

Tsubaki Chains

Lubricating, Cleaning and Installation Tips

LUBRICATING SEALED CHAINS

Tsubaki sealed chains are pre-lubricated at the factory with special grease. However, external (rollers, inner and outside plates) need re-lubrication every 300 miles or sooner, depending on usage and conditions, will help keep the chain clean, corrosion free and ensure maximum performance. Use O-ring safe lubricant.

LUBRICATING ROLLER CHAINS

Tsubaki roller chains lubricate the chain before riding and at intervals of 100 to 200 miles. Make sure that the lubricant penetrates into the spaces between the pins, rollers and bushings to ensure longer wear life. (For reference see owner's manual or OEM shop manual)

CLEANING

To clean your Tsubaki chain, first raise the motorcycle on it's center stand with the engine off and the transmission in neutral. Then rotate the rear wheel of the motorcycle, spray a moisture displacement lubricant to one side of the chain. After 2 or 3 full revolutions, switch sides and repeat. In this manner you have floated the dirt off the chain and now you need to wipe off the chain with a clean cloth to remove the excess lubricant and dirt residue. Never use a flammable solvent such as gasoline, benzine or kerosene. Additionally, never use water, detergents, steam cleaner or a coarse brush as these damage the chain.

TIPS

- Lubricate the chain when it is still warm (after riding)
- After driving on rainy (wet) roads, lubricate the chain more often
- Lubricate the chain rollers
- Replace the chain when an O-ring is missing

INSTALLATION

-Chain installation or removal should be performed by a qualified motorcycle mechanic using proper tools.
-When installing or removing chain the recommended procedures contained in the motorcycle manufacturer's Shop Manual or Owners Manual must be followed, including replacement with an equivalent chain as to type, size, pitch and gearing.

1. Engine must be turned off and transmission in neutral.
2. Eye protection is required.
3. Prevent uncontrolled movement of chain and parts.
4. Tools must be in good condition and properly used.
5. Do not attempt to connect or disconnect chain unless you know the chain construction, including the correct direction for connecting link removal or insertion.
6. All guards, guides, tensioners or other parts removed must be replaced before operating the vehicle.

SEALED CHAIN

Mount chain on new sprockets using the master link supplied with the chain. New sprockets are highly recommended for maximum chain life and durability.

ROLLER CHAIN

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TIPS

- Use special tools
- Installation by a professional is highly recommended