or plastic parts.

**Recommended fuel**
- Regular gasoline
- For Australia: Unleaded fuel only

**Fuel tank capacity:**
- Total: 9.5 L
- Reserve: 2.6 L

**Fuel cock**

The negative pressure fuel cock supplies fuel from the tank to the carburetor while filtering it also.

The fuel cock has the following three positions:
- **ON:** With the lever in this position, fuel flows if the engine is running, but stops if the engine is not running.
- **RES:** This indicates reserve. If you run out of fuel while riding, move the lever to “PRI”, start the engine, then move the lever to “RES” FILL THE TANK AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY. BE SURE TO MOVE THE LEVER TO “ON” AFTER REFUELING.

**NOTE:** The fuel cock operates on vacuum from the engine when set at “ON” or “RES”. If the line connecting the cock to the carburetor intake manifold is not connected or has a leak, the cock will not function properly.
**Starter (choke)**

Starting a cold engine requires a richer air-fuel mixture. A separate starter circuit supplies this mixture.

Move in direction (a) to turn on the starter (choke).

Move in direction (b) to turn off the starter (choke).

**Steering lock**

To lock the steering, turn the handlebars all the way to the right. Open the steering lock cover, turn the key 1/8 counterclockwise then push the key in and turn it 1/8 turn clockwise. After checking to see that the steering is locked, remove the key from the lock and close the cover. To release the lock, reverse the above procedure.
1 Rider seat
2 Bolt (× 2)

Seat
To remove the rider seat, remove the bolts.

1 Projection
2 Seat holder

To reinstall the rider seat, insert the projection on the front of the seat into the seat holder, then tighten the bolts.

NOTE: Make sure that the seat is securely fitted.

1 Helmet holder
2 Open

Helmet holder
To open the helmet holder, insert the key in the lock and turn it as shown. To lock the helmet holder, replace the holder in its original position.

⚠️ WARNING
Never ride with a helmet in the helmet holder. The helmet may hit objects, causing loss of control and possibly an accident.
Sidestand
This model is equipped with an ignition circuit cut-off system. The motorcycle must not be ridden when the sidestand is down. The sidestand is located on the left side of the frame (Refer to page 5-1 for an explanation of this system.)

WARNING
Always adjust each shock absorber to the same setting. Uneven adjustment can cause poor handling and loss of stability.

WARNING
This motorcycle must not be operated with the sidestand in the down position. If the stand is not properly retracted, it could contact the ground and distract the operator, resulting in a possible loss of control. Yamaha has designed into this motorcycle a lockout system to assist the operator in fulfilling the responsibility of retracting the sidestand. Please check carefully the operating instructions listed below and if there is any indication of a malfunction, return the motorcycle to a Yamaha dealer immediately for repair.

Rear shock absorber adjustment
Each shock absorber is equipped with a spring preload adjusting ring. Adjust spring preload as follows. Turn the adjusting ring in direction (a) to increase spring preload and in direction (b) to decrease spring preload. Make sure that the appropriate notch in the adjusting ring is aligned with the position indicator on the rear shock absorber.
Sidestand/clutch switch operation check

Check the operation of the sidestand switch and clutch switch against the information below:

TURN THE MAIN SWITCH TO "ON" AND THE ENGINE STOP SWITCH TO "RUN"

TRANSMISSION IS IN GEAR AND SIDESTAND IS UP

PULL IN CLUTCH LEVER AND PUSH THE START SWITCH

ENGINE WILL START.

CLUTCH SWITCH IS OK

SIDESTAND IS DOWN

ENGINE WILL STALL

SIDESTAND SWITCH IS OK.

⚠️ WARNING

If improper operation is noted, consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.
Owners are personally responsible for their vehicle's condition. Your motorcycle's vital functions can start to deteriorate quickly and unexpectedly, even if it remains unused (for instance, if it is exposed to the elements). Any damage, fluid leak or loss of tire pressure could have serious consequences. Therefore, it is very important that, in addition to a thorough visual inspection, you check the following points before each ride.

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**NOTE:**
Pre-operation checks should be made each time the motorcycle is used. Such an inspection can be thoroughly accomplished in a very short time, and the added safety it assures is more than worth the time involved.

**WARNING**
If any item in the Pre-Operation Check is not working properly, have it inspected and repaired before operating the motorcycle.
OPERATION AND IMPORTANT RIDING POINTS

**WARNING**

1. Before riding this motorcycle, become thoroughly familiar with all operating controls and their functions. Consult a Yamaha dealer regarding any control or function that you do not thoroughly understand.
2. Never start your engine or let it run for any length of time in a closed area. The exhaust fumes are poisonous and can cause loss of consciousness and death within a short time. Always operate your motorcycle in an area with adequate ventilation.
3. Before starting out, always be sure the sidestand is up. Failure to retract the sidestand completely can result in a serious accident when you try to turn a corner.

**Starting and warming up a cold engine**

**NOTE:**

This motorcycle is equipped with an ignition circuit cut-off system.

1. The engine can be started only under the following conditions:
   a. The transmission is in neutral.
   b. The sidestand is up, the transmission is in gear and the clutch is disengaged.
2. The motorcycle must not be ridden when the sidestand is down.

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**WARNING**

Before going through the following steps, check the function of the sidestand switch and clutch switch. (Refer to page 3-11.)
OPERATION AND IMPORTANT RIDING POINTS

TURN THE MAIN SWITCH TO "ON" AND THE ENGINE STOP SWITCH TO "RUN"

IF TRANSMISSION IS IN NEUTRAL AND SIDESTAND IS DOWN,

PUSH START SWITCH
ENGINE WILL START

RETRACT SIDESTAND AND PUT TRANSMISSION IN GEAR

MOTORCYCLE CAN BE RIDDEN

IF TRANSMISSION IS IN GEAR AND SIDESTAND IS UP,

PULL IN CLUTCH LEVER AND PUSH START SWITCH ENGINE WILL START

MOTORCYCLE CAN BE RIDDEN
1. Turn the fuel cock to “ON”

2. Turn the main switch to “ON” and the engine stop switch to “RUN”.

3. Shift transmission into neutral

**NOTE:**
When the transmission is in neutral, the neutral indicator light should be on. If the light does not come on, ask a Yamaha dealer to inspect it.

4. Turn on the starter (choke) and completely close the throttle grip

5. Start the engine by pushing the start switch

**NOTE:**
If the engine fails to start, release the start switch, wait a few seconds, then try again. Each attempt should be as short as possible to preserve the battery. Do not crank the engine more than 10 seconds on any one attempt.

6. After starting the engine, move the starter to the halfway position.

**NOTE:**
For maximum engine life, always warm up the engine before starting off. Never accelerate hard with a cold engine.

7. After warming up the engine, turn off the starter completely.

**NOTE:**
The engine is warm when it responds normally to the throttle with the starter (choke) turned off.
Starting a warm engine
The starter (choke) is not required when the engine is warm.

**CAUTION**

See the “Engine break-in” section prior to operating the motorcycle for the first time.

1. **Shift pedal**
   N  Neutral

**Shifting**
The transmission lets you control the amount of power you have available at a given speed for starting, accelerating, climbing hills, etc. The use of the shift pedal is shown in the illustration.

To shift into neutral, depress the shift pedal repeatedly until it reaches the end of its travel, then raise the pedal slightly.

**CAUTION:**

1. Do not coast for long periods with the engine off, and do not tow the motorcycle a long distance. Even with gears in neutral, the transmission is only properly lubricated when the engine is running. Inadequate lubrication may damage the transmission.

2. Always use the clutch when changing gears. The engine, transmission, and driveline are not designed to withstand the shock of forced shifting and can be damaged by shifting without using the clutch.
Tips for reducing fuel consumption

Your motorcycle’s fuel consumption depends to a large extent on your riding style. The following tips can help reduce fuel consumption:

1. Warm up the engine before riding.
2. Turn off the starter (choke) as soon as possible.
3. Shift up swiftly and avoid high engine speeds during acceleration.
4. Do not double-clutch or rev the engine while shifting down and avoid high engine speeds with no load on the engine.
5. Turn off the engine instead of letting it idle for an extended length of time, i.e. in traffic jams, at traffic lights or railroad crossings.

Engine break-in

There is never a more important period in the life of your motorcycle than the period between zero and 1,000 km. For this reason we ask that you carefully read the following material. Because the engine is brand new, you must not put an excessive load on it for the first 1,000 km. The various parts in the engine wear and polish themselves to the correct operating clearances. During this period, prolonged full throttle operation, or any condition which might result in excessive heating of the engine, must be avoided.

1. 0 ~ 150 km:
   Avoid operation above 1/3 throttle.
   Stop the engine and let it cool for 5 to 10 minutes after every hour of operation. Vary the speed of the motorcycle from time to time. Do not operate it at one set throttle position.

2. 150 ~ 500 km:
   Avoid prolonged operation above 1/2 throttle. Rev the motorcycle freely through the gears, but do not use full throttle at any time.

3. 500 ~ 1,000 km
   Avoid cruising speeds in excess of 3/4 throttle.

4. 1,000 km and beyond:
   Avoid prolonged full throttle operation. Vary speeds occasionally.
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CAUTION

- After 1,000 km of operation, be sure to replace the engine oil and oil filter, and clean the oil strainer.
- If any engine trouble should occur during the break-in period, consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.

Parking

When parking the motorcycle, stop the engine and remove the ignition key.

WARNING

The exhaust system is hot. Park the motorcycle in a place where pedestrians or children are not likely to touch the motorcycle. Do not park the motorcycle on a slope or soft ground; the motorcycle may overturn.
PERIODIC MAINTENANCE AND MINOR REPAIR

Periodic inspection, adjustment and lubrication will keep your motorcycle in the safest and most efficient condition possible. Safety is an obligation of the motorcycle owner. The maintenance and lubrication schedule chart should be considered strictly as a guide to general maintenance and lubrication intervals. YOU MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT WEATHER, TERRAIN, GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS, AND A VARIETY OF INDIVIDUAL USES ALL TEND TO DEMAND THAT EACH OWNER ALTER THIS TIME SCHEDULE TO SHORTER INTERVALS TO MATCH THE ENVIRONMENT. The most important points of motorcycle inspection, adjustment, and lubrication are explained in the following pages.

**WARNING**

If you are not familiar with motorcycle service, this work should be done by a Yamaha dealer.

**NOTE:**

If you do not have necessary tools required during a service operation, take your motorcycle to a Yamaha dealer for service.

**WARNING**

Modifications to this motorcycle not approved by Yamaha may cause loss of performance, and render it unsafe for use. Consult a Yamaha dealer before attempting any changes.
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* Since these items require special tools, data and technical skills, they should be serviced by a Yamaha dealer

**NOTE:**
- The air filter needs more frequent service if you are riding in unusually wet or dusty areas
- Brake fluid replacement
  1. When disassembling the master cylinder or caliper cylinder, always replace the brake fluid. Check the brake fluid level regularly and fill as required
  2. Replace the oil seals on the inner parts of the master cylinder and caliper cylinder every two years
  3. Replace the brake hoses every four years or if cracked or damaged.
b. With the engine stopped, check the oil level through the level window located at the lower part of the right side crankcase cover.

**NOTE:**
Wait a few minutes until the oil level settles before checking.

c. The oil level should be between maximum level and minimum level marks. If the level is low, fill engine with sufficient oil to raise it to the specified level.

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**Engine oil**

1 Oil level inspection

a. Place the motorcycle on a level place and hold it in an upright position. Warm up the engine for several minutes.

**NOTE:**
Be sure the motorcycle is positioned straight up when checking the oil level. A slight tilt toward the side can result in false readings.
c. Remove the drain plug and drain the oil.

d. Remove the oil filter cover bolts and the oil filter cover.

e. Remove the oil filter and O-ring.

f. Reinstall the drain plug and tighten it to the specified torque.

**Tightening torque:**

- Drain plug: 34 Nm (3.4 m·kg)

**NOTE:**

- Make sure the O-ring is seated properly

h. Fill the engine with oil. Install the oil filler cap and tighten it
**Recommended oil:**
See page 8-1.

**Oil quantity**
Total amount:
18 L

Periodic oil change:
14 L

With oil filter replacement:
16 L

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**CAUTION:**

- Do not put in any chemical additives. Engine oil also lubricates the clutch and additives could cause clutch slippage.
- Be sure no foreign material enters the crankcase.

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Start the engine and warm up for a few minutes. While warming up, check for oil leakage. If oil leakage is found, stop the engine immediately and check for the cause.

Stop the engine and check the oil level.

**Air filter**
The air filter should be cleaned at the specified intervals. It should be cleaned more frequently if you are riding in unusually wet or dusty areas.

1. Remove the bolts and the air filter case.
1 Screw (x 2)
2 Remove the screws and the air filter cover

1 Wing nut
2 Air filter case
3 Remove the wing nut and the air filter

1 Foam element
2 Frame

4 Remove the foam element from its frame and clean it with solvent. After cleaning, remove the remaining solvent by squeezing it.

5 Apply recommended oil to the entire surface of the element and squeeze out the excess oil. It should be wet but not dripping.

Recommended oil
Same as engine oil

6. Pull the element over its frame, install the air filter in the case and tighten the wing nut.
7. Install the air filter cover and air filter case

**CAUTION:**

- Make sure the air filter is properly seated in the air filter case.
- The engine should never be run without the air filter installed. Excessive piston and/or cylinder wear may result.

**Carburetor adjustment**

The carburetor is a vital part of the engine and requires very sophisticated adjustment. Most adjustments should be left to a Yamaha dealer who has the professional knowledge and experience to do so. However, the following may be serviced by the owner as part of routine maintenance.

**CAUTION:**

The carburetor was set at the Yamaha factory after many tests. If the settings are changed, poor engine performance and damage may result.

**Idle speed adjustment**

**NOTE:**

A diagnostic tachometer must be used for this procedure.

1. Attach the tachometer. Start the engine and warm it up for a few minutes at approximately 1,000 to 2,000 r/min. Occasionally rev the engine to 4,000 to 5,000 r/min. The engine is warm when it quickly responds to the throttle.
2. Set the idle to the specified engine speed by adjusting the throttle stop screw. Turn the screw in direction (a) to increase engine speed and in direction (b) to decrease engine speed.

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**Valve clearance adjustment**

The correct valve clearance changes with use, resulting in improper fuel/air supply or engine noise. To prevent this, the valve clearance must be adjusted regularly. This adjustment however, should be left to a professional Yamaha service technician.

**NOTE:**

If the specified idle speed cannot be obtained by performing the above adjustment, consult a Yamaha dealer.
Do not attempt to diagnose such problems yourself. Instead, take the motorcycle to a Yamaha dealer. You should periodically remove and inspect the spark plugs because heat and deposits will cause any spark plug to slowly break down and erode. If electrode erosion becomes excessive, or if carbon and other deposits are excessive, you should replace the spark plug with the specified plug.

When installing the spark plug, always clean the gasket surface and use a new gasket. Wipe off any grime from the threads and tighten the spark plug to the specified torque.

**Tightening torque**
- Spark plug: 12.5 Nm (1.25 m·kg)

**NOTE:**
If a torque wrench is not available when you are installing a spark plug, a good estimate of the correct torque is 1/4 to 1/2 turn past finger tight. Have the spark plug tightened to the specified torque as soon as possible.

**Specified spark plug:**
- C6HSA (NGK) or U20FS-U (DENSO)

Before installing any spark plug, measure the electrode gap with a wire thickness gauge. Adjust the gap to specification.

**Spark plug gap**
- 0.6 ~ 0.7 mm
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**Tires**

To ensure maximum performance, long service and safe operation, note the following.

1. **Tire air pressure**
   - Always check and adjust the tire pressure before operating the motorcycle.

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**WARNING**

Tire inflation pressure should be checked and adjusted when the temperature of the tire equals the ambient air temperature. Tire inflation pressure must be adjusted according to total weight of cargo, rider, passenger, and accessories (fairing, saddlebags, etc. if approved for this model), and vehicle speed.

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<td>Up to 90 kg</td>
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<td>90 kg load - Maximum load*</td>
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* Load is the total weight of cargo, rider, passenger and accessories

**WARNING**

Proper loading of your motorcycle is important for several characteristics of your motorcycle, such as handling, braking, performance and safety. Do not carry loosely packed items that can shift. Securely pack your heaviest items close to the center of the motorcycle, and distribute the weight evenly from side to side. Properly adjust the suspension for your load, and check the condition and pressure of your tires. **NEVER OVERLOAD YOUR MOTORCYCLE.** Make sure the total weight of the cargo, rider, passenger, and accessories (fairing, saddlebags, etc. if approved for this model) does not exceed the maximum load of the motorcycle. Operation of an overloaded motorcycle could cause tire damage, an accident, or even injury.
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2 Tire inspection
Always check the tires before operating the motorcycle. If a tire tread shows crosswise lines (minimum tread depth), if the tire has a nail or glass fragments in it, or if the side wall is cracked, contact a Yamaha dealer immediately and have the tire replaced.

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Minimum tire tread depth (front and rear) 10 mm

NOTE:
These limits may be different by regulation from country to country. If so, conform to the limits specified by the regulations of your own country.

WARNING

1. It is dangerous to ride with a worn-out tire. When a tire tread begins to show lines, have a Yamaha dealer replace the tire immediately. Brakes, tires, and related wheel parts replacement should also be left to a Yamaha dealer.

2. Patching a punctured tube is not recommended. If it is absolutely necessary to do so, use great care and replace the tube as soon as possible with a good quality replacement.

Wheels
To ensure maximum performance, long service, and safe operation, note the following.

1. Always inspect the wheels before a ride. Check for cracks, bends or warpage of the wheel. Be sure the spokes are tight and undamaged. If any abnormal condition exists in a wheel, consult a Yamaha dealer. Do not attempt even small repairs to the wheel. If a wheel is deformed or cracked, it must be replaced.

2. Tires and wheels should be balanced whenever either one is changed or replaced. Failure to have a wheel balanced can result in poor performance, adverse handling characteristics, and shortened tire life.

3. Ride at moderate speeds after changing a tire since the tire surface must first be broken in for it to develop its optimal characteristics.
Throttle cable free play inspection
There should be a free play of 3 ~ 5 mm at the throttle grip. If the free play is incorrect, ask a Yamaha dealer to make this adjustment.

Front brake lever free play adjustment
The free play at the front brake lever should be 2 ~ 5 mm.

1. Loosen the locknut
2. Turn the adjusting bolt in direction ⑨ to increase free play or in direction ⑩ to decrease free play.
3. After adjusting, tighten the locknut.

**WARNING**
- Check the brake lever free play. Be sure the brake is working properly.
- A soft or spongy feeling in the brake lever can indicate the presence of air in the brake system. This air must be removed by bleeding the brake system before the motorcycle is operated. Air in the system will cause greatly diminished braking capability and can result in loss of control and an accident. Have a Yamaha dealer inspect and bleed the system if necessary.
Rear brake pedal height and free play adjustment

**WARNING**
It is advisable to have a Yamaha dealer make this adjustment.

1 Pedal height
The brake pedal should be positioned so that its top end is approximately 60 mm above the top of the footrest.

1 Locknut
2 Adjusting bolt

- a) Loosen the locknut
- b) Turn the adjusting bolt in direction (②) to raise pedal height or in direction (⑤) to lower pedal height.
- c) Tighten the locknut

**WARNING**
After adjusting the pedal height adjust brake pedal free play.

1 Adjusting nut
2 Free play
The rear brake pedal free play should be adjusted to 20 ~ 30 mm at the brake pedal end. Turn the adjusting nut on the brake rod in direction (②) to increase free play or in direction (⑤) to decrease free play.
**WARNING**

- Brake pedal free play should be checked whenever the chain is adjusted or the rear wheel is removed and then reinstalled.
- Check the operation of the brake light after adjusting the rear brake.
- If it is impossible to make proper adjustment, consult a Yamaha dealer.

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**Brake light switch adjustment**

The rear brake light switch is activated by the brake pedal and is properly adjusted when the brake light comes on just before braking takes effect. To adjust the rear brake light switch, hold the switch body so it does not rotate while turning the adjusting nut. Turn the adjusting nut in direction (2) to make the brake light come on earlier. Turn the adjusting nut in direction (6) to make the brake light come on later.

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**Checking the front brake pads and rear brake shoes**

**FRONT**

A wear indicator groove is provided on each brake pad. This indicator allows checking of brake pad wear without disassembling the brake. Inspect the groove. If the groove has almost disappeared, ask a Yamaha dealer to replace the pads.
2 Use only the designated quality brake fluid. Otherwise, the rubber seals may deteriorate, causing leakage and poor brake performance.

Recommended brake fluid: DOT 4

NOTE:
If DOT 4 is not available, DOT 3 can be used.

3. Refill with the same type of brake fluid. Mixing fluids may result in a harmful chemical reaction and lead to poor brake performance.

4. Be careful that water does not enter the master cylinder when refilling. Water will significantly lower the boiling point of the fluid and may result in vapor lock.

5. Brake fluid may deteriorate painted surfaces or plastic parts. Always clean up spilled fluid immediately.

6. Have a Yamaha dealer check the cause if the brake fluid level goes down.
Brake fluid replacement
The brake fluid should be replaced only by trained Yamaha service personnel. Have the Yamaha dealer replace the following components during periodic maintenance or when they are damaged or leaking:
   a. oil seals (every two years)
   b. brake hoses (every four years)

1 Locknut
2 Adjusting bolt
3 Free play

Clutch lever free play adjustment
The clutch lever free play should be adjusted to 10 ~ 15 mm.
1. Loosen the locknut at the clutch lever
2. Turn the adjusting bolt at the clutch lever in direction @ to increase free play or in direction @ to decrease free play.
3. Tighten the locknut at the clutch lever.

1 Locknut
2 Adjusting bolt

If the specified free play cannot be obtained, proceed with the following steps.
4. Loosen the locknut at the clutch lever
5. Turn the adjusting bolt at the clutch lever in direction @ to loosen the cable
6. Loosen the locknut at the crankcase side.
7. Turn the adjusting nut at the crankcase in direction @ to increase free play or in direction @ to decrease free play.
8. Tighten the locknut at the crankcase and the clutch lever.
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Drive chain slack check

NOTE: Spin the wheel several times and find the tightest position of the chain. Check and/or adjust the chain slack while it's in this tightest position.

To check the chain slack the motorcycle must be held straight up with both wheels on the ground and without rider. Check the slack at the position shown in the illustration. Normal slack is approximately 30 ~ 40 mm. If the slack exceeds 40 mm, adjust.

Drive chain slack adjustment

1. Loosen the rear brake pedal free play adjusting nut.

2. Remove the cotter pin from the axle nut.
3. Loosen the axle nut.
4. Loosen the chain adjusting lock-nuts on each chain puller. To tighten the chain, turn the chain adjusting nuts in direction (a). To loosen the chain, turn the chain adjusting nuts in direction (f) and push the wheel forward. Turn each chain adjusting nut exactly the same amount to maintain correct axle alignment. There are marks
on each side of the swingarm. Use these marks to align the rear wheel.

**CAUTION**

Too little chain slack will overload the engine and other vital parts. Keep the slack within the specified limits.

5 After adjusting, be sure to tighten each chain adjusting locknut. Then tighten the axle nut to the specified torque.

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1 Cotter pin

6. Insert a new cotter pin into the axle nut and bend the end of the cotter pin as shown. If the notch in the axle nut and the cotter pin hole do not match, tighten the nut slightly to align them.

**WARNING**

Always use a new cotter pin on the axle nut.

7 Adjust the free play in the brake pedal.

**WARNING**

Check the operation of the brake light after adjusting the rear brake.
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Drive chain lubrication
The chain consists of many parts which work with each other. If the chain is not maintained properly, it will wear out quickly. Therefore, the chain must be serviced regularly. This service is especially necessary when riding in dusty areas. This motorcycle is equipped with a sealed type chain. Steam cleaning, high-pressure washes, and solvents can damage chain so do not use these for cleaning it. Use only kerosene to clean the drive chain. Wipe it dry, and thoroughly lubricate it with engine oil. Do not use any other lubricants on the drive chain. They may contain solvents that could damage the sealed chain.

CAUTION: 
Be sure to oil the chain after washing the motorcycle or riding in the rain.

Cable inspection and lubrication

WARNING
Damage to the outer housing of cables may lead to internal rusting and interfere with the cable movement. Replace damaged cables as soon as possible to prevent unsafe conditions.

Lubricate the cables and cable ends. If a cable does not operate smoothly, ask a Yamaha dealer to replace it.

Recommended lubricant
Same as engine oil

Throttle cable and grip lubrication
The throttle twist grip assembly should be greased at the time that the cable is lubricated, since the grip must be removed to get at the end of the throttle cable. After removing the screws, hold the end of the cable up in the air and put in several drops of lubricant. With the throttle grip disassembled, coat the metal surface of the grip assembly with a suitable all-purpose grease.
### Brake and shift pedal lubrication
Lubricate the pivoting parts.
- **Recommended lubricant:** Same as engine oil

### Brake and clutch lever lubrication
Lubricate the pivoting parts.
- **Recommended lubricant:** Same as engine oil

### Sidestand lubrication
Lubricate the sidestand pivoting point and metal-to-metal contact surfaces. Check that the sidestand moves up and down smoothly.
- **Recommended lubricant:** Same as engine oil

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⚠️ **WARNING**
If the sidestand does not move smoothly, consult a Yamaha dealer.
Front fork inspection

**WARNING**
Securely support the motorcycle so there is no danger of it falling over.

1. Visual check
   Check for scratches or damage on the inner tube and excessive oil leakage from the front fork
2. Operation check
   Place the motorcycle on a level place.

- a. Hold the motorcycle in an upright position and apply the front brake
- b. Push down hard on the handlebars several times and check if the fork rebounds smoothly

**CAUTION:**
If any damage or unsmooth movement is found with the front fork, consult a Yamaha dealer.

Steering inspection
Periodically inspect the condition of the steering. Worn out or loose steering bearings may be dangerous. Place a stand under the engine to raise the front wheel off the ground. Hold the lower end of the front forks and try to move them forward and backward. If any free play can be felt, ask a Yamaha dealer to inspect and adjust the steering. Inspection is easier if the front wheel is removed.

**WARNING**
Securely support the motorcycle so there is no danger of it falling over.
**Wheel bearings**

If there is play in the front or rear wheel hub or if the wheel does not turn smoothly, have a Yamaha dealer inspect the wheel bearings. The wheel bearings should be inspected according to the General Maintenance Schedule.

**Battery**

Check the level of the battery electrolyte and make sure that the terminals are tight. Fill with distilled water if the electrolyte level is low.

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**CAUTION:**

When inspecting the battery, be sure the breather hose is routed correctly. If the breather hose is positioned in such a way as to cause battery electrolyte or gas to exit onto the frame, structural and cosmetic damage to the motorcycle can occur.
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**WARNING**

Battery electrolyte is poisonous and dangerous, causing severe burns, etc. It contains sulfuric acid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

Antidote:

EXTERNAL: Flush with water.

INTERNAL: Drink large quantities of water or milk. Follow with milk of magnesia, beaten egg, or vegetable oil. Call a physician immediately.

EYES: Flush with water for 15 minutes and get prompt medical attention. Batteries produce explosive gases. Keep sparks, flame, cigarettes etc., away. Ventilate when charging or using in an enclosed space. Always shield your eyes when working near batteries.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

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**WARNING**

Take care not to spill battery fluid on the chain. Battery fluid may weaken the chain causing shorter chain life and possibly result in an accident.

**Battery storage**

1. When the motorcycle will not be used for a month or longer, remove the battery, fully charge it and store it in a cool, dry place. Completely recharge the battery before reinstallation.

2. If the battery will be stored for longer than two months, check the specific gravity of the fluid at least once a month and fully recharge the battery when it is too low.

3. Always make sure the connections are correct when putting the battery back in the motorcycle. Make sure the breather hose is properly connected and is not damaged or obstructed.

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**Replenishing the battery fluid**

A poorly maintained battery will corrode and discharge quickly. The battery fluid should be checked at least once a month. The level should be between the minimum level and maximum level marks. Use only distilled water if refilling is necessary.

1. Maximum level mark
2. Minimum level mark

**CAUTION:**

Normal tap water contains minerals which are harmful to a battery; therefore, refill only with distilled water.
Fuse replacement
The fuse cases are located under the rider seat.
If a fuse is blown, turn off the main switch and the switch of the circuit in question. Install a new fuse of specified amperage. Turn on the switches and see if the electrical device operates. If the fuse immediately blows again, consult a Yamaha dealer.

**CAUTION:**
Do not use fuses of higher amperage rating than those recommended. Substitution of a fuse of improper rating can cause extensive electrical system damage and possibly a fire.

Specified fuses:
- Main fuse: 20 A
- Signaling system fuse: 10 A
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**Headlight bulb replacement**

This motorcycle is equipped with a quartz bulb headlight.
If the headlight bulb burns out, replace the bulb as follows:

1. Remove the headlight unit screws

2. Remove the connector, the headlight unit and then the bulb cover

3. Turn the bulb holder counterclockwise to remove it and remove the defective bulb

**WARNING**

Keep flammable products and your hands away from a bulb while it is on, as it is hot. Do not touch a bulb until it cools down.

4. Put a new bulb into position and secure it in place with the bulb holder
Supporting the motorcycle
Since the Yamaha XV250S has no centerstand, follow these precautions when removing the front and rear wheel or performing other maintenance requiring the motorcycle to stand upright.

Front wheel service.
To stabilize the rear of the motorcycle, either use a motorcycle stand or place a motorcycle jack under the frame in front of the rear wheel to prevent it from moving from side to side. Then use a motorcycle stand to elevate the front wheel off of the ground.

Rear wheel service
Use a motorcycle stand or motorcycle jack to elevate the motorcycle so the rear wheel is off the ground. Alternatively, two jacks can be placed under the frame or swingarm.
Check that the motorcycle is in a stable and level position before starting any maintenance. A strong wooden box can be placed under the engine for added stability.
Front wheel removal

**WARNING**

- It is advisable to have a Yamaha dealer service the wheel.
- Securely support the motorcycle so there is no danger of it falling over.

1. Remove the speedometer cable from the front wheel side

1. Axle
2. Pinch bolt

2. Loosen the pinch bolt and wheel axle
3. Elevate the front wheel by placing a suitable stand under the engine
4. Remove the wheel axle and the front wheel

**NOTE:**
Do not depress the brake lever when the disc and caliper are separated.

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Front wheel installation

1. Install the speedometer gear unit housing into the wheel hub. Make sure the slot in the speedometer gear unit housing fits over the stopper on the front fork outer tube.
2. Lift up the wheel between the front fork legs and guide the brake disc between the brake pads.
3. Install the wheel axle and tighten it to the specified torque.

**Tightening torque.**

Wheel axle

59 Nm (5.9 m·kg)
4. Push down hard on the handlebars several times to check for proper fork operation.

5. Install the pinch bolt and tighten it to the specified torque.

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2. Remove the cotter pin, nut and tension bar bolt from the brake shoe plate.
3. Remove the rear brake pedal free play adjusting nut and brake rod from the brake cam lever.
4. Loosen the locknuts and chain adjusting nuts on each side.

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**Rear wheel removal**

![Diagram of rear wheel components]

- **1. Tension bar**
- **2. Cotter pin**
- **3. Nut (tension bar bolt)**
- **4. Brake rod**
- **5. Adjusting nut (pedal free play)**

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**WARNING**

- It is advisable to have a Yamaha dealer service the wheel.
- Securely support the motorcycle so there is no danger of it falling over.

1. Elevate the rear wheel by placing a suitable stand under the engine.
Rear wheel installation

1. Install the rear wheel and the axle.
2. Insert the brake rod into the brake cam lever and install the brake pedal free play adjusting nut.
3. Install the tension bar bolt and tighten to the specified tightening torque. Then install the cotter pin.

**Specified torque:**

- Tension bar bolt:
  - 23 Nm (2.3 m·kg)

4. Adjust the drive chain free play. (See page 6-19)
5. Tighten the axle nut to the specified tightening torque.

**Specified torque:**

- Axle nut
  - 105 Nm (10.5 m·kg)

6. Adjust the rear brake pedal height and free play. (See page 6-15.)

**WARNING**

Check the operation of the brake light after adjusting the rear brake.

5. Remove the axle nut cotter pin and the axle nut.
6. Pull out the wheel axle and remove the wheel assembly.
Troubleshooting

Although Yamaha motorcycles receive a rigid inspection before shipment from the factory, trouble may occur during operation.

Any problem in the fuel, compression, or ignition systems can cause poor starting and loss of power. The troubleshooting chart describes a quick, easy procedure for making checks.

If your motorcycle requires any repair, bring it to a Yamaha dealer. The skilled technicians at a Yamaha dealership have the tools, experience, and knowhow to properly service your motorcycle. Use only genuine Yamaha parts on your motorcycle. Imitation parts may look like Yamaha parts, but they are often inferior. Consequently, they have a shorter service life and can lead to expensive repair bills.
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Troubleshooting chart

⚠️ WARNING
Never check the fuel system while smoking or in the vicinity of an open flame.

1. Fuel
- Check if there is fuel in the fuel tank
  - Enough fuel → Go to compression check
  - No fuel → Supply fuel → Restart engine

2. Compression
- Use electric starter
  - There is compression → Go to ignition check
  - No compression → Ask a Yamaha dealer to inspect

3. Ignition
- Remove spark plugs and check electrode
  - Wet → Wipe clean with dry cloth and correct spark gap or replace spark plugs
  - Dry → Ask a Yamaha dealer to inspect
  - Open throttle half-way and start the engine
    - Engine does not start, go to battery check

4. Battery
- Use electric starter
  - Engine turns over quickly → Battery good → Ask a Yamaha dealer to inspect
  - Engine turns over slowly → Check electrolyte level and connections or recharge
A. CLEANING
Frequent, thorough cleaning of your motorcycle will not only enhance its appearance but will improve its general performance and extend the useful life of many components.

1. Before cleaning the motorcycle
   a. Block off the end of the exhaust pipes to prevent water entry, a plastic bag and strong rubber band may be used.
   b. Make sure the spark plugs and all filler caps are properly installed.

2. If the engine case is excessively greasy, apply degreaser with a paint brush. Do not apply degreaser to the chain, sprockets, or wheel axles.

3. Rinse the dirt and degreaser off with a garden hose. Use only enough pressure to do the job.

**CAUTION:** Excessive hose pressure may cause water seepage and deterioration of wheel bearings, front fork, brakes, transmission seals and electrical parts.

Many expensive repair bills have resulted from improper high pressure detergent applications such as those available in coin-operated car washers.

4. After riding on salted roads, wash the motorcycle with cold water immediately. Do not use warm water as it increases the chemical reaction of the salt.

5. Once the majority of the dirt has been hosed off, wash all surfaces with warm water and mild, detergent-type soap. An old toothbrush or bottle brush is handy for hard-to-get-at places.

6. Rinse the motorcycle off immediately with clean water and dry all surfaces with a chamois, clean towel, or soft absorbent cloth.

7. Dry the chain and lubricate it to prevent rust.

8. Clean the seat with a vinyl upholstery cleaner to keep the cover pliable and glossy.

9. Automotive type wax may be applied to all painted and chrome-plated surfaces. Avoid combination cleaner-waxes. Many contain abrasives which may mar the paint or protective finish. When finished, start the engine and let it idle for several minutes.
B. STORAGE
Long term storage (60 days or more) of your motorcycle will require some preventive procedures to guard against deterioration. After thoroughly cleaning the motorcycle, prepare for storage as follows:
1. Fill the fuel tank with fuel and add fuel stabilizer (if available).
2. Remove each spark plug, pour about one tablespoon of engine oil in each spark plug hole and reinstall the spark plugs. Turn the engine over several times (ground spark plug leads) to coat the cylinder walls with oil.

**WARNING**
When using the starter motor to crank the engine, remove the spark plug wires, and ground them to prevent sparking.

3. Clean the chain and lubricate it (refer to "Drive chain lubrication")
4. Lubricate all control cables.
5. Block up the frame to raise both wheels off the ground.
6. Tie a plastic bag over the exhaust pipe outlets to prevent moisture from entering.
7. If storing in a humid or salt-air atmosphere, coat all exposed metal surfaces with a light film of oil. Do not apply oil to any rubber parts or the seat cover.
8. Remove the battery and fully charge it. Store it in a cool, dry place and recharge it once a month. Do not store the battery in an excessively warm or cold place (less than 0°C or more than 30°C).
See page 6-25 for battery storage precautions.

**NOTE:**
Make any necessary repairs before storing the motorcycle.
# Specifications

### Model
- **Type**: XV250S

### Dimensions:
- **Overall length**: 2,190 mm
- **Overall width**: 815 mm
- **Overall height**: 1,140 mm
- **Seat height**: 685 mm
- **Wheelbase**: 1,490 mm
- **Ground clearance**: 145 mm
- **Minimum turning radius**: 2,800 mm

### Basic weight (with oil and full fuel tank):
- **Weight**: 147 kg

### Engine:
- **Engine type**: Air-cooled 4-stroke, SOHC
- **Cylinder arrangement**: V type 2-cylinder
- **Displacement**: 249 cm³
- **Bore x Stroke**: 49 x 66 mm
- **Compression ratio**: 10:1
- **Starting system**: Electric starter
- **Lubrication system**: Wet sump

### Engine oil:
- **Type**
  - SAE 10W/30
  - SAE 10W/40
  - SAE 20W/40
  - SAE 20W/50

### Classification:
- API Service "SE", "SF" type or equivalent
  (e.g. "SF-SE", "SF-SE-CC", "SF-SE-SD" etc.)

### Quantity:
- **Periodic oil change**: 1.4 L
- **With oil filter replacement**: 1.6 L
- **Total amount**: 1.8 L

### Air filter:
- Wet type element

### Fuel:
- **Type**: Regular gasoline
  - Unleaded fuel only for Australia
- **Fuel tank capacity**: 9.5 L
- **Reserve amount**: 2.6 L
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Carburetor:
  Type × quantity  BDS26 × 1
  Manufacturer  MIKUNI

Spark plug:
  Type/Manufacturer  C6HSA / NGK or U20FS-U / DENSO
  Gap  0.6 ~ 0.7 mm
  Wet, multiple-disc

Clutch type

Transmission:
  Primary reduction system  Spur gear
  Primary reduction ratio  72/23 (3 130)
  Secondary reduction system  Chain drive
  Secondary reduction ratio  45/16 (2 813)
  Transmission type  Constant mesh 5-speed
  Operation  Left foot operation
  Gear ratio
    1st  37/14 (2 643)
    2nd  32/19 (1 684)
    3rd  29/23 (1 261)
    4th  26/26 (1 000)
    5th  23/28 (0 821)

Chassis:
  Frame type  Double cradle
  Caster angle  32°
  Trail  120 mm

Tire:
  Type
  Size
    Front  3 00-18 47P
    Rear  130/90-15M/C 66P
  Manufacturer/model
    Front  CHENG SHIN / C-916
    Rear  CHENG SHIN / C-915
  Maximum load*
    183 kg
  Air pressure (cold tire)
    Up to 90 kg load*
      Front  175 kPa, 1.75 kg/cm², 1.75 bar
      Rear  200 kPa, 2.00 kg/cm², 2.00 bar
    90 kg load – maximum load*
      Front  200 kPa, 2.00 kg/cm², 2.00 bar
      Rear  225 kPa, 2.25 kg/cm², 2.25 bar

* Load is total weight of cargo, rider, passenger and accessories

Wheels:
  Type
    Front  Spoke
    Rear  Spoke
## Specifications

### Size
- Front: 18 x 60
- Rear: 15M/C x MT 2 75

### Brakes:
- **Front**
  - Type: Single disc brake
  - Operation: Right hand operation
  - Fluid: DOT 4 or DOT 3
- **Rear**
  - Type: Drum brake
  - Operation: Right foot operation

### Suspension:
- **Front**
  - Type: Telescopic fork
  - Inner tube outer diameter: 33 mm
- **Rear**
  - Type: Swingarm

### Shock absorbers
- **Front**
  - Coil spring / oil damper
- **Rear**
  - Coil spring / oil damper

### Wheel travel:
- **Front**: 140 mm
- **Rear**: 100 mm

### Electrical system:
- **Ignition system**: TC I (digital)
- **Charging system**
  - Type: AC magneto
  - Standard output: 14 V, 25 A @ 5,000 rpm
- **Battery**
  - Type: GM10-3A-2
  - Voltage, capacity: 12 V, 10 AH

### Headlight type
- Quartz bulb (halogen)

### Bulb voltage, wattage x quantity:
- **Headlight**: 12 V, 60 W / 55 W x 1
- **Tail/brake light**: 12 V, 5 W / 21 W x 1
- **Turn signal lights**: 12 V, 21 W x 4
- **Meter light**: 12 V, 3 W x 1
- **Neutral indicator light**: 12 V, 3 W x 1
- **High beam indicator light**: 12 V, 17 W x 1
- **Turn indicator light**: 12 V, 3 W x 1

### Fuses:
- Main fuse: 20 A
- Signaling system fuse: 10 A
CONSUMER INFORMATION

HOW TO USE THE CONVERSION TABLE

All specification data in this manual are listed in SI and METRIC UNITS.

Use this table to convert METRIC unit data to IMPERIAL unit data.

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Identification numbers record
Record the key identification number, vehicle identification number and model label information in the spaces provided for assistance when ordering spare parts from a Yamaha dealer or for reference in case the vehicle is stolen.

1 KEY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

2 VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

3 MODEL LABEL INFORMATION:

Key identification number
The key identification number is stamped on the key. Record this number in the space provided and use it for reference when obtaining a new key.

Vehicle identification number
The vehicle identification number is stamped into the steering head pipe. Record this number in the space provided.

NOTE:
The vehicle identification number is used to identify your motorcycle and may be used to register your motorcycle with the licensing authority in your state.
NOISE REGULATION
(FOR Australia)
"TAMPERING WITH NOISE CONTROL SYSTEM PROHIBITED"
Owners are warned that the law may prohibit:
(a) The removal or rendering inoperative by any person other than for purposes of maintenance, repair or replacement, of any device or element of design incorporated into any new vehicle for the purpose of noise control prior to its sale or delivery to the ultimate purchaser or while it is in use; and
(b) the use of the vehicle after such device or element of design has been removed or rendered inoperative by any person.