

Owner's manual

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DUCATI 749/749S



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Enjoy your ride!



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Warning

This manual forms an integral part of the motorcycle and - if a transfer of title occurs - must always be handed over to the new owner.

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GENERAL



Warranty

In your own interest, and in order to guarantee product reliability, you are strongly advised to refer to a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop for any servicing requiring particular technical expertise. Our highly skilled staff have access to the implements required to perform any servicing job at best, using Ducati original spare parts only as the best guarantee for full interchangeability, smooth running and long life.

All Ducati motorcycles come with a "Warranty Card". However, warranty does not apply to the motorcycles used in competitions. No motorcycle part may be tampered with, altered, or replaced with parts other than original Ducati spare parts during the warranty period, or the warranty will be automatically invalidated.

Symbols

Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. advises you to read this manual carefully so as to become familiar with your motorcycle. In case of any doubts, please call a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop. The information contained herein will prove useful on your trips - and Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. wishes you smooth, enjoyable riding - and will help you keep the performance of your motorcycle unchanged for a long time.



Warning

Failure to comply with these instructions may put you at risk and lead to severe injury or death.



Important

Possibility of damaging the motorcycle and/or its components.



Note

Additional information concerning the job being carried out.

*The terms **right** and **left** are referred to the motorcycle viewed from the riding position.*

Useful information for safe riding



Warning

Read this section before riding your motorcycle.

Accidents are frequently due to inexperience. Always make sure you have your licence with you when riding; you need a valid licence to be entitled to ride your motorcycle.

Do not lend your motorcycle to inexperienced riders or who do not hold a valid licence.

Both rider and pillion passenger must **always** wear a safety helmet.

Wear proper clothing, with no loose items or accessories that may become tangled in the controls or limit your zone of vision.

Never start or run the engine indoors. Exhaust gases are poisonous and may lead to loss of consciousness or even death within a short time.

Both rider and pillion passenger should keep their feet on the footpegs when the motorcycle is in motion.

Always hold the handlebars firmly with both hands so you will be ready for sudden changes of direction or in the road surface. The pillion passenger should **always** hold on to the suitable belt on the rear seat with both hands.

Ride within the law and observe national and local rules. Always respect speed limits where these are posted. However, **always** adjust your speed to the visibility, road and traffic conditions you are riding in.

Always signal your intention to turn or pull to the next

lane in good time using the suitable turn indicators.

Be sure you are clearly visible and do not ride within the blind spot of vehicles ahead.

Be very careful when tackling road junctions, or when riding in the areas near exits from private grounds, car parks or on slip roads to access motorways.

Always turn off the engine when refueling.

Be extremely careful not to spill fuel on the engine or on the exhaust pipe when refueling.

Do not smoke when refueling.

While refueling, you may inhale noxious fuel vapors.

Should any fuel drops be spilled on your skin or clothing, immediately wash with soap and water and change your clothing.

Always remove the key when you leave your motorcycle unattended.

The engine, exhaust pipes, and mufflers stay hot for a long time.



Warning

The exhaust system might be hot, even after engine is switched off; pay particular attention not to touch exhaust system with any body part and do not park the vehicle next to inflammable material (wood, leaves etc.).

Park your motorcycle where no one is likely to hit it and use the side stand.

Never park on uneven or soft ground or your motorcycle may fall over.

Carrying the maximum load allowed

Your motorcycle is designed for long-distance riding, carrying the maximum load allowed in full safety. Even weight distribution is critical to preserving safety features and avoiding trouble when performing sudden manoeuvres or riding on bumpy roads.

Information about carrying capacity

The total weight of the motorcycle in running order including rider, pillion passenger, luggage and additional accessories should not exceed 375 Kg.

Arrange your luggage or heavy accessories in the lowest possible position and close to motorcycle centre.

Be sure to secure the luggage to the supports provided on the motorcycle as firmly as possible. Improperly secured luggage may affect stability.

Never fix bulky or heavy objects to the handlebar or to the front mud guard as this would affect stability and cause danger.

Do not insert any objects you may need to carry into the gaps of the frame as these may foul moving parts.

Make sure the tyres are inflated to the proper pressure indicated at page 73 and that they are in good condition.

Identification data

All Ducati motorcycles have two identification numbers, for frame (fig. 1.1 et 1.2) and engine (fig. 2).

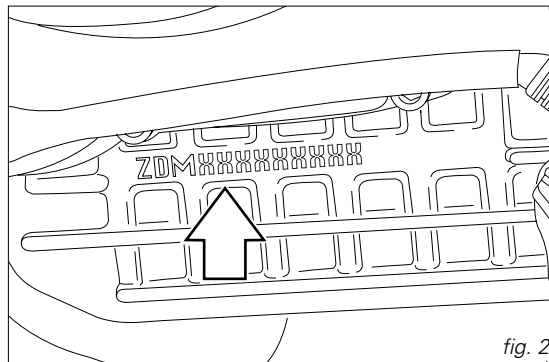
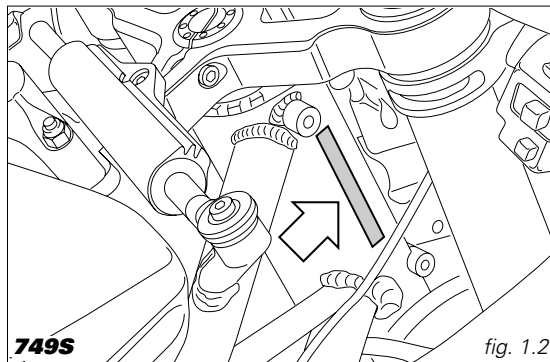
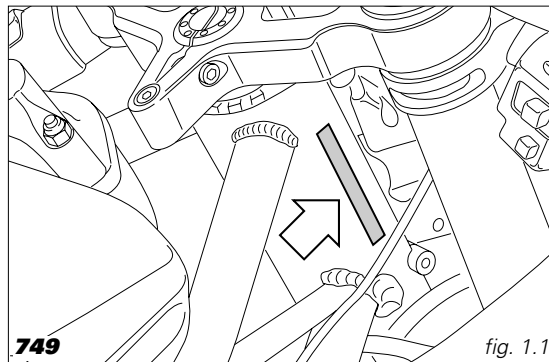
Frame number

Engine number



Note

These numbers identify the motorcycle model and are required when ordering spare parts.



CONTROLS

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Warning

This section details the position and function of all the controls you need to drive your motorcycle. Be sure to read this information carefully before you use the controls.

Position of motorcycle controls (fig. 3)

- 1) Instrument panel.
- 2) Key-operated ignition switch and steering lock.
- 3) Left switch.
- 4) Clutch lever.
- 5) Cold start control.
- 6) Right switch.
- 7) Throttle twistgrip.
- 8) Front brake lever.
- 9) Gear change pedal.
- 10) Rear brake pedal.

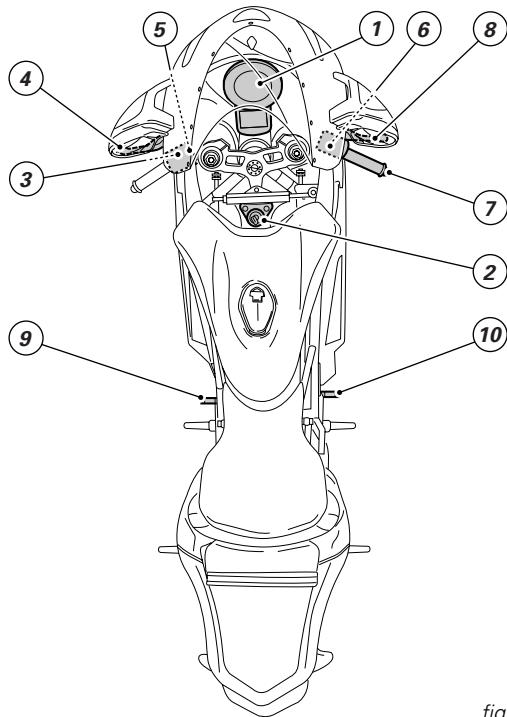


fig. 3

Instrument panel (fig. 4)

1) **LCD** (see page 12).

2) **Engine revolution meter** (rpm)

Indicates engine rpm.

3) **Neutral light N (green).**

Comes on when gearbox is in neutral.

4) **Low fuel light** (yellow).

Comes on when there are about 3 liters fuel left in the tank.

5) **Turn indicator light** (green).

Comes on and flashes when a turn indicator is on.

6) **Engine oil pressure light** (red).

Comes on when engine oil pressure is too low. It comes on when the ignition is switched to **ON** and normally goes out a few seconds after engine starts.

It may shortly come on when the engine is hot, however, it should go out as the engine revs up.

Important

If this light (6) stays on, stop the engine or it may suffer severe damage.

7) **High beam light** (blue).

Comes on when high beam is on.

8) **EOBD light** (amber)

The engine control unit turns on this light permanently to indicate an error leading to engine block.

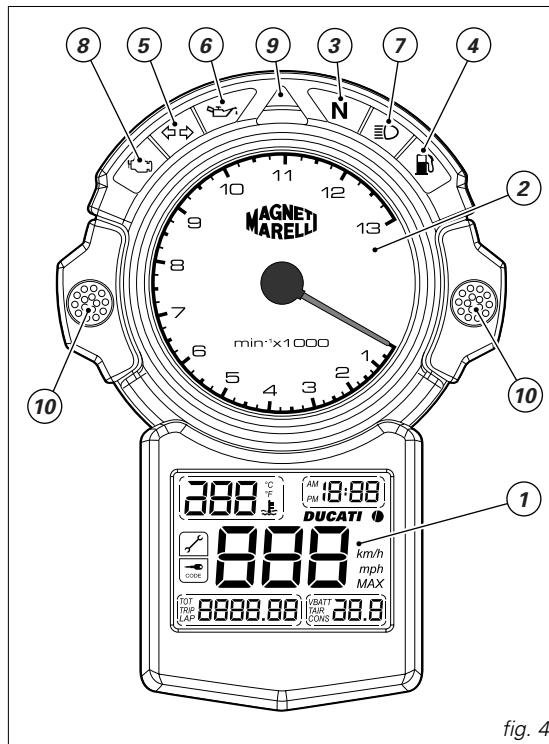


fig. 4

The light doubles as an indicator for the immobilizer override procedure using the throttle twistgrip. When no errors are present, the light should come on when the ignition switch is set to **ON** and should go out after a few seconds (normally after 1.8 – 2 sec.).

9) Gear change threshold light (red)

Indicates that control unit has activated the injection limiter. The lower portion of the light comes on 200 rpm below injection limiter switch-on rpm; the top portion of the light comes on 100 rpm below injection limiter switch-on rpm.

10) Control buttons

These buttons are used to display and set instrument panel parameters.

LCD – Main functions



Warning

Stop the motorcycle before using the instrument panel controls. Never operate the instrument panel controls while riding.

1) Speedometer

Gives road speed.

2) Odometer

Gives total distance covered.

3) Trip meter

Gives distance covered since last resetting.

4) Clock.

5) Lap time.

6) Lap top speed recording.

7) Battery voltage indicator.

8) Air temperature indicator.

9) Consumption indicator.

10) Coolant temperature indicator.

Gives engine coolant temperature.



Important

Stop riding if the temperature reaches the max. value, otherwise the engine might damage.

11) **Maintenance counter.**

This light comes on upon reaching the mileage specified for preventive maintenance. The light will keep flashing until the motorcycle covers the next 50 km and then will stay on permanently until the counter is reset at an *DUCATI Authorized Workshop* within the preventive maintenance procedure.

12) **Immobilizer indicator.**

The indicator stays on when key code is wrong or is not acknowledged, and will flash after the immobilizer has been overridden using the throttle twistgrip (see page 21).

Important

The instrument panel is part of the on-board electronic injection/ignition system diagnostics. The relevant menus are for use by trained personnel only. If you accidentally access this function, turn the key to **OFF** and have the motorcycle inspected at an authorized *Ducati Service Center*.

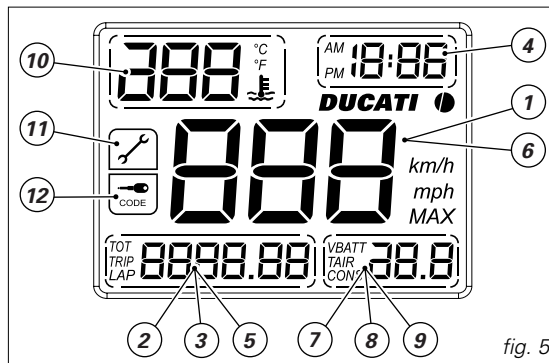


fig. 5

LCD - How to set/display parameters

When the key is turned from **OFF** to **ON**, the instrument panel runs a **check-up** routine of all instruments (pointers, display, lights) (See fig. 7).

Calling up the left display functions (A).

Press the button (1) (fig. 6) with the key turned to **ON** to cycle through trip meter, odometer and lap time indication.

Calling up the right display functions (B)

Press the button (2) (fig. 6) with the key turned to **ON** to cycle through battery voltage, air temperature and consumption indication.

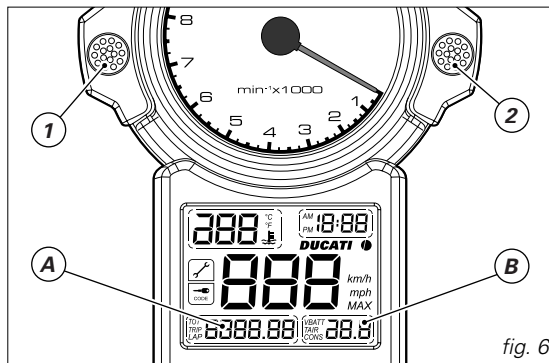


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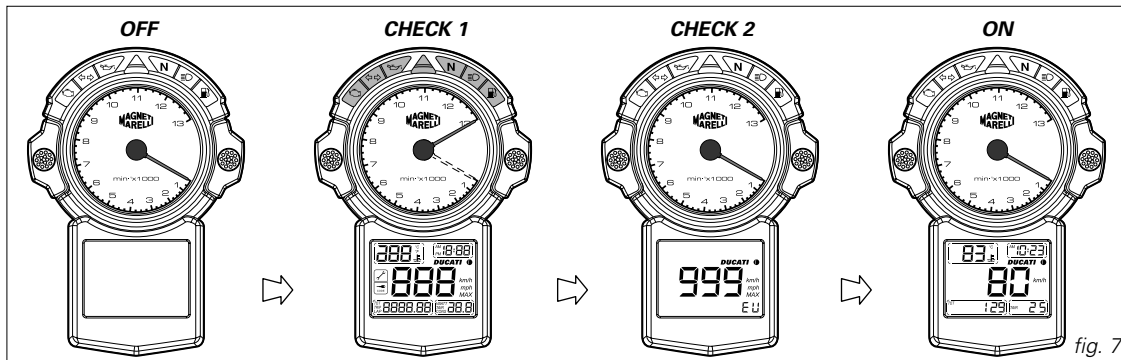


fig. 7

Clock setting

Hold down the **button (1)** for at least 2 seconds.

Press the **button (2)** to select **AM/PM**. Press the **button (1)** to confirm selection and enter hours setting mode.

Set hours using the **button (2)**. Press the **button (1)** to confirm and enter minutes setting mode.

Set minutes using the **button (2)**. Press the **button (1)** to confirm and exit the clock setting mode.

Resetting the trip meter

Select **TRIP** indication in the display (3). Hold down the **button (2)** for at least 2 seconds to reset displayed trip meter indication.

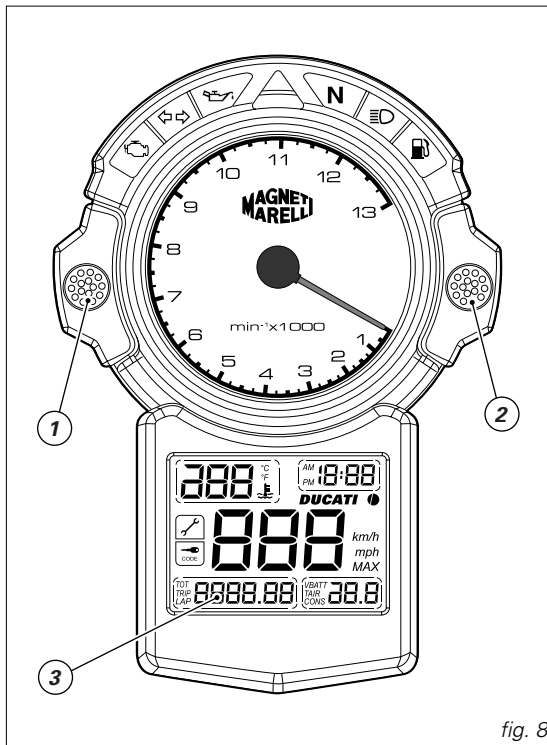


fig. 8

Setting special function (vehicle model and units of measurement)

The engine control unit transmits the correct vehicle model and unit measurement information automatically for the instrument panel to display. To force a change of these parameters, turn the key from **OFF** to **ON** while holding down both **buttons (1) and (2)**.

Press the **button (1)** to scroll through available configurations.

To store your selection, hold down the **button (2)** for 5 seconds, until the display will read **OFF**. Set the key to **OFF**.

Note

The dotted boxes in the figure are the display areas for vehicle version (normal, R or S).

Lap time recording (fig. 10 and 11)

This function lets you record lap time and displays top speed and engine rpm during that lap.

Select the **LAP** mode in the display (4)(see page 14).

Press the engine start button (5) while riding to start the on-board chronometer. Pressing the button (5) again will stop the chronometer.

Note

In the **LAP** mode, the engine may not be started using the starter button (5).

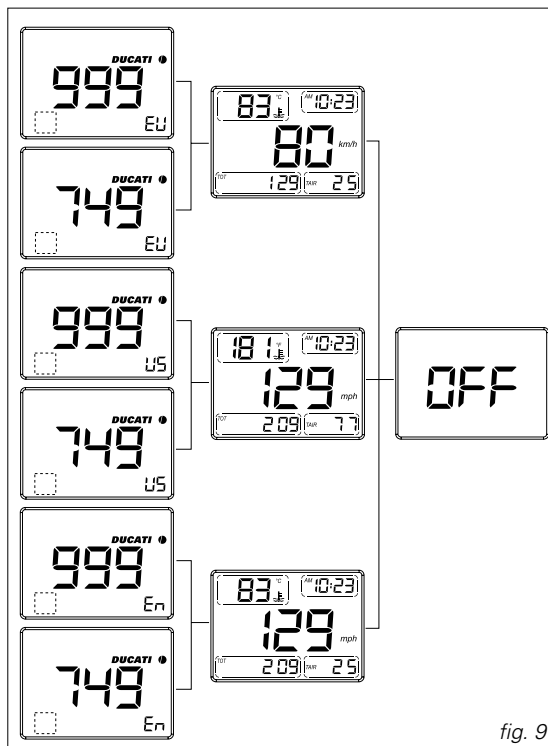


fig. 9

After measuring lap times, up to 19 times may be retrieved and displayed on the LCD. Pressing the **button (1)** will scroll through recorded times. The instrument panel provides the following information:

- Lap number (6)
- Top engine rpm (7) during selected lap
- Lap time (4)
- Top speed (8) during that lap.



Note

The tachometer reads a speed higher than the actual one, on average there is 8% difference. Maximum speed stored on the LCD is the actual speed of the vehicle during the lap concerned.

To wipe off recorded lap times, hold down the **button (2)** for over 5 seconds.

Coolant temperature function (fig. 12 and 13)

When coolant temperature drops below $-40^{\circ}\text{C}/-40^{\circ}\text{F}$, some flashing dots appear on the display and the amber **EOBD** light comes on (8, fig. 4).

When coolant temperature is between $-39^{\circ}\text{C}/-38.2^{\circ}\text{F}$ and $+45^{\circ}\text{C}/+113^{\circ}\text{F}$ or between $+120^{\circ}\text{C}/+248^{\circ}\text{F}$ and $+124^{\circ}\text{C}/+255.2^{\circ}\text{F}$, the display provides a flashing temperature indication.

When coolant temperature is between $+46^{\circ}\text{C}/+114.8^{\circ}\text{F}$ and $+119^{\circ}\text{C}/+246.2^{\circ}\text{F}$, temperature indication stays on permanently.

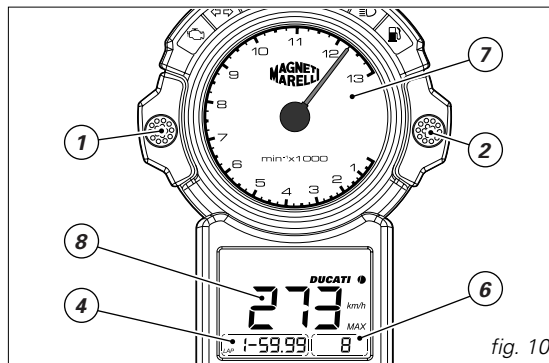


fig. 10

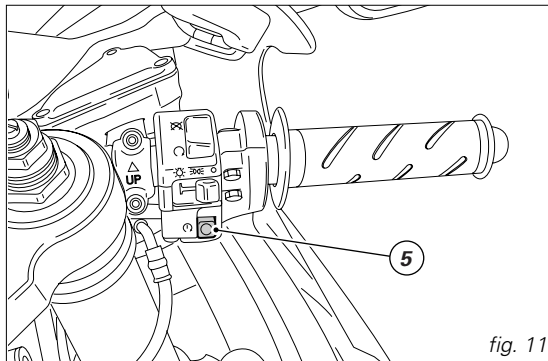


fig. 11

When coolant temperature exceeds $+125^{\circ}\text{C}/+257^{\circ}\text{F}$, a flashing $125^{\circ}\text{C}/257^{\circ}\text{F}$ temperature indication appears on the display, and the amber **EOBD** light comes on (8, fig. 4).

Warning lights brilliancy

Warning lights brilliancy is automatically adjusted by the instrument panel depending on the quantity of outer light detected.

Backlighting

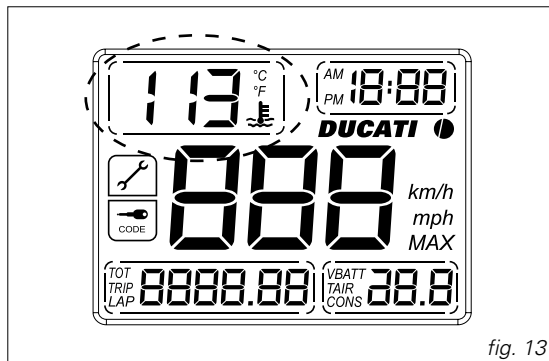
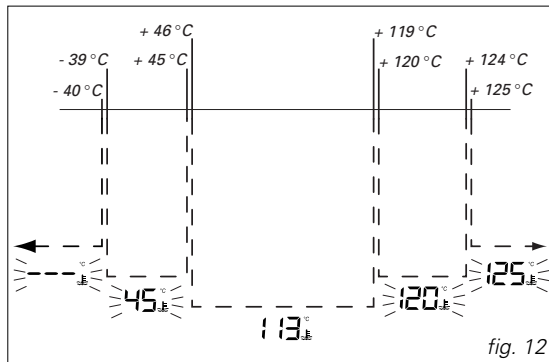
Instrument panel backlighting is on only if the parking lights or the low/high beams are turned on. In this case the instrument panel, thanks to some sensors measuring ambient temperature and light intensity, can automatically turn the backlighting on or off.

Lights self-disabling

This function allows a lower voltage consumption from the battery, by automatically switching off the headlight. The device is triggered in two cases:

- in the first case, if you turn the key from **OFF** to **ON** and do not start the engine within 60 Sec. the headlight is turned off and will be turned on again only at next key **OFF**/ key **ON**.
- in the second case, after the daily use of the vehicle with the lights on, if the engine is killed via the **RUN-STOP** button on the RH switch.

In this case, after 60 Sec. from engine killing, the headlight will be turned off and will be turned on again only upon next engine starting.



The immobilizer system

For improved anti-theft protection, the motorcycle is equipped with an IMMOBILIZER, an electronic system that inhibits engine operation whenever the ignition switch is turned off.

Accommodated in the handgrip of each ignition key is an electronic device that modulates an output signal. This signal is generated by a special antenna incorporated in the switch when the ignition is turned on and changes every time. The modulated signal acts as a "password" and tells the CPU that an "authorised" ignition key is being used to start up the engine. When the CPU recognises the signal, it enables engine start-up.

Keys (fig. 14)

The Owner receives a set of keys comprising:

- 1 RED key A
- 2 BLACK keys B

Warning

Red key A has a rubber cover for preserving it in perfect conditions and avoiding contact with other keys. Never remove this protection unless really needed.

The keys B are regular ignition keys and are used to:

- start up the engine
- open the lock of the fuel tank filler plug
- open the seat lock (Biposto).

The key A performs the same functions as the keys B, and is also used to wipe off and re-program other black keys, if needed.



Note

The three keys have a small plate (1) attached that reports their identification number.



Warning

Keep the keys in different places. Store the plate (1) and the key A in a safe place. It is also recommended to use always the same black key to use the bike.

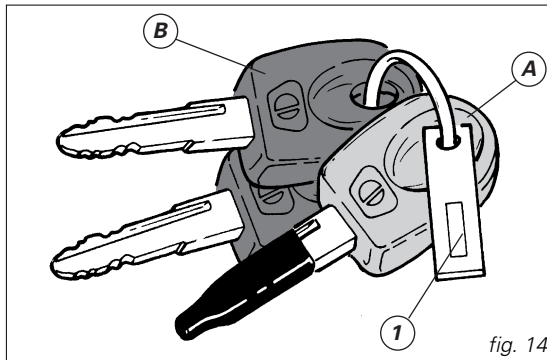


fig. 14

Code card

The keys come with a CODE CARD (fig. 15) that reports:

A) (fig. 16) the electronic code to be used in case of engine block, i.e. bike did not start after **key-ON**.



Warning

Keep the CODE CARD in a safe place. However, it is advisable to keep the electronic code printed on the CODE CARD handy when you ride your motorcycle, in case it is necessary to override engine block through the procedure that uses the throttle twistgrip.

In case of faulty immobilizer system, the following procedure gives the chance to disable “engine block” function -signalled by the orange **EOBD** warning light that comes on (8, fig. 4).

But this operation can be carried out only if the electronic code indicated on the code card is known.

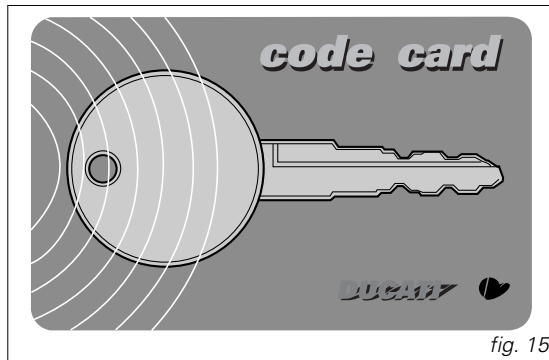


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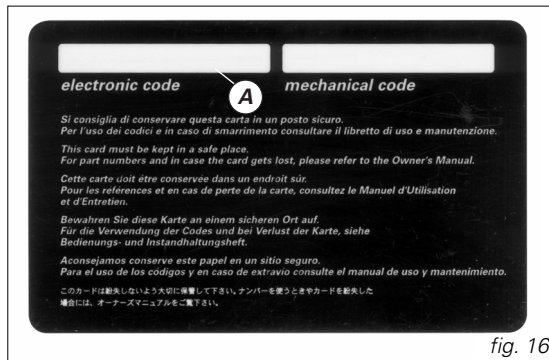


fig. 16

Procedure to disable immobilizer engine block through throttle twistgrip

- 1) Turn the key to **ON** and fully open throttle. Keep it open. The **EOBD** warning light turns off after 8 seconds.
- 2) Release the throttle as soon as the **EOBD** warning light turns off.
- 3) **EOBD** pilot light will flash. Count a number of flashes corresponding to the first figure of the code, open full throttle and keep the position for 2 seconds, then release. In this way the input of one figure is acknowledged, **EOBD** pilot light comes on and stays on for 4 seconds. Carry out the same procedure for the following figures of the code. Failure to do so will cause the **EOBD** pilot light to flash 20 times, then it will stay on. This means that the procedure has been aborted. It will be necessary to turn the key to **OFF** and restart from point (1).
- 4) Repeat operations described in point (3) up to the last figure of the code.
- 5) When you release the throttle, if the code was inserted in the correct way, you can have two situations, A or B:
 - A) the **EOBD** light starts flashing to indicate that engine is enabled. The light goes off after 4 seconds, or if the engine runs faster than 1000 rpm.
 - B) the **CODE** light flashes until engine rpm stays below 1000, or until the vehicle is restarted.
- 6) Should the code NOT be entered correctly both the **EOBD** and **CODE** lights stay on and it is possible to repeat the procedure starting again from point 2 for as many times as necessary.



Note

Should the throttle twistgrip be released before the set time, the warning light turns on again. It is then necessary to bring the key to **OFF** and restart the procedure from point (1).

Operation

When the ignition key is turned to **OFF**, the immobilizer inhibits engine operation.

When the ignition key is turned back to **ON** to start the engine, the following happens:

1) If the CPU recognised the code, the **CODE** light on the instrument panel will flash briefly. This means that the immobilizer system has recognised the key code and enabled engine ignition. When you press the **START** button, the engine will start up.

2) If the **CODE** light stays on, it means that the code has not been recognised. When this is the case, turn the ignition key back to **OFF** and then to **ON** again. If the engine still does not start, try with another black key. If the other key does not work out either, contact the DUCATI Service network.

3) Should the **CODE** pilot light still be flashing, it means that an immobilizer system fault was reset (e.g. with the overriding procedure through throttle grip). Turn the key to OFF and back to ON, the immobilizer pilot light should go back to its normal operation (see point 1).



Warning

The keys accommodate electronic components inside. If dropped or hit, they might damage. Use only one key during the procedure. Failure to do so might prevent the system from recognizing the code of the key in use.

Duplicate keys

If you need any duplicate keys, contact the DUCATI Service network with all the keys you have left and your CODE CARD.

DUCATI Service will program new keys and re-program your original keys, up to 8 keys in total.

You may be asked to identify yourself as the legitimate owner of the motorcycle. Be sure you have any documents you might need to this end ready.

The codes of any keys not submitted will be wiped off from the memory to make those keys unserviceable in case they have been lost.



Note

If you sell your motorcycle, do not forget to give all keys and the CODE CARD to the new owner.

Ignition switch and steering lock (fig. 17.1 and fig. 17.2)

It is located in front of the fuel tank and has four positions:

- A) **ON**: lights and engine on;
- B) **OFF**: lights and engine off;
- C) **LOCK**: steering locked;
- D) **P**: parking light on and steering lock.



Note

To move the key to the last two positions, press it down before turning it. Switching to (B), (C) and (D), you will be able to take the key out.



Important

This vehicle is equipped with an energy-saving CPU. If the key stays **ON** for a long period but the ignition button is not pressed within 15 seconds, the CPU will stop operating to avoid current absorption. Move the key to **OFF** and then to **ON** again.

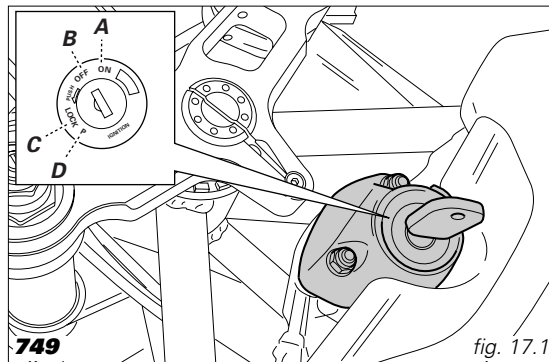


fig. 17.1

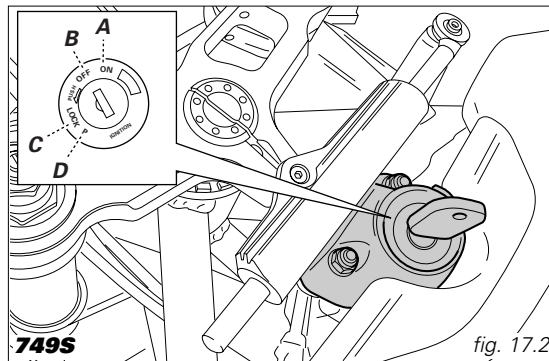




fig. 17.2

Left switch (fig. 18)


1) Dip switch, light dip switch, two positions:


position  = low beam on;

position  = high beam on.


2) Switch  = 3-position turn indicator:

centre position = OFF;

position  = left turn;

position  = right turn.

To reset turn indicators, switch returns to central position, push in.

3) Button  = warning horn.

4) Button  = passing.

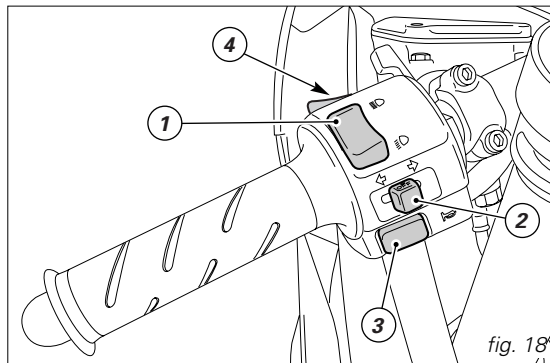


fig. 18

Clutch lever (fig. 19)

Lever (1) disengages the clutch. It features a dial adjuster (2) for lever distance from the twistgrip on handlebar. Lever distance from twistgrip is set via knob (2) (10 click positions). Turn clockwise to push lever far from twistgrip, or counterclockwise to take it closer. When you pull in the lever (1), you will disengage the engine from the gearbox and therefore from the driving wheel. Using the clutch properly is essential to smooth riding, especially when moving off.



Warning

Set clutch and brake lever when motorcycle is stopped.



Important

Using the clutch properly will avoid damage to transmission parts and spare the engine.



Note

It is possible to start the engine with side stand down and the gearbox in neutral. When starting the bike with a gear engaged, pull the clutch lever (in this case the side stand must be up).

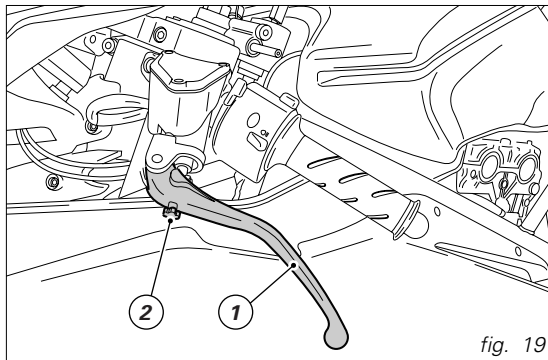


fig. 19

Cold start lever (fig. 20)

Use this device to start the engine from cold. It will increase the engine idling speed after starting.

Lever positions:

A) = closed

B) = fully open.

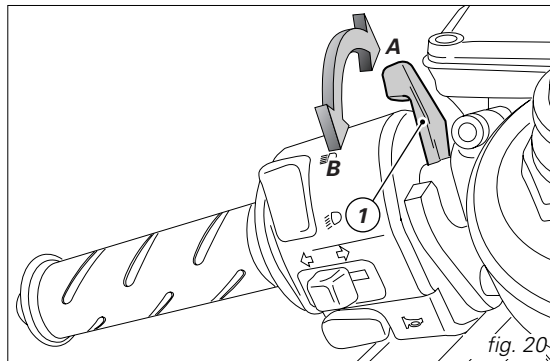
The lever can be opened and closed gradually to adjust speed until engine is fully warm (see page 47).

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Important


Never use the cold start device when the engine is warm or leave it open when riding.




Right switch (fig. 21)


1) Switch, light switch, three positions:


right position  = light off;

centre position  = front and rear parking lights,
number plate and instrument panel lights on;

left position  = headlight, front and rear parking lights,
number plate and instrument panel lights on.


2) Switch for **ENGINE STOP**, two positions:

position  (**RUN**) = run.

position  (**OFF**) = stop.




Warning

This switch is mainly intended for use in emergency cases when you need to stop the engine quickly. After stopping the engine, return the switch to the  position to enable starting.



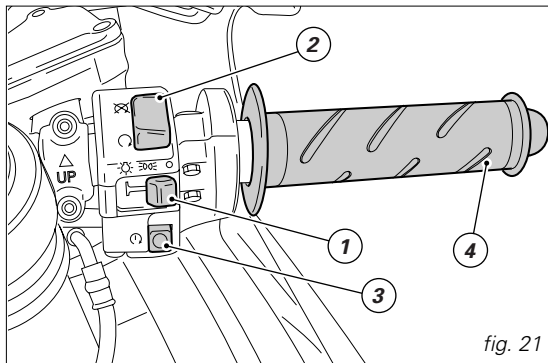
Important

Riding with the lights on, stopping the engine using switch (2) and leaving the ignition key in the **ON** position, may run the battery flat as the lights will remain on.

3) Button  = engine start.

Throttle twistgrip (fig. 21)

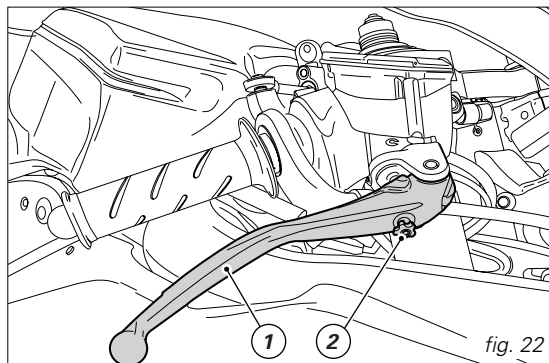
The twistgrip (4) on the right handlebar opens the throttles. When released, it will spring back to the initial position (idling speed).



Front brake lever (fig. 22)

Pull in the lever (1) towards the twistgrip to operate the front brake. The system is hydraulically operated and you just need to pull the lever gently.

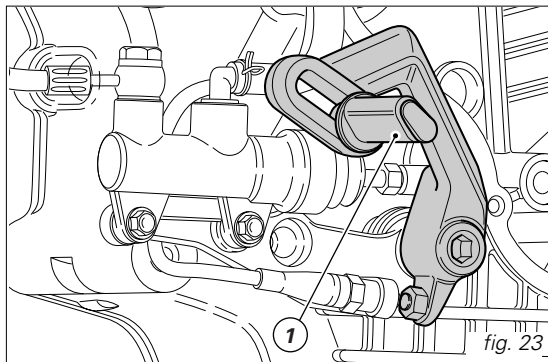
The brake lever is provided with an adjuster (2) for lever distance adjustment from twistgrip on handlebar. Lever distance from twistgrip is set via knob (2) (10 click positions). Turn clockwise to push lever far from twistgrip, or counterclockwise to take it closer.



Rear brake pedal (fig. 23)

Push down on the pedal (1) with your foot to operate the rear brake.

The system is hydraulically operated.



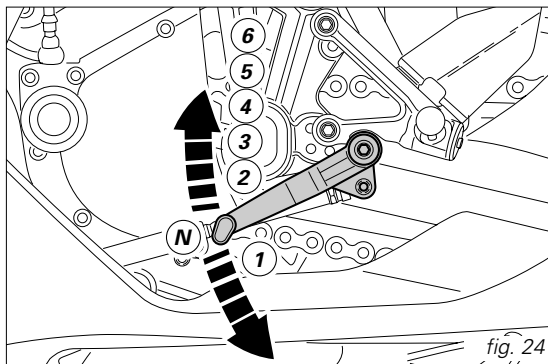
Gear change pedal (fig. 24)

The gear change pedal is at rest when in the central position **N**, and automatically returns to the central position. When in this position, light **N** (3, fig. 4) on instrument panel is on.

The pedal can be moved:

down = push down on the pedal to engage 1st gear and to shift down. The **N** light will go out.

up = lift the pedal to engage the 2nd gear and then the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th gear. Each time you move the pedal you will engage the next gear.



Adjusting the gear change and rear brake pegs



Note

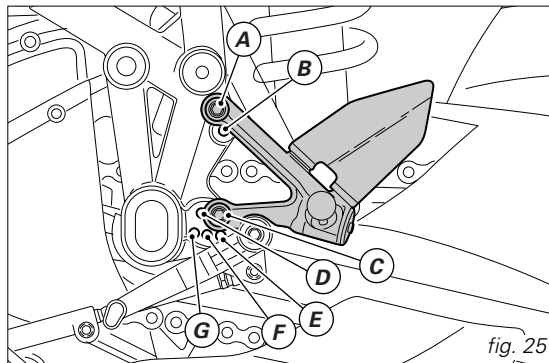
The position of the gear change and rear brake pedals may be changed by using different combinations of the upper (A and B) and lower (C, D, E, F and G) mounting holes to secure the footpeg brackets. The figure shows gear change footpeg adjustment. The rear brake footpeg is adjusted by the same procedure.

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Warning

Gear change and rear brake footpegs are critical safety components. Have them adjusted at an Authorized DUCATI Workshop.



Gear change pedal adjustment (fig. 26)

Gear change pedal position relative to the footpeg may be adjusted to suit rider preferences.

There are three different adjustments available:

Approximate adjustment of pedal position

Fit a wrench into the socket (1) to lock out removable linkage rotation and slacken the locknut (3). Release and remove the screw (2) and adjust the linkage axially so as to set the gear change pedal in the desired position. The linkage has four positions determined by the axis of the screw (2). When finished, tighten the screw (2) and the locknut (3).

Fine adjustment

Fit a wrench into the socket (1) to lock out removable linkage rotation and slacken the locknut (3). Rotate the linkage working the socket (1) so as to set pedal in the desired position. When finished, tighten the locknut (3).

Combined adjustment

Both adjustment techniques may be used together. Make sure to tighten locknut (3) and screw (2) when finished.

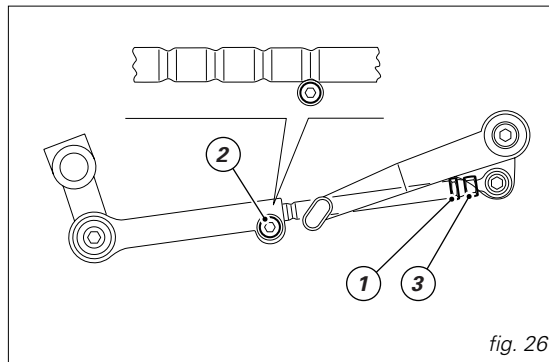


fig. 26

Rear brake pedal adjustment (fig. 27)

To set the rear brake pedal,
loosen check nut (1).

Turn pedal travel adjusting screw (2) until pedal is in the
desired position.

Tighten check nut (1).

Work pedal by hand to make sure it has 1.5 - 2 mm free
play before brake begins to bite.

If not so, set the length of cylinder linkage as follows.

Loosen the check nut (3) on cylinder linkage.

Tighten linkage into fork (4) to increase play, or unscrew
linkage to reduce it.

Tighten check nut (3) and check pedal free play again.

For a fine adjustment of rear brake pedal position,
slacken the retaining screw of the brake pedal (5) and
slide the pedal inside the bracket slot (6) until setting it in
the desired position. Tighten the retaining screw.

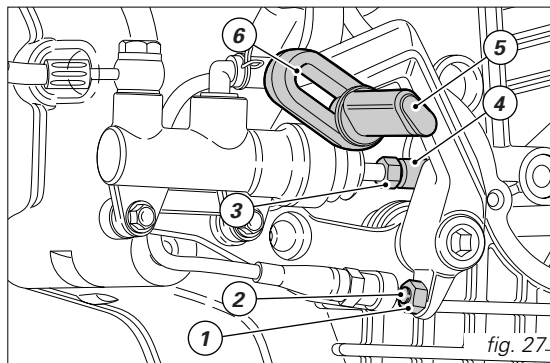


fig. 27

MAIN COMPONENTS AND DEVICES

Location (fig. 28)

- 1) Tank filler plug.
- 2) Seat catch (Biposto).
- 3) Side stand.
- 4) Hook for helmet fastening cable (Biposto).
- 5) Steering damper.
- 6) Rear view mirrors.
- 7) Front fork adjusters.
- 8) Rear shock absorber adjusters.
- 9) Motorcycle track alignment linkage.
- 10) Exhaust silencer (see note on page 50).
- 11) Catalyzer.

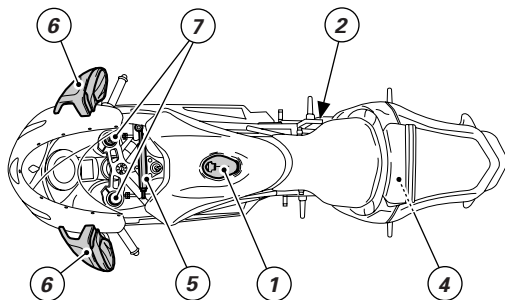
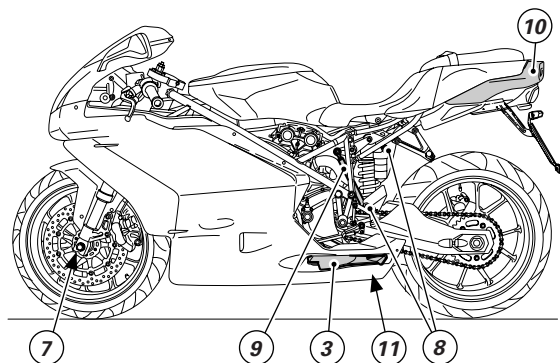


fig. 28

Tank filler plug (fig. 29)

Opening

Lift the protection lid (1) and fit the ignition key into the lock. Turn the key clockwise 1/4 turn to unlock. Lift the plug.

Closing

Refit the plug with the key in it and push it down into its seat. Turn the key anticlockwise to its initial position and take it out. Close the lock protection lid (1).



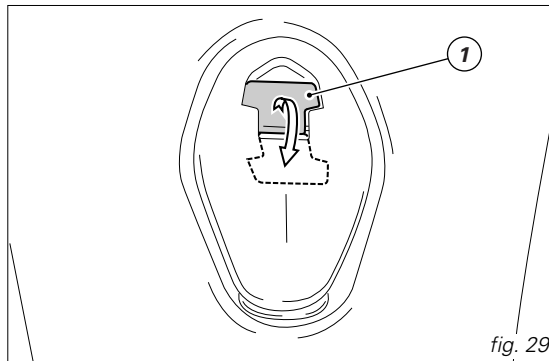
Note

The plug can only be closed with the key in.



Warning

Always make sure you have properly refitted (see page 51) and closed the plug after each refueling.



Seat/fuel tank adjustment (Monoposto)

On the single-seater version, the complete seat-fuel tank-tail guard assembly can be adjusted by sliding forward and rearward along rear subframe (1) axis.

This provides a 20-mm adjustment range for the seat (2) to meet rider's preferences.

Adjust as follows:

Release and remove the side screws (3) and remove the side grab handles (4).

Slacken the screws (5) and move the seat-fuel tank assembly forward or rearward.

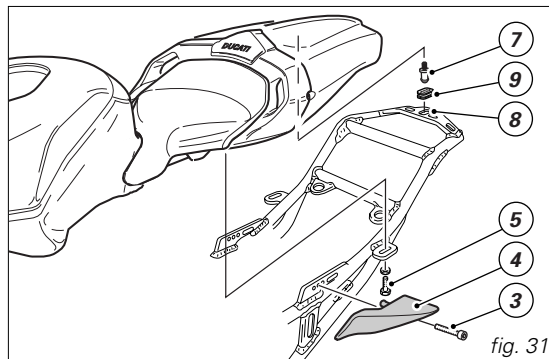
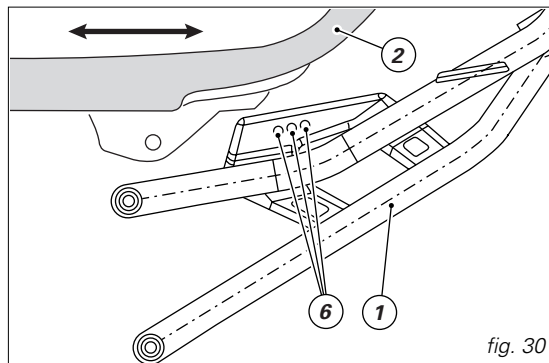
The three holes (6) in the subframe (1) allow three different positions.

A stud (7) fixed in the centre of the tail guard slides in a slot (8) fitted with an "H" rubber (9).

Match the seat hole with the subframe hole that determines the desired seat position.

Tighten the screws (5) to the specified torque.

Position the side grab handles and tighten the side screws (3) to the specified torque.



Seat catch and helmet hook (Biposto)

Opening (fig. 32 and 33)

Fit the ignition key into the lock (1) and turn the key clockwise until you hear the seat catch click.

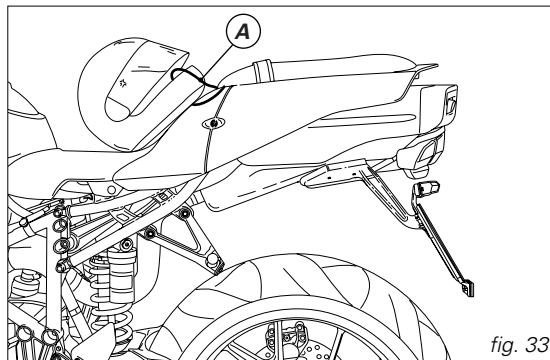
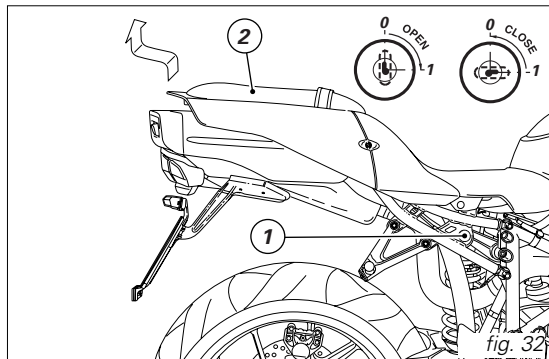
Pull the rear end of the seat (2) gently upwards and lift until clear.

On the front end of the compartment underneath the seat, there is the helmet fastening cable. Insert the cable (A) into the helmet and insert the ends of the cable into the hook. Leave the helmet hanging outside (fig. 33) and refit the seat.



Warning

This system is intended to lock your helmet safely when you park your motorcycle. Never leave the helmet hanging from the hook when riding or it may get in the way and make you lose control of the motorcycle. Inserting the cable under the frame from the left side will enable to lock the seat.



Closing (fig. 34)

Slide the hooks at the front bottom end of the seat underneath the frame cross tube.

Press on the passenger seat until you hear the catch click.

Pull the passenger seat gently up to make sure it is correctly engaged.

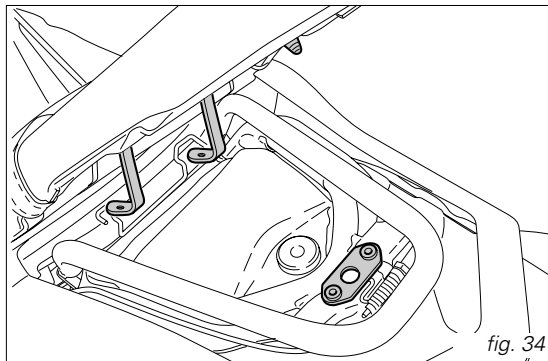


fig. 34

Side stand (fig. 35)

Important

Before lowering the side stand, make sure that the bearing surface is hard and flat.

Do not park on soft or pebbled ground or on asphalt melt by the sun heat and similar or the motorcycle may fall over.

When parking in downhill road tracts, always park the motorcycle with its rear wheel facing downhill.

To pull down the side stand, hold the motorcycle handlebars with both hands and push down on the thrust arm (1) with your foot until it is fully extended. Tilt the motorcycle until the side stand is resting on the ground.

Warning

Do not sit on the motorcycle when it is supported on the side stand.

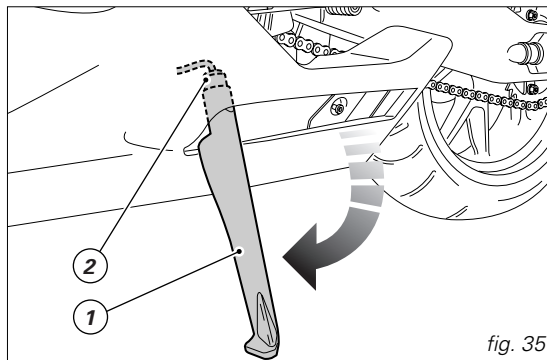
To move the side stand to its rest position (horizontal position), tilt the motorcycle to the right and, at the same time, lift the thrust arm (1) with your foot.

Note

Check for proper operation of the stand mechanism (two springs, one into the other) and the safety sensor (2) at regular intervals.

Note

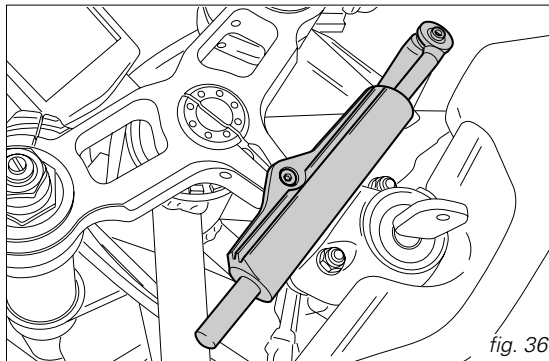
It is possible to start the engine with side stand down and the gearbox in neutral. When starting the bike with a gear engaged, pull the clutch lever (in this case the side stand must be up).



Steering damper (749S) (fig. 36)

The steering damper is before the tank and is secured to the frame and the steering head.

It gives improved steering accuracy and stability, thus also improving motorcycle road behavior under any riding conditions.



Front fork adjusters

The front fork has rebound, compression damping adjusters and spring preload adjuster.

This adjustment is done using the outer adjusters:

- 1) to adjust rebound damping (fig. 37);
- 2) to adjust inner springs preload (fig. 37);
- 3) to adjust compression damping (fig. 38).

Put and secure the motorcycle on side stand.

Turn the adjuster (1) on fork leg top with a flat screwdriver to adjust rebound damping.

To reach the adjuster (3), insert a screwdriver into the passing hole on the wheel shaft at fork leg axis.

As you turn the adjusting screws (1 and 3), you will hear them click. Each click identifies a setting. Turn the screw all the way in to set the hardest damping (position 0).

This will be your starting point. Now turn the screw anticlockwise and listen for the clicks that identify setting positions no. "1", "2" and so on.

STANDARD factory setting is as follows:

compression: 8 clicks;

rebound: 8 clicks.

To change the preload of the spring inside each fork leg, turn the hex. adjusting nut (2) with a 22-mm hexagon wrench.

Preload setting range (A, fig. 37) is from 25 to 10 mm.

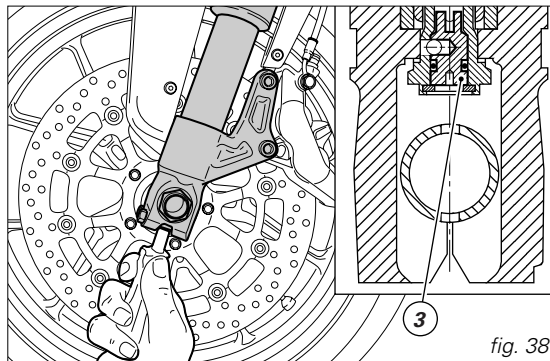
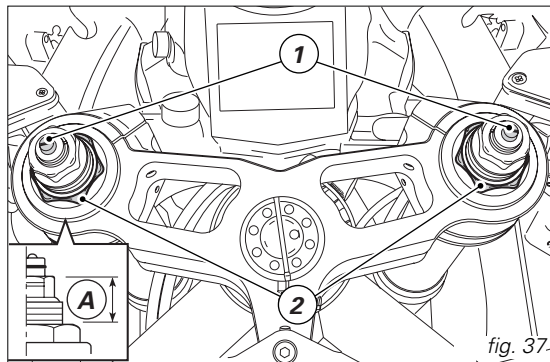
Factory setting is 20 mm.

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Important

Adjust both fork legs to same settings.



Shock absorber adjusters (fig. 39)

The rear shock absorber has outer adjusters that enable you to adjust your motorcycle to the load.

The adjuster (1) located on the left side, on the connection holding the shock absorber to the swingarm, controls rebound damping.

The adjuster (2) on the shock absorber expansion reservoir controls compression damping.

Turn the adjusters (1 and 2) clockwise to increase damping, anticlockwise to reduce it.

Rebound adjuster (1) STANDARD setting: turn the adjuster all the way in (clockwise) then slacken it 1 turn and a half.

Compression adjuster (2) STANDARD setting: turn the adjuster all the way in (clockwise) then slacken it 1 turn.

Two ring nuts (3), located on the top section of the shock absorber are used to adjust the outer spring preload.

To change spring preload, slacken the upper ring nut.

Then **tighten** or **slacken** the lower ring nut to **increase** or **decrease** spring preload as required. Once spring preload has been set, tighten upper ring nut.

Warning

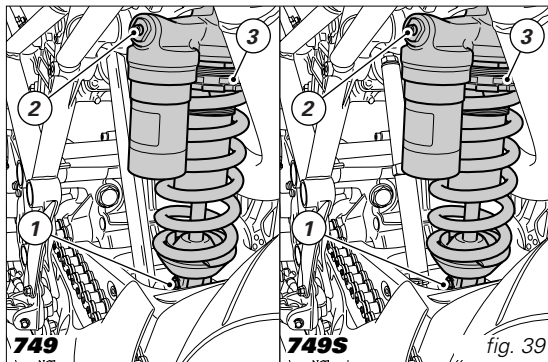
Use a specific pin wrench to turn the preload adjusting nut. Be careful when turning the nut to avoid hurting your hand hitting motorcycle parts. The pin may slip out of the nut recess while carrying out such operation.



Warning

The shock absorber is filled with gas under pressure and may cause severe damage if taken apart by unskilled persons.

When carrying a passenger and a load, set the rear shock absorber spring to maximum preload to improve motorcycle handling and keep safe clearance from the ground. You may find that rebound damping needs readjusting.



Changing motorcycle track alignment (749S)

(fig. 40-41-42)

Motorcycle track alignment is the result of tests carried out under different riding conditions by our technical staff.

Modifying factory setting is a very delicate operation, which may lead to serious damages if carried out by unskilled people.

Before changing standard setting, measure the reference value (H, fig. 40).

The rider can modify track alignment according to his/her needs by changing working position of the shock absorber.

Loosen lock nuts (3) to change ball joints (1) center distance.



Note

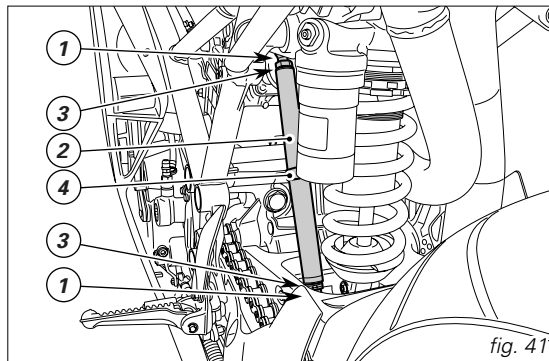
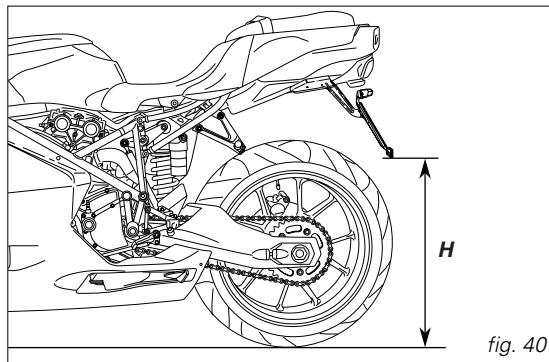
Please note that the lower nut (3) has a left-hand thread.

Turn flat (4) on linkage (2) with an open-end wrench. When finished, tighten the nuts (3) to 25 Nm.

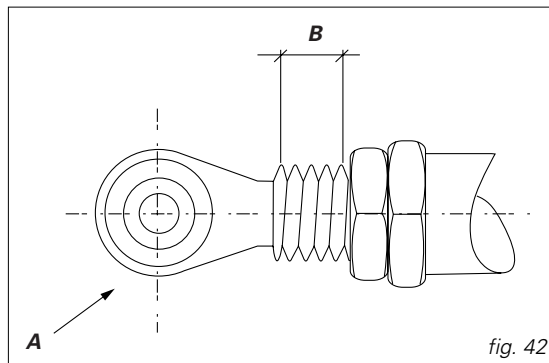


Warning

Length of linkage (2), included between the two joint center lines (1), should not exceed 285 mm.



UNIBALL articulated head (A) maximum extension is 5 threadings, i.e. 7.5 mm (B).



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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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Running-in recommendations

Max. rotation speed (fig. 43)

Rotation speed for running-in period and during standard use (rpm):

- 1) up to 1000 km;
- 2) from 1000 to 2500 km;
- 3) after 2500 km.

Up to 1000 km

During the first 1000 km, keep an eye on the revolution meter. The indicator must not exceed: 5500-6000 rpm.

During the first hours of riding, it is advisable to run the engine at varying load and rpm, though still within recommended limit.

To this end, roads with plenty of bends and even slightly hilly areas are ideal for a most efficient running-in of engine, brakes and suspensions.

For the first 100 km, use the brakes gently. Do not brake violently or keep brake applied for too long. This will enable a correct break-in of friction material on brake pads against brake discs.

For all mechanical moving parts of the motorcycle to adapt to one another and above all not to adversely affect the life of basic engine parts, it is advisable to avoid harsh accelerations and not to run the engine at high rpm for too long, especially uphill.

Furthermore, the drive chain should be inspected frequently. Lubricate it as required.

From 1000 to 2500 km

At this point, you can squeeze some more power out of your engine, being careful, however, to never exceed: 7000 rpm.



Important

During the whole running-in period, the maintenance and service rules recommended in the warranty card should be observed carefully. Failure to comply with these rules will release Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. from any liability whatsoever for any engine damage or shorter engine life.

After 2500 km

After running-in, never exceed the following values during the motorcycle standard use:
10000 rpm.

Strict observance of running-in recommendations will ensure longer engine life and reduce the likelihood of overhauls and tune-ups.

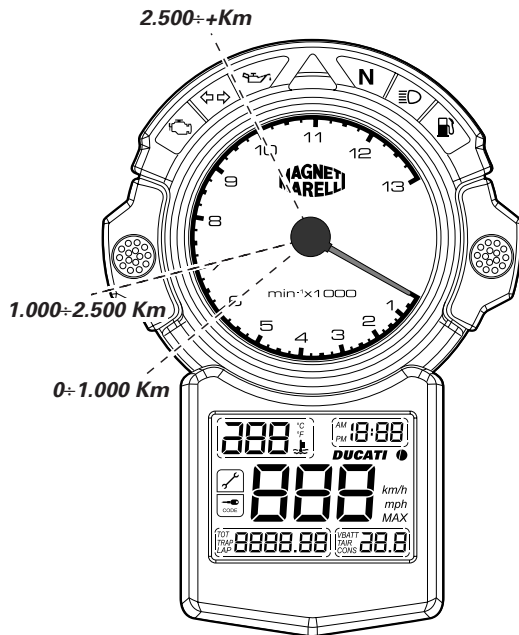


fig. 43

Pre-ride checks



Warning

Failure to carry out these checks before riding, may lead to motorcycle damage and injury to rider and passenger.

Before riding, perform a thorough check-up on your bike as follows:

Fuel level in the tank

Check fuel level in the tank.

Fill tank if needed (page 51).

Engine oil level

Check oil level in the sump through the sight glass. Top up with recommended oil if needed (page 75).

Brake and clutch fluid

Check fluid level in the relevant reservoirs (page 58).

Coolant level

Check coolant level in the expansion reservoir. Top up if necessary (page 56).

Tyre condition

Check tyre pressure and condition (page 73).

Controls

Work the brake, clutch, throttle and gear change controls (levers, pedals and twistgrips) and check for proper operation.

Lights and indicators

Make sure lights, indicators and horn work properly.

Replace any burnt-out bulbs (page 66).

Key-operated locks

Check that fuel filler plug (page 34) and seat catch locks (Biposto version) (page 36) are closed firmly.

Stand

Make sure side stand operates smoothly and is in the correct position (page 38).



Warning

In case of malfunctioning, do not start the motorcycle and call a DUCATI Dealer or Authorized Workshop.

Starting the engine



Note

Follow the “High ambient temperature” procedure to start the engine when it is warm.




Warning

Before starting the engine, become familiar with the controls you will need to use when riding (page 10).

Regular ambient temperature

(10 °C/50 °F to 35 °C/95 °F):

1) Move the ignition key to **ON** (fig. 44.1- 44.2). Make sure both the green light **N** and the red light  on the instrument panel come on.



Important

The oil pressure light should go out a few seconds after the engine has started (page 11).



Warning

The side stand must be fully up (horizontal position) as its safety sensor prevents engine start when down.



Note

It is possible to start the engine with side stand down and the gearbox in neutral. When starting the bike with a gear engaged, pull the clutch lever (in this case the side stand must be up).

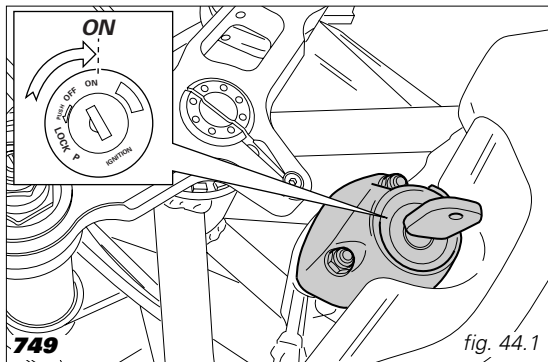


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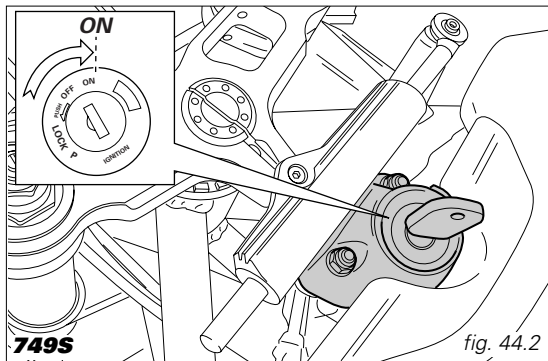


fig. 44.2

- 2) Move the cold start lever (1) to (B) (fig. 45).
3) Check that the stop switch (2, fig. 46) is positioned to **○ (RUN)**, then press the starter button (3).
Let the engine start without using the throttle control.

Important

Never operate the electric start button more than 5 seconds at a time. If needed, allow 10 seconds before attempting to restart the engine.

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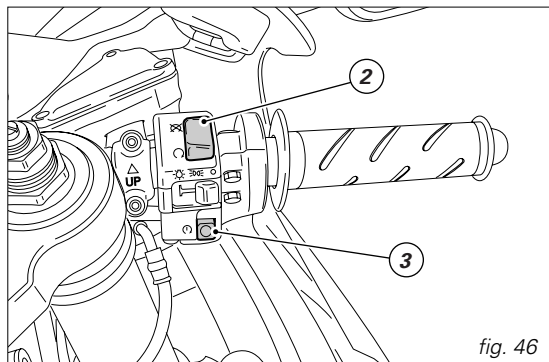
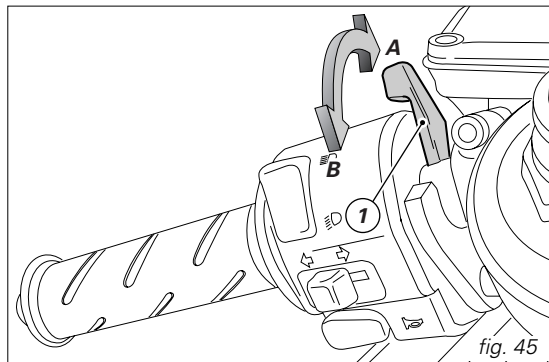
- 4) Slowly move the cold start lever (1) to its vertical position (A) (fig. 45).

Important

Do not rev up the engine when it is cold. Allow some time for oil to reach all points that need lubricating.

High ambient temperature (over 35 °C/95 °F):
Follow the same procedure for “Regular ambient temperature”, however, do not use the device (1, fig. 45).

Cold ambient temperature (below 10 °C/50 °F):
Follow the procedure for “Regular ambient temperature”, however allow 5 minutes for the engine to warm up.



Moving off

- 1) Disengage the clutch squeezing the control lever.
 - 2) Push down on gear change lever sharply with the tip of your foot to engage the first gear. Once released, the lever will spring back to its original position.
 - 3) Speed up engine, by turning the throttle twistgrip and slightly releasing the clutch lever at the same time. The motorcycle will start moving off.
 - 4) Let go of clutch lever and speed up.
 - 5) To shift to second gear, close the throttle to slow down engine, disengage the clutch right away, lift the gear change lever and let go of clutch lever. To shift down, release the twistgrip, pull the clutch control lever, shortly speed up to help gears synchronize, shift down and release the clutch.
- The controls should be used correctly and timely: when riding uphill do not hesitate to shift down as soon as the motorcycle tends to slow down, so you will avoid lugging the engine and stressing the motorcycle abnormally.

Important

Avoid harsh accelerations, as this may lead to misfiring and transmission snatching. The clutch lever should not be pulled longer than necessary after gear is engaged, or friction parts may overheat and wear out.

Braking

Slow down in time, shift down to engine-brake first and then brake applying both brakes. Pull the clutch lever before stopping the motorcycle, to avoid sudden engine stop.

Warning

Use both brake lever and pedal for effective braking. Using only one of the brakes will give you less braking power.

Never use brake controls harshly or violently or you may lock the wheels and lose control of the motorcycle. When riding in the rain or on slippery surfaces, braking will become less effective. Always use the brakes very gently and carefully when riding under these conditions. Any sudden manoeuvres may lead to loss of control. When tackling long, high-gradient downhill road tracts, shift down gears to use engine braking. Apply one brake at a time and use brakes sparingly. Keeping the brakes applied all the time would cause the friction material to overheat and reduce braking power dangerously. Underinflated or overinflated tyres reduce braking efficiency and may affect safe riding and motorcycle good handling while turning.

Stopping the motorcycle

If you let go of the throttle twistgrip, the motorcycle will slow down gradually and smoothly. Then, shift down releasing the clutch, and finally change from first to neutral. Apply brakes and you will bring the motorcycle to a complete stop.

To switch the engine off, simply turn the key to **OFF** (page 23).

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Important

The engine control unit incorporates a power save feature. When the key is left accidentally in the **ON** position and the starter button is not operated within 15 seconds, the engine control unit shuts down automatically. When this is the case, turn the key to **OFF** and back to **ON** again. However, never leave the key turned to **ON** with the engine stopped.

Parking

Stop and park the motorcycle on the side stand (see page 38).

To avoid theft, turn the handlebar fully left and block it by pushing in the ignition key and turning it to the **LOCK** position.

If you park in a garage or other facilities, make sure that there is proper ventilation and that the motorcycle is not near a source of heat.

You may leave the parking lights on by turning the key to position **P**.



Important

Do not leave the key turned to **P** for long periods or the battery will run down. Never leave the ignition key in the switch when you are leaving your bike unattended.



Warning

The exhaust system might be hot, even after engine is switched off; pay particular attention not to touch exhaust system with any body part and do not park the vehicle next to inflammable material (wood, leaves etc.).



Warning

Using padlocks or other locks designed to prevent motorcycle motion, such as brake disc locks, rear sprocket locks, and so on is dangerous and may impair motorcycle operation and affect the safety of rider and passenger.

Refueling (fig. 47)

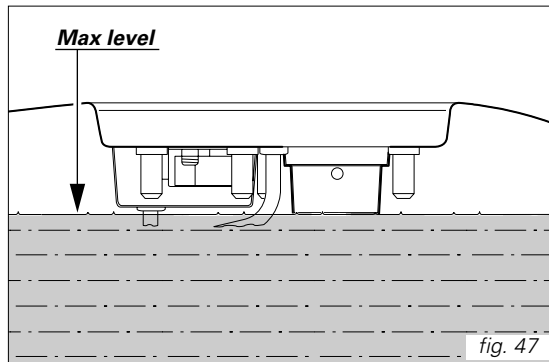
Never overfill the tank when refueling. Fuel should never be touching the rim of filler recess.



Warning

Use fuel with low lead content and an original octane number of 95 minimum (see table "Top-ups" on page 80).

Make sure there is no fuel trapped in the filler plug recess.



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Tool kit and accessories (fig. 48 and 49)

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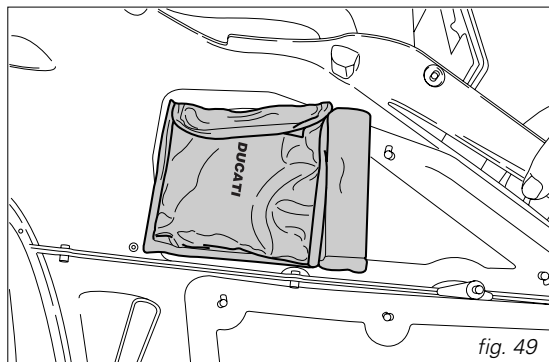
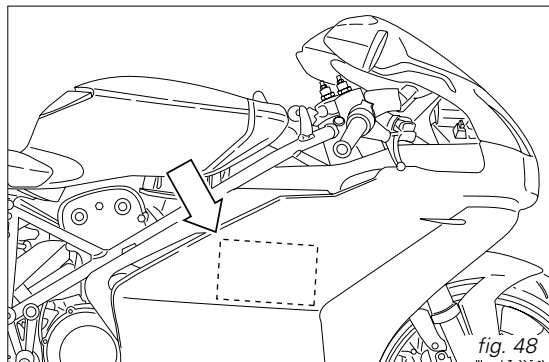
An Owner's manual;

A helmet fastening cable (Monoposto version);

A tool kit including:

- Box wrench for spark plugs; at the opposite end, combined wrench (inner diam. 10 + outer diam. 14);
- Tommy bar for box wrench;
- Double-bit screwdriver;
- Allen key for fairings (Monoposto version);
- Screwdriver for rear shock absorber adjustment.

The twin-seater version comes with a helmet fastening cable, which is stored underneath the passenger seat.



MAIN MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Removing the fairing

Some servicing operations need the motorcycle fairing to be removed.



Warning

Firmly and properly secure all removed parts when refitting them, otherwise some of them might suddenly come off when riding and you may lose control of your motorcycle.



Important

At reassembly always fit nylon washers when tightening fastening screws, not to damage painted parts and Plexiglas headlamp fairing.

Side body panels - biposto

Remove the body panels as follows. Using the Allen key accommodated under the seat unscrew what follows:

- the two quick fasteners (1) securing the body panels to the brackets.
- the two quick fasteners (2) securing the body panels to the headlamp fairing.
- the four frame quick fasteners (3).

the screw (4) joining the right and left body panels at the bottom end.

Side body panels - monoposto

Remove the body panels as follows:

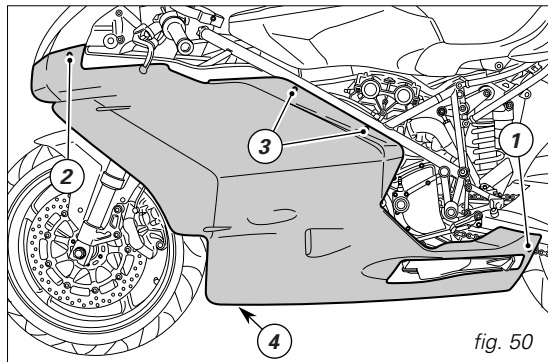
Remove the four quick fasteners (3) with their ring securing the body panels to the frame.

On the right-hand side, gain access to the tool kit, take the Allen key for the fairing and remove the following:

- the two quick fasteners (1) securing the body panels to the brackets.

- the two quick fasteners (2) securing the body panels to the headlamp fairing.

- the screw (4) joining the right and left body panels at the bottom end.

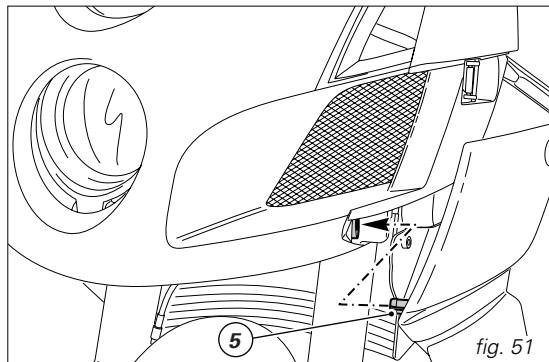


**Note**

When refitting the fairings, make sure that the front locating lug (5) becomes correctly seated into the hole in the headlamp fairing.

**Note**

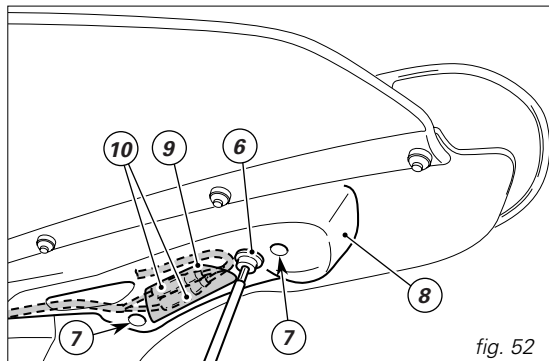
To refit the left body panel, unfold the side stand and insert it into the opening in the body panel.

E**Rear-view mirrors**

Unscrew the retaining screw (6) of the rear-view mirror. Release the retaining pins (7) from the clips secured to the headlamp support (8). Slip off the rubber gaiter (9) and disconnect the turn indicator connectors (10). Repeat the process for the other rear-view mirror.

**Important**

On refitting, smear the threads of the screws (6) with "medium-strength threadlocker".



Headlamp fairing



Note

The rear-view mirrors and side body panels must first be removed as described above to allow removal of the headlamp fairing.

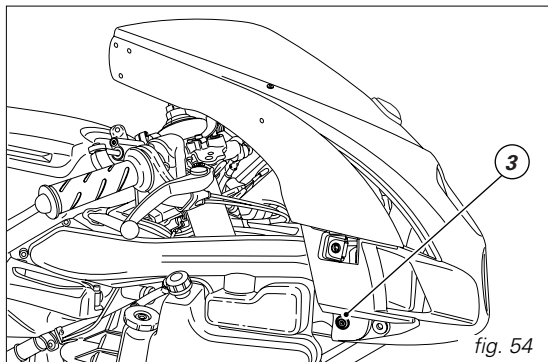
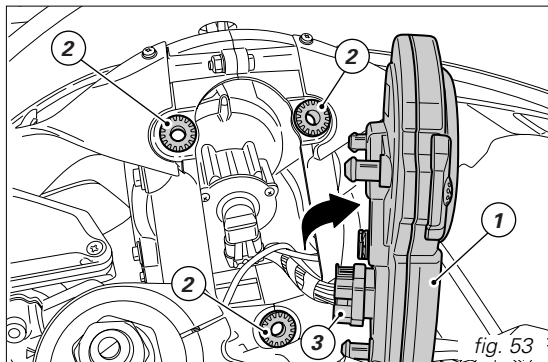
Pull the instrument panel (1) until clear of the rubber grommets (2) and disconnect the connector (3) at the main wiring harness end.

Disconnect the connectors of the parking light bulb. Unscrew the two screws (4) that secure the headlamp fairing to the headlamp support at either side.



Note

After refitting the headlamp fairing, refit the side body panels and the rear-view mirrors.



Checking and topping up the coolant level (fig. 55)

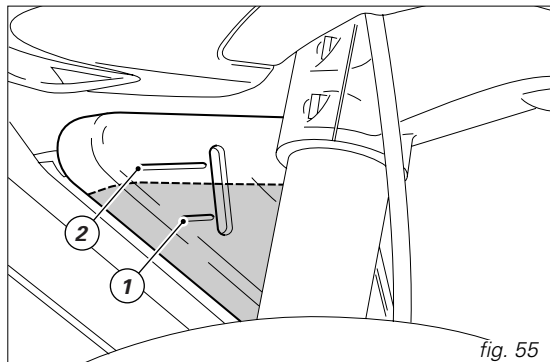
Check the coolant level in the expansion reservoir, on the RH side of the motorcycle. The coolant level must be between the marks (1) and (2). The longest mark (2) indicates **MAX** level, whereas the shortest mark (1) indicates **MIN** level.

Top up if the level is below the **MINIMUM** level.



Note

For a good view of the coolant level, look at the tank from the left side of the motorcycle. Look down between front wheel and right fairing.



Remove right fairing (page 53).

Unscrew the filler (3, fig. 56) and add a mixture consisting of water and antifreeze SHELL Advance Coolant or Glycoshell (35-40% of the volume) up to **MAX** mark.

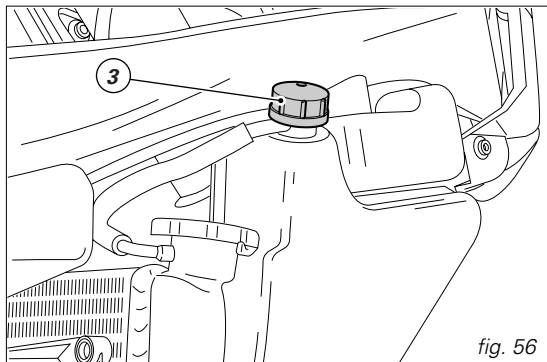
Refit the filler (3) and reassemble all removed parts. This mixture improves operating conditions (coolant will start freezing at $-20^{\circ}\text{C}/-4^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Coolant circuit capacity: 2.8 cu dm (liters).



Warning

Place the motorcycle on a flat surface (vertical) and make sure the engine is cold before proceeding.



Checking brake and clutch fluid level

Fluid level should never fall below the **MIN** mark on each reservoir (fig. 57) (figure shows front and rear brake reservoirs).

If level drops below the limit, air might get into the circuit and affect the operation of the system involved.

Brake and clutch fluid must be topped up and changed at the intervals specified in the routine maintenance chart (see Warranty Card) by a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop.

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Important

It is recommended all brake and clutch lines be changed every four years.

Clutch system

If the control lever has exceeding play and the transmission snatches or jams as you try to engage a gear, it means that there is air in the circuit. Contact a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop to have the system inspected and air drained out.

Warning

Clutch fluid level in the reservoir tends to increase as the clutch plates friction material wears out. Do not exceed specified level (3 mm above minimum level).

Brake system

If you find exceeding play on brake lever or pedal and brake pads are still in good condition, contact a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop to have the system inspected and any air drained out of the circuit.



Warning

Do not spill any brake and clutch fluid on the paintwork or on plastic parts or they will damage. Hydraulic oil is corrosive; it may cause damages and lead to severe injuries. Never mix different quality oils. Check for joint proper sealing.

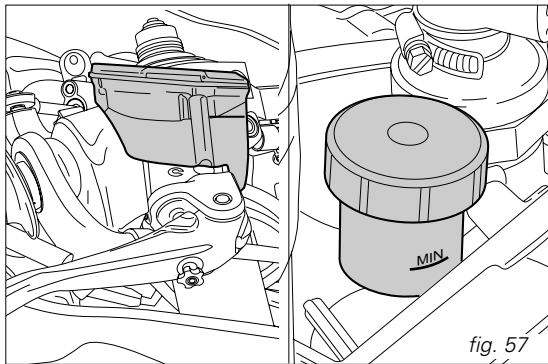


fig. 57

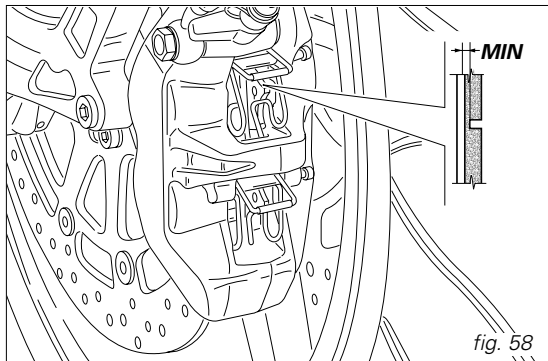
Checking brake pads for wear (fig. 58)

To facilitate inspection without removing the pads from the calipers, brake pads have a wear mark. If the grooves in the friction material are still visible, the pad is still in good condition.



Important

Have the brake pads replaced at a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop.



Lubricating cables and joints

The condition of the outer sheath of the throttle/cold start cables should be checked at regular intervals. The sheath should show no signs of squeezing or cracking. Work the controls to make sure the inner cables slide smoothly inside the sheath: if you feel any friction or hard spots, have the cable replaced by a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop.

To prevent these failures, for the throttle cable, it is best to open the throttle control by unscrewing the two fastening screws (1, fig. 59) and then grease the cable ends and the pulley with SHELL Advance Grease or Retinax LX2.



Warning

When refitting the cover, be sure to slide the cables onto the suitable pulley.

Refit the cover and tighten the screws (1).

To ensure smooth operation of the side stand joint, clean off any dirt and apply SHELL Alvania R3 at all points exposed to friction.

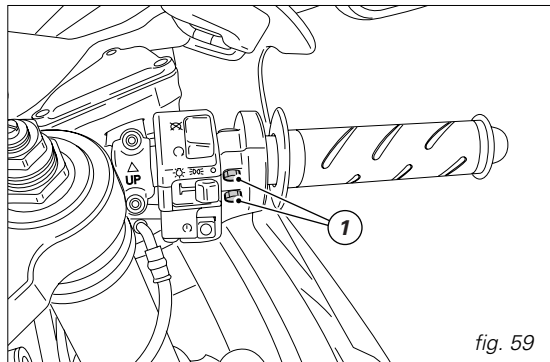


fig. 59

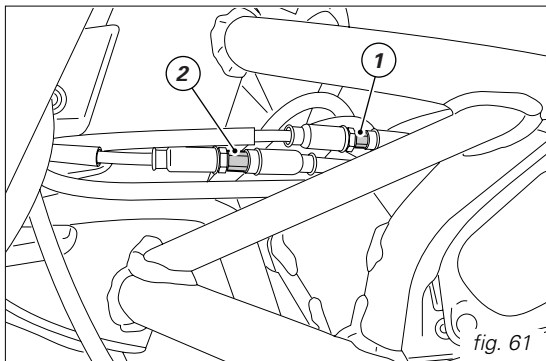
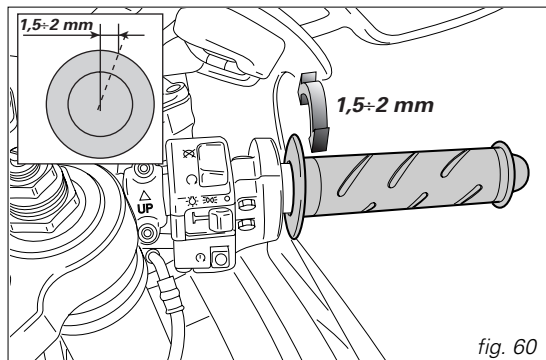
Throttle cable tension adjustment

The throttle twistgrip must have a free play of 1.5-2.0 mm measured at the edge of the twistgrip, at all positions of the handlebars.

If needed, adjust using the adjusters (1 and 2, fig. 61) located on the steering tube on the left side of the motorcycle.

The adjuster (1) is for throttle opening, whereas adjuster (2) is for throttle closing.

Slip off the dust covers of the adjusters and slacken the locknuts. Work the adjusters as follows: turn clockwise to increase play, anti-clockwise to decrease play. When finished, tighten the locknuts and refit the dust covers.



Charging the battery (fig. 62)

Before charging the battery, it is best to remove it from the motorcycle.

Remove the l.h. body panel (page 53), undo the screw (1) and remove the upper bracket.

Always disconnect the black negative terminal (-) first, and then the red positive terminal (+).



Warning

Batteries develop explosive gases: keep it away from heat sources and flames.

Charge the battery in a ventilated room.

Connect the battery charger leads to the battery terminals - red to positive terminal (+), black to negative terminal (-).



Important

Make sure the charger is off when you connect the battery to it, or you might get sparks at the battery terminals that could ignite the gases inside the cells.

Always connect the red positive terminal (+) first.

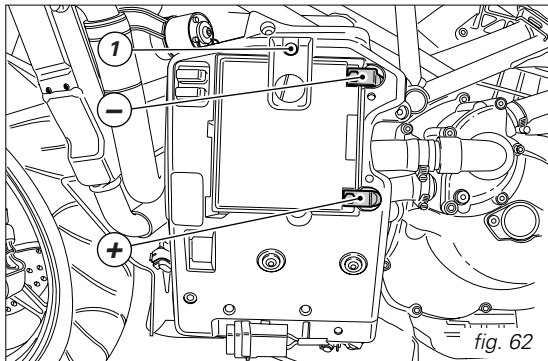
Reinstall the battery on its mount and secure the upper bracket with the screw (1). Connect the terminals. Use some grease on the fastening screws to improve conductive capacity.



Warning

Keep the battery out of the reach of children.

Charge the battery at 0.9 A for 5-10 hours.



Adjusting steering head angle (749S)

Before changing steering head angle, you must first remove the steering damper. Unscrew the retaining screws (1 and 2) to release the steering damper. The steering lock peg (3) is retained with a screw (2) and must be re-positioned farther back on refitting when steering head angle is modified.

Slacken the steering head retaining screw (4).

To change steering head angle, remove the circlips (6) and the washers (7) and loosen the two screws (5) on the frame right side.

Fully unscrew the screw (8) and turn the steering tube eccentric (9) by 180° with a pin wrench.

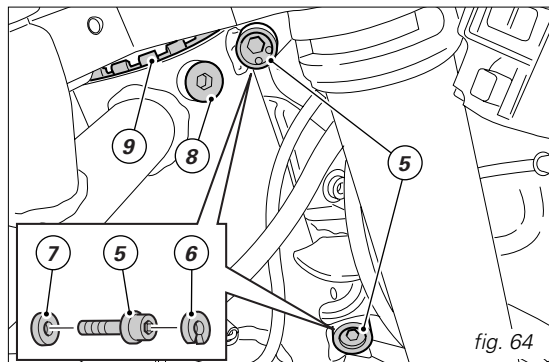
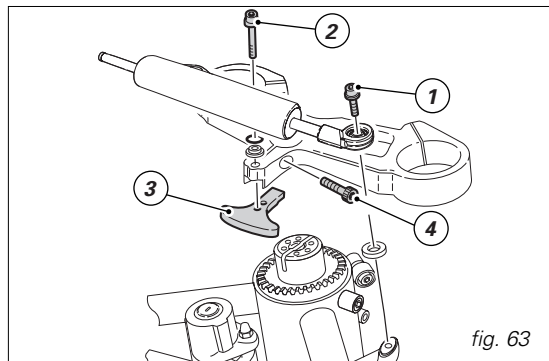
Check that the hole on the eccentric is centred with the through hole in the steering tube. Look at the arrow etched in the top area of the eccentric to centre both holes accurately.

Fully screw the screw (8). Grease the threads of the screws (5) with SHELL Retinax HDX2 and tighten to 22 Nm. Refit the washer (7) and the circlip (6).



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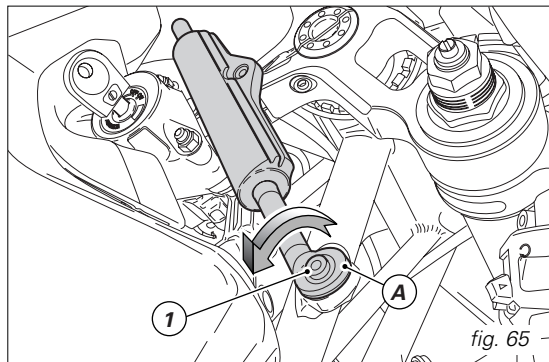
While performing the above, the handlebars should not be fully turned.



If you wish to set steering head angle at $23^{\circ} 30'$, match the last hole at the front end of the steering lock peg (3) with the mounting hole in the steering head. Apply medium-strength threadlocker to the screw (2) and use the screw to secure the steering damper, after installing the steering lock peg (3).

Rotate the ball joint (A) of the steering damper rod through 180° . Apply medium-strength threadlocker to the screw (1) you have removed previously and secure the steering damper with the screw.

Grease the screw (4) you have slackened previously and tighten.



Chain tension inspection (fig. 66)

Important

Have the drive chain tensioned up at a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop.

With the motorcycle on the side stand, use your finger to press down the chain lower section. Then release and measure distance between surface (A) and pivot centre below. The reading should be 30-35 mm.

Warning

Correct tightening of the tensioner lock nuts (1) is essential to rider and pillion passenger's safety.

Important

Improper chain tension will lead to early wear of transmission parts.

Chain lubrication

The chain fitted on your motorcycle has O-rings that keep dirt out of and lubricant inside the sliding parts. The seals might be irreparably damaged if the chain is cleaned using any solvent other than those specific for O-ring chains or washed using steam or water jets. After cleaning, blow the chain dry or dry it using absorbent material and lubricate with SHELL Advance Chain or Advance Teflon Chain on each link.

Important

Using non-specific lubricants may lead to severe damage to chain, front and rear sprocket.

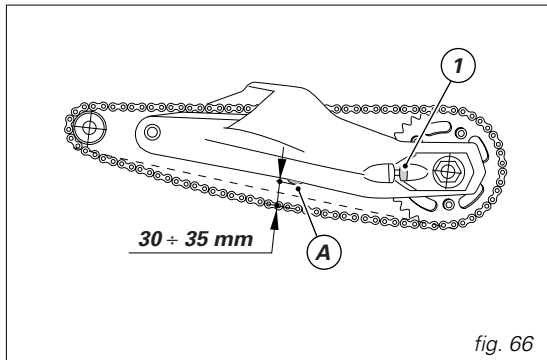


fig. 66

Changing the high and low beam bulbs

Before replacing a burnt-out bulb, make sure that the new one complies with voltage and wattage as specified on page 86, "Electric System", for that lighting device. Always check for new bulb proper operation before refitting removed parts.

Figure 67 shows the position of the low beam (LO), high beam (HI) and parking light (1) bulbs.

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Important

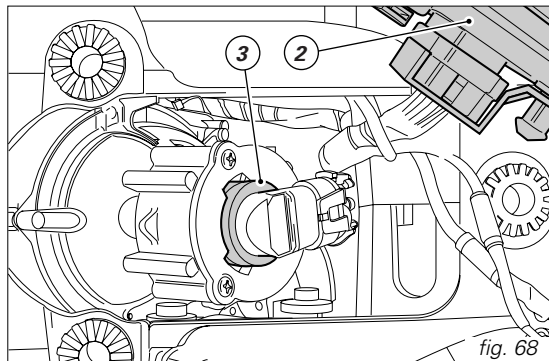
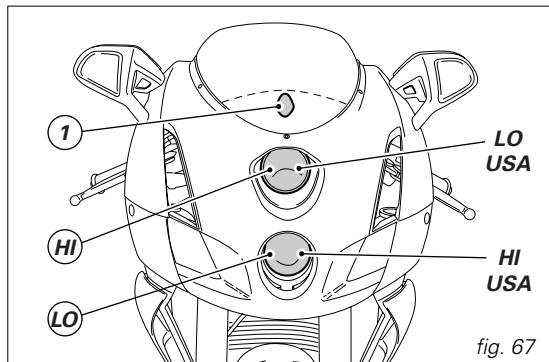
In the USA version, the position of the high and low beam bulbs is reversed.

Headlamp

Remove the instrument panel (2) from retaining rubber elements (see page 55) to give access to the upper bulb. Rotate the locking ring nut (3) of the upper bulb body anti-clockwise and extract the burnt-out bulb. Replace with a bulb of equal rating.

On refitting, rotate the locking ring nut (3) clockwise to secure the bulb in place.

To gain access to the lower bulb, remove the headlamp fairing as described in paragraph "Removing the fairings" on page 53 and unscrew the screws (5) to release the bottom cover (4) of the headlamp support. Change the bulb as described for upper bulb removal.



**Note**

Main wiring harness cable does not need to be disconnected to replace the headlamp bulbs.

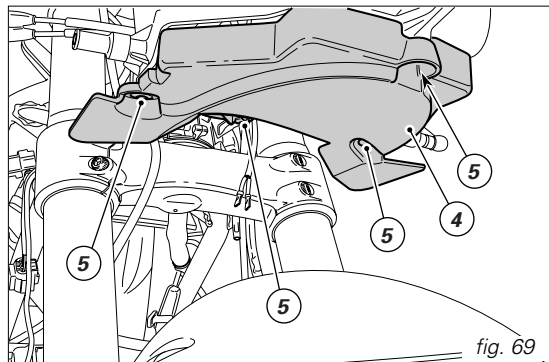
**Note**

Be careful to hold the new bulb at the base only. Never touch the transparent body with your fingers or it will blacken resulting in reduced bulb brilliancy.

Refitting

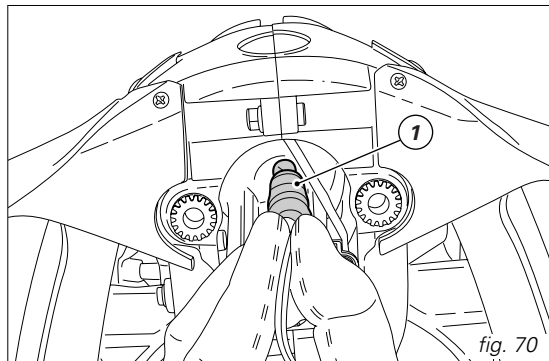
After changing the burnt-out bulb, connect the instrument panel connector to the main wiring harness, locate the instrument panel to the rubber grommets and refit panel.

Refit the bottom cover and the headlamp fairing and secure them using the retaining screws. Make sure the turn indicator wires are correctly routed in the grooves inside headlamp supports.



Changing the parking light bulb

Remove headlight fairing (see page 55) and put your hand into the headlamp support to grasp the parking light bulb (1) and remove it from retaining rubber elements. Extract the bulb holder from its seat and change the bulb. Then reconnect instrument panel wiring and properly position it on its buffers.



Front turn indicators (fig. 71)



Note

The rear-view mirror and incorporated turn indicator are shown detached from the headlamp fairing to simplify illustration.

Remove the screws (1) and detach the glass (2) from the indicator/mirror support.

The bulb is of the bayonet-type: press and rotate anti-clockwise to remove; fit the spare bulb by pressing and turning clockwise until it clicks.

Refit the glass into the suitable slot in the indicator body and tighten the screws (1).

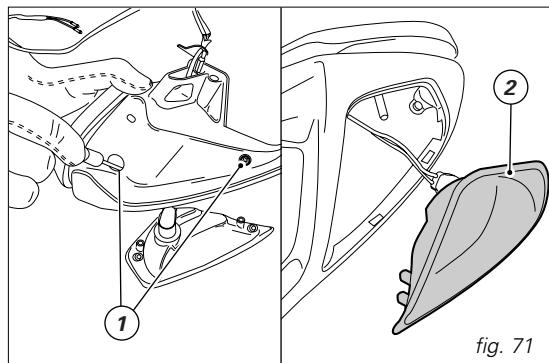


fig. 71

Rear turn indicators (fig. 72)

To change the rear turn indicator bulbs, rotate indicator body (3) by one fourth of a turn so that glass is upward and extract it from indicator mount.

The bulb is of the bayonet-type: press and rotate anti-clockwise to remove; fit the spare bulb by pressing and turning clockwise until it clicks.

Refit indicator body (3) to its mount and rotate by one fourth of a turn.

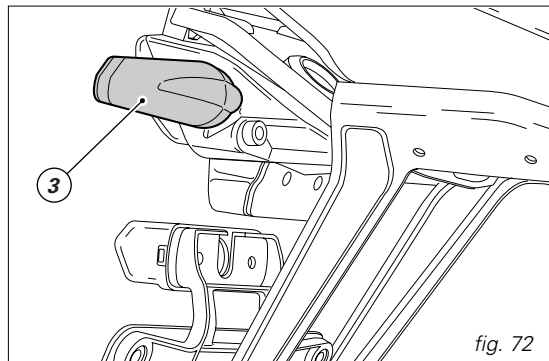
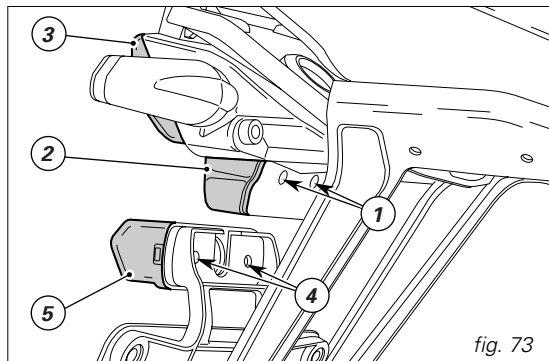


fig. 72

Stop light (fig. 73)

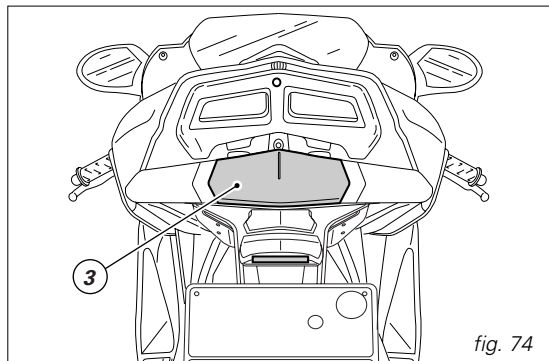
To replace the stop and parking light bulbs, unscrew the two screws (1) that secure the cover (2). The cover (2) has two retaining pins on the inner face that hold the tail light lens (3) in place. The bulb is of the bayonet-type: press and twist anti-clockwise to remove. Fit the spare bulb by pressing and turning clockwise until it locates into its seat with an audible click. Refit any parts you have removed.

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Number plate light (fig. 74)

To expose the number plate light bulb, unscrew the two retaining screws (4) securing the cover (5). Extract the bulb and replace.



Beam setting (fig. 75)

When checking the beam setting, put the motorcycle upright. Tyres should be inflated at the correct pressure and one person should be sitting astride the motorcycle, keeping it at right angles to its longitudinal axis. Place the motorcycle opposite a wall or a screen, 10 meters apart from it, then draw a horizontal line dictated by headlamp center and a vertical one in line with the longitudinal axis of motorcycle.

If possible, perform this check in dim light.

Switch on the low beam. The height of the light spot (measured at the upper limit between dark and lighted-up area) should not exceed $\frac{9}{10}$ th of the height from ground of headlamp center.



Note

The procedure described here is in compliance with the “Italian Standard” establishing the maximum height of the light beam. Owners in other countries will adapt said procedure to the provisions in force in their countries.

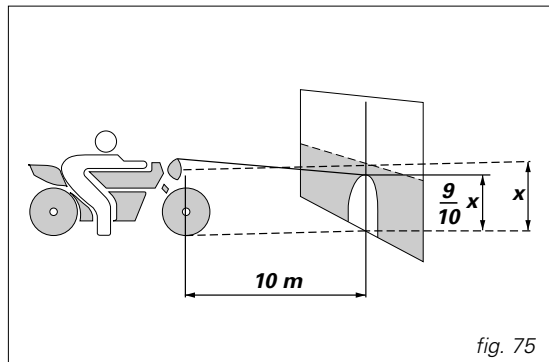


fig. 75

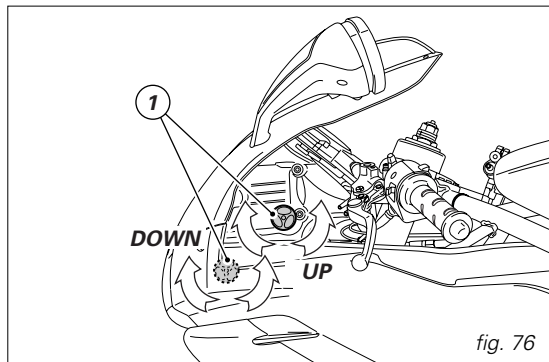
The vertical position of the headlamp is set by means of the adjusting knobs (1, fig. 76) on the left side of the headlamp. Rotate the knobs clockwise to lower the beam or anti-clockwise to raise it.



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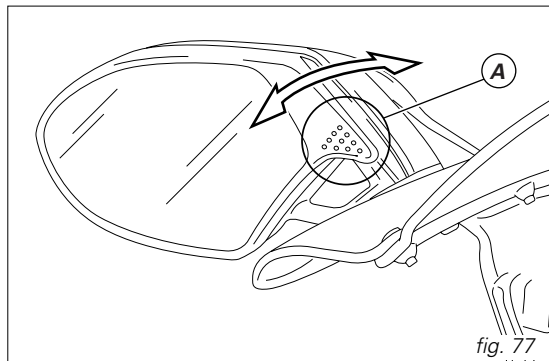
To gain access to the lower knob, you must first remove the headlamp fairing as described on page 55.

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Rear view mirror adjustment (fig. 77)

The rear view mirror is adjusted manually by pressing at position (A).



Tubeless tyres

Tyre pressure

Front:

2.1 bar - 2.3 Kg/sq cm

Rear:

2.2 bar - 2.4 Kg/sq cm

As tyre pressure is affected by temperature and altitude variations, you are advised to check and adjust it whenever you are riding in areas where ample variations in temperature or altitude occur.

Important

Check and adjust tyre pressure when tyres are cold.

To avoid front wheel rim distortion, when riding on bumpy roads, increase tyre pressure by 0.2 - 0.3 bar.

Tyre repair or replacement (Tubeless)

In the event of a tiny puncture, tubeless tyres will take a long time to deflate, as they tend to keep air inside. If you find low pressure on one tyre, check the tyre for punctures.

Warning

A tyre must be replaced when punctured. Replace tyres with recommended standard tyres only. Be sure to tighten the valve caps securely to avoid leaks when riding. Never use tube type tyres. Failure to heed this warning may lead to sudden tyre bursting and to serious danger to rider and passenger.

After replacing a tyre, the wheel must be balanced.

Important

Do not remove or shift the wheel balancing weights.

Note

If tyres need replacing, contact a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop to make sure wheels are removed and refitted correctly.

Minimum tread depth

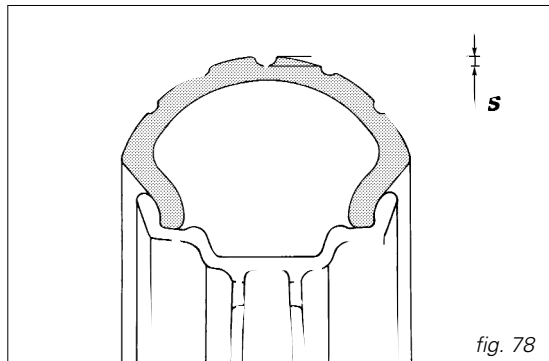
Measure tread depth (S, fig. 78) at the point where tread is most worn down. It should not be less than 2 mm and anyway not below the legal limit.



Important

Visually inspect the tyres at regular intervals for detecting cracks and cuts, especially on the side walls, bulges or large spots that are indicative of internal damage. Replace them if badly damaged. Remove any stones or other foreign bodies caught in the tread.

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Checking engine oil level (fig. 79)

Engine oil level can be checked through the sight glass (1) provided on the clutch cover.

When checking oil level, the motorcycle should be upright and the engine cold.

Allow a few minutes for oil to settle to a steady level after stopping the engine.

Oil level should be between the marks near the sight glass. Top up oil level with SHELL Advance Ultra 4, if low.

Undo the filler plug (2) and top up to correct level.

Refit the plug.

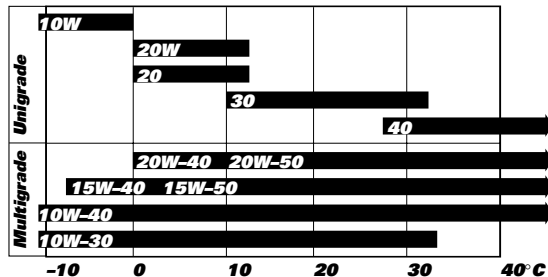
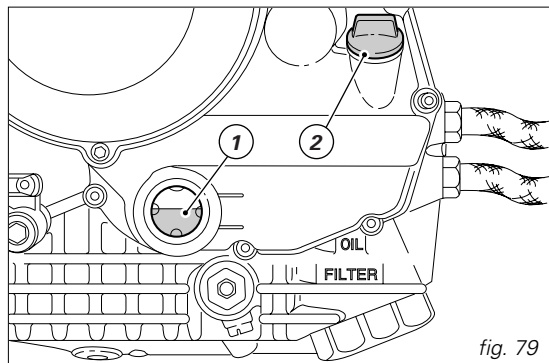
Important

Engine oil and oil filters must be changed by a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop at regular intervals, as specified in the routine maintenance chart (see Warranty Card).

Viscosity

SAE 10W-40

The other viscosity degrees indicated in the table can be used if the local average temperature is within the limits specified for that oil viscosity.



Cleaning and replacing the spark plugs (fig. 80)

Spark plugs are essential to smooth engine running and should be checked at regular intervals. Spark plugs condition provides a good measure of engine condition. Have the spark plugs inspected or replaced at a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop. Firstly, they will check the color of the ceramic insulator of the central electrode: a light brown, even color is a sign of good engine condition.

Secondly, they will check the central electrode for wear and measure electrode gap. Electrode gap should be: 0.6-0.7 mm.

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Important

An electrode gap outside the specified limit will adversely affect engine performance and may lead to difficult starting or erratic idling.

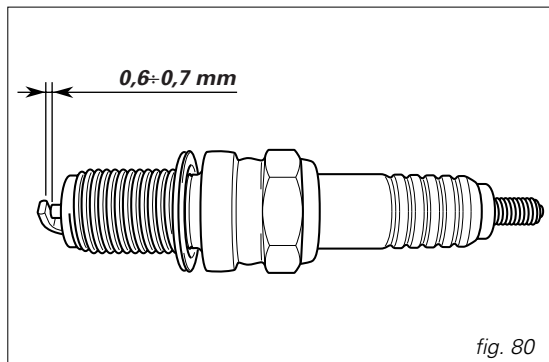


fig. 80

Cleaning the motorcycle

To preserve the finish of metal parts and paintwork, wash and clean your motorcycle at regular intervals, anyway according to the road conditions you ride in.

Use specific products only. Prefer biodegradable products. Avoid aggressive detergents or solvents.

Important

Do not wash your motorcycle right after use. When the motorcycle is still hot, water drops will evaporate faster and spot hot surfaces.

Never clean the motorcycle using hot or high-pressure water jets. Cleaning the motorcycle with water cleaners may lead to seizure or severe failure of front fork, wheel hub assembly, electric system, front fork seals, air inlets or exhaust silencers and adversely affect the operation of motorcycle safety features.

If needed, clean off stubborn dirt or exceeding grease from engine parts using a degreasing agent. Be sure to avoid contact with drive parts (chain, sprockets, etc.). Rinse with warm water and dry all surfaces with chamois leather.



Warning

Loss of braking may occur immediately after washing the motorcycle. Never grease or lubricate the brake discs. Loss of braking and further accidents may occur. Clean the discs with an oil-free solvent.

Storing the bike away

If the motorcycle is to be left unriden over long periods, it is advisable to carry out the following operations before storing it away:

clean the motorcycle;

drain the fuel from fuel tank;

pour a few drops of engine oil into the cylinders through the spark plug seats, then crank the engine by hand a few times so a protective film of oil will spread on cylinder inner walls;

place the motorcycle on the paddock stand;

disconnect and remove the battery. Battery should be checked and charged or replaced whenever the motorcycle has been left unriden for over a month;

protect the motorcycle with a suitable canvas that will protect paintwork and let condensate breathe out.

The canvas is available from Ducati Performance.

Important notes

Some countries, such as France, Germany, Great Britain, Switzerland and so on, have compulsory emission and noise standards that include mandatory inspections at regular intervals.

Carry out any required inspection and replace any parts using Ducati original spare parts complying with local law.

TECHNICAL DATA

Weights

Dry weight:

199 Kg

Carrying full load:

375 Kg.



Warning

Failure to observe weight limits could result in poor handling and impair the performance of your motorcycle, and you may lose control of the motorcycle.

Overall dimensions (749/749S) (mm) (fig. 77)

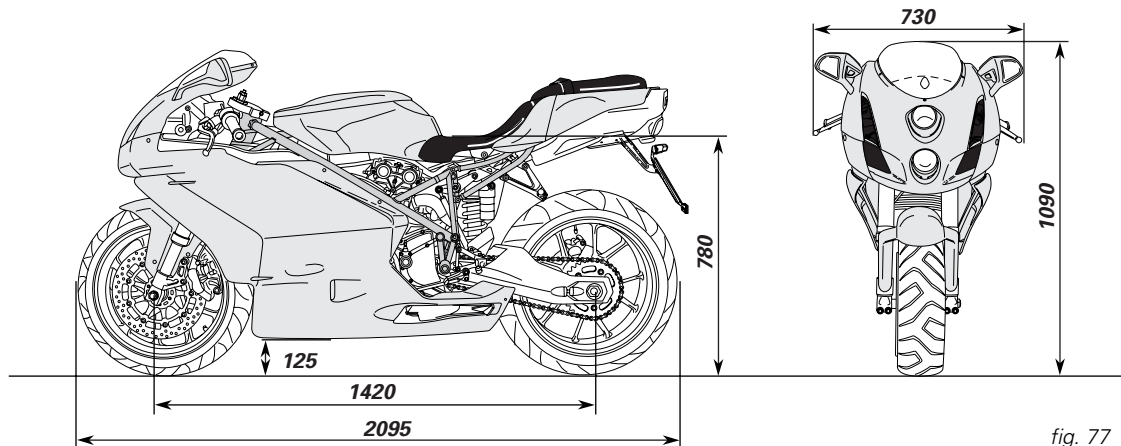


fig. 77

Top-ups	Type of fluid	cu dm (liters)
Fuel tank, including a reserve of 3 cu dm (liters)	Unleaded fuel 95 fuel octane rating (at least)	15.5
Lubrication system	SHELL - Advance Ultra 4	3.4
Front/Rear brake and clutch circuits	Special fluid for hydraulic systems SHELL - Advance Brake DOT 4	–
Protectant for electric contacts	Spray for electric systems SHELL - Advance Contact Cleaner	–
Front fork	SHELL - Advance Fork 7.5 or Donax TA	0.480 (each leg)
Cooling circuit	Antifreeze SHELL - Advance Coolant or Glycoshell 35-40% + water	2.3



Important

Additives to fuel or lubricants are not allowed.

Engine

Twin cylinder, four-stroke, 90° "L" type, longitudinal.

Bore mm:

90 (749/749S)

Stroke mm:

58,8 (749/749S)

Total displacement cu.cm.:

748 (749/749S)

Compression ratio:

1:11.7±0.5 (749)

1:12.3±0.5 (749S)

Max. power at crankshaft (95/1/EC):

76/103 at 10,000 rpm (749)

81/110 at 10,500 rpm (749S)

Max torque at crankshaft (95/1/EC):

77 Nm at 8500 rpm (749)

78 Nm at 8500 rpm (749S)

Max. rotation speed:

11500 rpm

Important

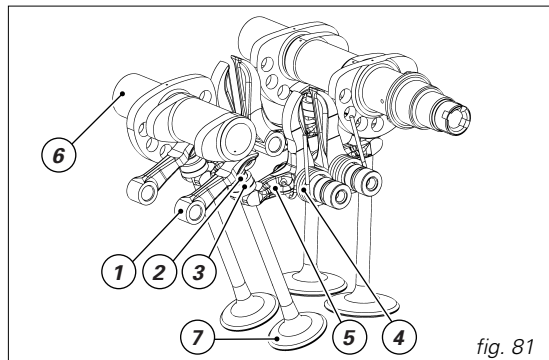
Do not exceed specified rotation speed limits under any running condition.

Timing system

Desmodromic (type) with four valves per cylinder, operated by eight rocker arms (4 opening rockers and 4 closing rockers) and two overhead camshafts. It is operated by the crankshaft through spur gears, belt rollers and toothed belts.

Desmodromic timing system (fig. 81)

- 1) Opening (or upper) rocker.
- 2) Opening rocker shim.
- 3) Closing (or lower) rocker shim.
- 4) Return spring for lower rocker.
- 5) Closing (or lower) rocker.
- 6) Camshaft.
- 7) Valve.



Performance data

Maximum speed in any gear should be reached only after a correct running-in period with the motorcycle properly serviced at the recommended intervals.

Max. speed (rider alone):

240 Km/h (749)

250 Km/h (749S)

Speed limits

Above is the maximum speed limit that can be reached after the running-in period.

Important

Failure to comply with these limits releases Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. from any liability whatsoever for resulting engine malfunction or reduced life-span.

Spark plugs

Make:

CHAMPION (749)

NGK (749S)

Type:

RG 4 HC (749)

CR 9 VX 749S)

Brakes

Front brake

With double semi-floating drilled disc.

Material:

steel

Disc diameter:

320 mm

Hydraulically operated by a control lever on right handlebar.

Braking surface:

79 sq cm

Make brake calipers:

BREMBO

Type:

34-4 pistons.

Friction material:

TOSHIBA TT 2172

Master cylinder type:

PR 18.

Rear brake

With fixed drilled steel disc.

Disc diameter:

240 mm

Hydraulically operated by a pedal on R.H. side.

Braking surface:

32 sq cm

Make:

BREMBO

Type:

34-2 pistons.

Friction material:

FERIT I/D 450 FF

Master cylinder type:

PS 11.

**Warning**

Brake fluid can dissolve paintwork and cause severe eye and skin injuries in the event of accidental spilling. Wash the affected area with abundant running water.

Transmission (749/749S)

Dry clutch operated by a control lever on left handlebar. Drive is transmitted from engine to gearbox main shaft via spur gears.

Front sprocket/clutch sprocket ratio:

32/59

6-speed gearbox with constant mesh gears, gear change pedal on left side of motorcycle.

Gearbox/rear sprocket ratio:

14/39

Total gear ratios:

1st gear 15/37

2nd gear 17/30

3rd gear 20/28

4th gear 22/26

5th gear 23/24

6th gear 24/23

Drive chain from gearbox to rear wheel:

Make:

DID

Type:

525 HV

Size:

5/8"x1/16"

Links:

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**Important**

The above gear ratios are the homologated ones and under no circumstances must they be modified.

However, if you wish to tune up your motorcycle for competitive trials, you may refer to Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. who will be glad to provide information about the special ratios available. Contact a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop.

**Warning**

For the replacement of the rear sprocket, contact a Ducati Dealer or Authorized Workshop. The incorrect replacement of this component could seriously endanger your safety and that of your passenger and cause irreparable damage to the motorcycle.

Frame

Tubular trestle frame with upper section made of high-strength steel.

Steering angle (on each side):

28° 30'

Steering setting for road riding is as follows:

Steering head angle:

24° 30'

Trail:

97 mm.

For track riding, setting can be modified to the following values:

Steering head angle:

23° 30'

Trail:

91 mm.

Wheels (749/749S)

Five-Y-spoke, light-alloy rims.

Front wheel

Dimensions:

3.50x17"

Rear wheel

Dimensions:

5.50x17"

The wheel shaft can be removed.

Tyres (749/749S)

Front tyre

Tubeless, radial tyre.

Size:

120/70-ZR17

Rear tyre

Tubeless, radial tyre.

Size:

180/55-ZR17

Suspensions

Front

Hydraulic upside-down fork provided with outer adjuster for rebound, compression, and preload (for inner springs of fork legs).

Stanchion diameter:

43 mm

Travel along leg axis:

125 mm.

Rear

Of the progressive type, thanks to a rocker arm connecting frame and upper pivot point of the shock absorber. The shock absorber enables the adjustment of rebound and compression damping and spring preload. At the bottom pivot point it is connected to a light-alloy swingarm. The swingarm hinges on a pivot pin passing through the frame and engine.

The whole system gives the bike excellent stability.

Stroke:

71 mm.

Wheel travel:

128 mm

Exhaust system

Catalyzed in compliance with emission regulations.

Available colours (749/749S)

Available in:

Ducati yellow 473.201 (PPG);

Ducati anniversary red 473.101 (PPG);

metal-color frame and wheel rims.

Electric system

Basic electric items are:

front headlamp featuring two halogen lamps, consisting of the following:

HB3 12V-60W low beam unit;

HB3 12V-60W high beam unit;

12V-5W parking light.

Electrical controls on handlebars.

Turn indicators, 12V-10W bulbs.

Horn.

Stop light switches.

Sealed battery 12V-10 Ah.

Generator 12V-520W.

Electronic voltage regulator (rectifier), protected by a **40 A** fuse near the battery.

DENSO starter motor, 12V-0.7 kW.

Tail light, 12V-5/21W double-filament bulb for stop light and parking light;

Turn indicator 12V-10W bulb;

Number plate light 12V-5W bulb.



Note

See "Replacing bulbs" on page 66 for relevant instructions.

Fuses

The main fuse box (1, fig. 82) is located between headlight mount and headlight fairing. To expose the fuses, take off the box protective cover. Mounting position and ampere capacity are marked on it.

Two fuses (2, fig. 83) located at the side of the battery protect the relay of the injection system and engine control unit.

The fuse (3) protects the electronic regulator. Remove the protective cap to expose the fuses.

A blown fuse is identified by the interrupted inner filament (4, fig. 84).



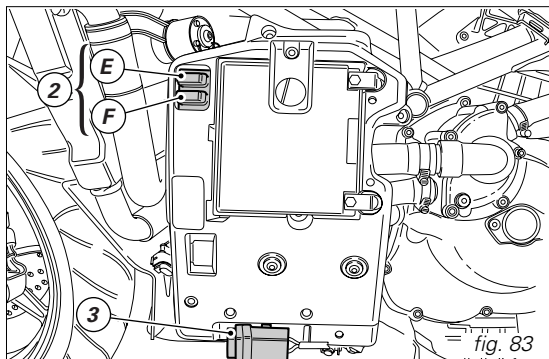
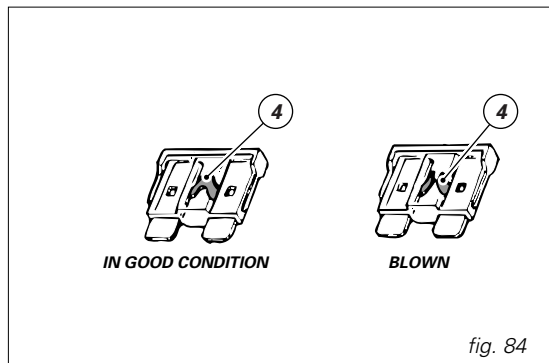
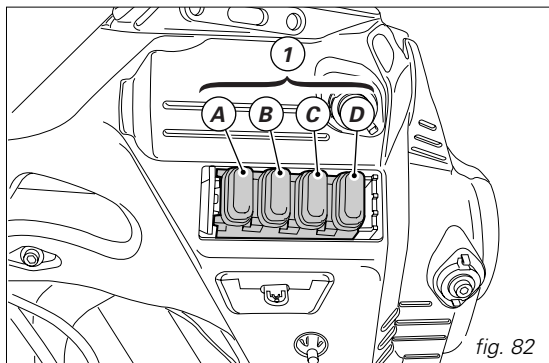
Important

Switch the ignition key to **OFF** before replacing the fuse to avoid possible short circuits.



Warning

Never use a fuse with a rating other than specified. Failure to observe this rule may damage the electric system or even lead to fire.



Legend of the wiring diagram of electric system/injection

01 Right switch
02 Key-operated switch
03 Left electric fan
04 Right electric fan
05 Starter motor
06 Starter contactor
07 Battery
08 Regulator fuse
09 Regulator
10 Generator
11 Rear right-turn indicator
12 Tail light
13 Number plate light
14 Rear left-turn indicator
15 Fuel tank
16 Injection fuses
17 Injection relay
18 Self-diagnostics
19 Horizontal cylinder coil
20 Vertical cylinder coil
21 Horizontal cylinder spark plug
22 Vertical cylinder spark plug
23 Horizontal cylinder injector
24 Vertical cylinder injector
25 Throttle position sensor
26 Rpm/timing sensor
27 Coolant temperature sensor
28 Speed sensor
29 Side stand

30 Neutral switch
31 Oil pressure switch
32 Rear stop light switch
33 Ignition/injection unit
34 Fuses
35 Clutch switch
36 Front stop light switch
37 Left switch
38 Transponder antenna
39 Air temperature sensor
40 Finish line
41 Instruments
42 Lights relay
43 Front left-turn indicator
44 Headlamp
45 Front parking light
46 Front right-turn indicator
47 Warning horn

Wire color coding**B** Blue**W** White**V** Violet**Bk** Black**Y** Yellow**R** Red**Lb** Light blue**Gr** Grey**G** Green**Bn** Brown**O** Orange**P** Pink**Legend of fuse boxes** (fig. 82 and 83)

Pos.	Description	Rtng.
1A	High and low beams	15 A
1B	Stop light – horn – flasher - starter contactor	20 A
1C	Key on	7.5 A
1D	Instrument panel power supply	3 A
2E	Engine control unit	3 A
2F	Injection relay	20 A

**Note**

The system wiring diagram is at the end of this manual.

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Reporting of safety defects

If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Ducati North America. If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or Ducati North America. To contact NHTSA, you may either call the Auto Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-800-424-9393 (or 366-0123 in Washington, D.C. area) or write to: NHTSA, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from the Hotline.

Safety warnings

Traffic Rules vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Know the regulations in your jurisdiction before riding this motorcycle.



Warning

This motorcycle is designed and intended for use on streets and other smooth, paved areas only. Do not use this motorcycle on unpaved surfaces. Such use could lead to upset or other accident.

Noise emission warranty

Ducati Motor S.p.A. warrants that this exhaust system, at the time of sale, meets all applicable U.S. EPA Federal noise standards. This warranty extends to the first person who buys this exhaust system for purposes other than resale, and to all subsequent buyers. Warranty claims should be directed to: Ducati North America, Inc., 10443 Bandley Drive, Cupertino, California, 95014 Tel: 001.408.253.0499 • Fax: 001.408.253.4099.

Noise and exhaust emission control system information

Source of Emissions

The combustion process produces carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. Control of hydrocarbons is very important because under certain conditions, they react to form photochemical smog when subjected to sunlight. Carbon monoxide does not react in the same way, but is toxic. Ducati utilizes lean carburetor settings and other systems to reduce carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons.

Exhaust Emission Control System

The Exhaust Emission Control System is composed of lean carburetor settings, and no adjustments should be

made except idle speed adjustments with the throttle stop screw. The Exhaust Emission Control System is separate from the crankcase emission control system.

Crankcase Emission Control System

The engine is equipped with a closed crankcase system to prevent discharging crankcase emissions into the atmosphere. Blow-by gas is returned to the combustion chamber through the air cleaner and the throttle body.

Evaporative Emission Control System

California motorcycles are equipped with an evaporative emission control system which consists of a charcoal canister and associated piping. This system prevents the escape of fuel vapors from the throttle body and fuel tank.

Tampering warning

Tampering with Noise Control System Prohibited. Federal Law prohibits the following acts or causing thereof:

- (1) 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; or*
- (2) the use of the vehicle after such device or element of design has been removed or rendered inoperative by any person.*

Among those acts presumed to constitute tampering are the acts listed below:

- (1) Removal of, or puncturing the muffler, baffles, header pipes or any other component which conducts exhaust gases.*
 - (2) Removal or puncturing of any part of the intake system.*
 - (3) Lack of proper maintenance.*
 - (4) Replacing any moving part of the vehicle, or parts of the exhaust or intake system, with parts other than those specified by the manufacturer.*
- This product should be checked for repair or replacement if the motorcycle noise has increased significantly through use. Otherwise, the owner may become subject to penalties under state and local ordinances.*

Problems that may affect motorcycle emissions

If you are aware of any of the following symptoms, have the vehicle inspected and repaired by your local Ducati dealer.

Symptoms:

Hard starting or stalling after starting.

Rough idle.

Misfiring or backfiring during acceleration.

After-burning (backfiring).

Poor performance (driveability) and poor economy.

Riding safety

The points given below are applicable for every day motorcycle use and should be carefully observed for safe and effective vehicle operation.

A motorcycle does not provide the impact protection of an automobile, so defensive riding in addition to wearing protective apparel is extremely important.

Do not let protective apparel give you a false sense of security.

Before changing lanes, look over your shoulder to make sure the way is clear. Do not rely solely on the rear view mirror; you may misjudge a vehicle's distance and speed, or you may not see it at all.

When going up steep slopes, shift to a lower gear so that there is plenty of power to spare rather than overloading the engine.

When applying the brakes, use both the front and rear brakes. Applying only one brake for sudden braking may cause the motorcycle to skid and lose control.

When going down long slopes, control vehicle speed by closing the throttle. Use the front and rear brakes for auxiliary braking.

Riding at the proper rate of speed and avoiding unnecessarily fast acceleration are important not only for safety and low fuel consumption but also for long vehicle life and quieter operation.

When riding in wet conditions or on loose roadway surfaces, the ability to maneuver will be reduced. All of your actions should be smooth under these conditions. Sudden acceleration, braking or turning may cause loss of control.

When the roadway is wet, rely more on the throttle to control vehicle speed and less on the front and rear brakes.

The throttle should also be used judiciously to avoid skidding the rear wheel from too rapid acceleration or deceleration.

On rough roads, exercise caution, slow down, and grip the fuel tank with your knees for better stability.

When quick acceleration is necessary as in passing, shift to a lower gear to obtain the necessary power.

Do not down shift at too high an r.p.m. to avoid damage to the engine from overrevving.

Avoiding unnecessary weaving is important to the safety of both the rider and other motorists.

Do not exceed the legal speed limit or drive too fast for existing conditions. High speed increases the influence of any condition affecting stability and the loss of control.

Operate motorcycle only at moderate speed and out of traffic until you have become thoroughly familiar with its operation and handling characteristics under all conditions. This is a very high performance motorcycle, designed and intended for use by experienced careful riders only!

A new motorcycle must be operated according to a special break-in procedure (see Running in recommendations).



Warning

Before starting engine, check for proper operation of brake, clutch, shifter, throttle controls, correct fuel and oil supply.

Gasoline is extremely flammable and is explosive under certain conditions. Refuell in a well ventilated area with the engine stopped. Do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks when refuelling or servicing the fuel system. Always close the fuel petcock when the engine is not running to prevent flooding of the throttle body. Do not overfill fuel tank (see instructions page 51). Motorcycle exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas. Do not inhale exhaust gases and never run the engine in a closed garage or confined area. Use only Ducati approved parts and accessories. This motorcycle was not intended to be equipped with a sidecar or to be used to tow any trailer or other vehicle. Ducati does not manufacture sidecars or trailers and cannot predict the effects of such accessories on handling or stability, but can only warn that the effects will be adverse and any damage to motorcycle components caused by the use of such accessories will not be remedied under warranty.



Warning

Do not ride the motorcycle with helmets attached to the hook; the helmets could cause an accident by distracting the operator or interfering with normal vehicle operation.

Protective apparel

Always wear a helmet. Most motorcycle accident fatalities are due to head injuries. For safety eye protection, gloves, and high top, sturdy boots should also be worn.

The exhaust system becomes very hot during operation, never touch the exhaust system. Wear clothing that fully covers your legs. Do not wear loose clothing which could catch on the control levers, footrests, wheels, or chain. Any amount of alcohol will significantly interfere with your ability to safely operate your motorcycle. Don't drink and ride.

Vehicle identification number (VIN):

Every Ducati motorcycle is identified by two identification numbers (see page 9). Figure A specifically shows the frame identification numbers.

- 1) 749
- 2) 749S

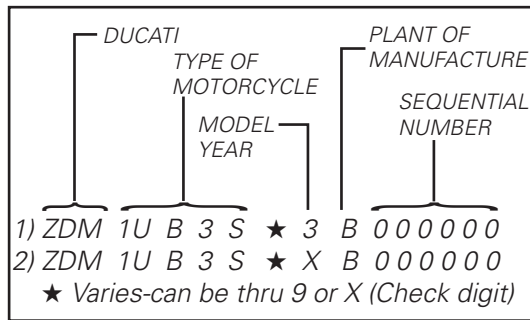


fig. A

Label location (fig. B)

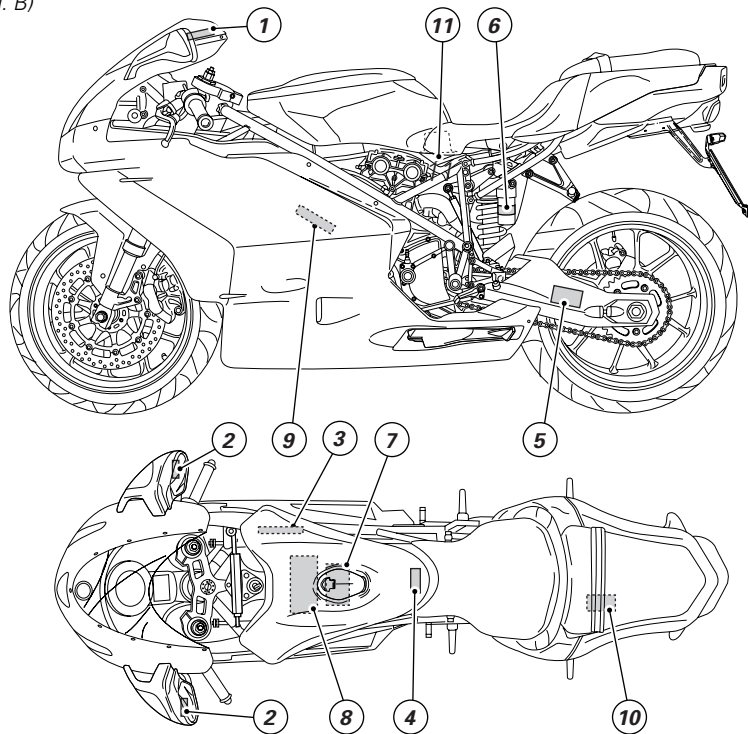


fig. B

WARNING

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LOOK THROUGH THIS FAIRING. THIS IS NOT A WINDSHIELD, BUT AN AERODYNAMIC FAIRING ONLY. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN A COLLISION OR UPSET AND CONSEQUENT SERIOUS BODILY INJURY. ECU 401 1 001 04

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OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

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Manufactured by **DUCATI MOTOR spa**

DATE: GVWR: Lbs (kg)GAWR front: Lbs (kg) with tire, RIM at PSI cold.GAWR rear: Lbs (kg) with tire, RIM at PSI cold.

This vehicle conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety standards in effect on the date of manufacture shown above. Type classification: Motorcycle

Vehicle I.D. No.:

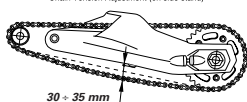
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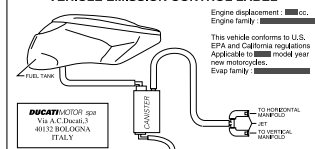
NEVER FILL TANK SO FUEL LEVEL RISES INTO FILLER NECK. IF TANK IS OVERFILLED, HEAT MAY CAUSE FUEL TO EXPAND AND FLOW INTO EVAPORATIVE EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM RESULTING IN HARD STARTING AND ENGINE HESITATION.

4

Tensione catena (sul cavalletto laterale)
Chain Tension Adjustment (on side stand)

**5****WARNING**

CONTAINS HIGHLY COMPRESSED GAS. USE ONLY PERFECTLY DRY NITROGEN GAS, OTHER GASES MAY CAUSE EXPLOSION. DO NOT INCINERATE. REFER TO OWNER'S MANUAL FOR REGULATING GAS.

6**VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL LABEL****7****VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION**

Engine displacement: cc
Engine family:
Engine exhaust control system:

THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO U.S. EPA REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO 1998 MODEL YEAR NEW MOTORCYCLES

ENGINE TUNE-UP SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM	SPECIFICATIONS	INSTRUCTIONS
IGNITION TIMING:	<input type="checkbox"/> BTDC at idle speed	No adjustment
IDLE SPEED (RPM):	<input type="text"/> ± <input type="text"/> rpm	No adjustment
IDLE MIXTURE:	Opening <input type="text"/> : <input type="text"/> mm	No adjustment
VALVE CLEARANCE (in & ex):	Closing <input type="text"/> : <input type="text"/> mm	See Service Manual
SPARK PLUG: CHAMPION		
SPARK PLUG GAP (mm): 0.5 ± 0.6		
	OIL: SAE 20W50	
	FUEL: Unleaded gasoline	

DUCATI MOTOR spa - BOLOGNA - ITALY**8****MOTORCYCLE NOISE EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION**

THIS MOTORCYCLE, MEETS EPA NOISE EMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF dBA AT RPM BY THE FEDERAL TEST PROCEDURE. MODIFICATIONS WHICH CAUSE THIS MOTORCYCLE TO EXCEED FEDERAL NOISE STANDARDS ARE PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW. SEE OWNER'S MANUAL.

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HELMET HOLDER
UNDER THE SEAT

10

CANISTER →

11

California evaporation emission system

This system consists of (fig. C):

- 1) Warm air inlet;
- 2) Canister;
- 3) Dell'Orto jet;
- 4) Intake manifolds;
- 5) Breather pipe;
- 6) Fuel tank.

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Important

In the event of fuel system malfunction, contact Ducati's authorized Service Centres.

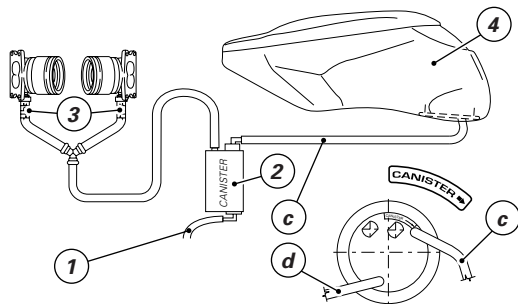


fig. C

Ducati limited warranty on emission control system

Ducati North America, Inc., 10443 Bandlely Drive, Cupertino, California, 95014 warrants that each new 1998 and later Ducati motorcycle, that includes as standard equipment a headlight, tail-light and stoplight, and is street legal:

A) is designed, built and equipped so as to conform at the time of initial retail purchase with all applicable regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Air Resources Board; and

B) is free from defects in material and workmanship which cause such motorcycle to fail to conform with applicable regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the California Air Resources Board for a period of use, depending on the engine displacement, of 12,000 kilometers (7,456 miles), if the motorcycle's engine displacement is less than 170 cubic centimeters; of 18,000 kilometers (11,185 miles), if the motorcycle's engine displacement is equal to or greater than 170 cubic centimeters but less than 280 cubic centimeters; or of 30,000 kilometers (18,641 miles), if the motorcycle's engine displacement is 280 cubic centimeters or greater; or 5 (five) years from the date of initial retail delivery, whichever first occurs.

I. Coverage

Warranty defects shall be remedied during customary business hours at any authorized Ducati motorcycle dealer located within the United States of America in

compliance with the Clean Air Act and applicable regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board. Any part or parts replaced under this warranty shall become the property of Ducati.

In the state of California only, emissions related warranted parts are specifically defined by that state's Emissions Warranty Parts List. These warranted parts are: carburetor and internal parts; intake manifold; fuel tank, fuel injection system; spark advance mechanism; crankcase breather; air cutoff valves; fuel tank cap for evaporative emission controlled vehicles; oil filler cap; pressure control valve; fuel/vapor separator; canister; igniters; breaker governors; ignition coils; ignition wires; ignition points, condensers, and spark plugs if failure occurs prior to the first scheduled replacement, and hoses, clamps, fittings and tubing used directly in these parts. Since emission related parts may vary from model to model, certain models may not contain all of these parts and certain models may contain functionally equivalent parts.

In the state of California only, Emission Control System emergency repairs, as provided for in the California Administrative Code, may be performed by other than an authorized Ducati dealer. An emergency situation occurs when an authorized Ducati dealer is not reasonably available, a part is not available within 30 days, or a repair is not complete within 30 days. Any replacement part can be used in an emergency repair. Ducati will reimburse the owner for the expenses, including diagnosis, not to exceed Ducati's suggested retail price for all warranted

parts replaced and labor charges based on Ducati's recommended time allowance for the warranty repair and the geographically appropriate hourly labor rate. The owner may be required to keep receipts and failed parts in order to receive compensation.

II. Limitations

This Emission Control System Warranty shall not cover any of the following:

A. Repair or replacement required as a result of

(1) accident,

(2) misuse,

(3) repairs improperly performed or replacements improperly installed,

(4) use of replacement parts or accessories not conforming to Ducati specifications which adversely affect performance and/or

(5) use in competitive racing or related events.

B. Inspections, replacement of parts and other services and adjustments required for routine maintenance.

C. Any motorcycle on which odometer mileage has been changed so that actual mileage cannot be readily determined.

III. Limited liability

A. The liability of Ducati under this Emission Control Systems Warranty is limited solely to the remedying of defects in material or workmanship by an authorized Ducati motorcycle dealer at its place of business during customary business hours. This warranty does not cover inconvenience or loss of use of the motorcycle or

transportation of the motorcycle to or from the Ducati dealer. Ducati shall not be liable for any other expenses, loss or damage, whether direct, incidental, consequential or exemplary arising in connection with the sale or use of or inability to use the Ducati motorcycle for any purpose. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of any incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

B. No express emission control system warranty is given by Ducati except as specifically set forth herein. Any emission control system warranty implied by law, including any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, is limited to the express emission control systems warranty terms stated in this warranty. The foregoing statements of warranty are exclusive and in lieu of all other remedies. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts so the above limitation may not apply to you.

C. No dealer is authorized to modify this Ducati Limited Emission Control Systems Warranty.

IV. Legal rights

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

V. This warranty is in addition to the Ducati limited motorcycle warranty.

VI. Additional information

Any replacement part that is equivalent in performance and durability may be used in the performance of any

maintenance or repairs. However, Ducati is not liable for these parts. The owner is responsible for the performance of all required maintenance. Such maintenance may be performed at a service establishment or by any individual. The warranty period begins on the date the motorcycle is delivered to an ultimate purchaser.

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ROUTINE MAINTENANCE RECORD

<i>km</i>	<i>Ducati Service Name</i>	<i>Mileage</i>	<i>Date</i>
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10000			
20000			
30000			
40000			
50000			



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