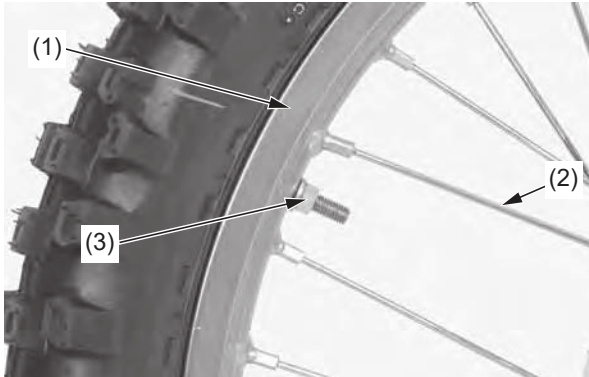


Refer to *Safety Precautions* on [page 19](#).

Keeping the wheels true (round) and maintaining correct spoke tension is critical to safe motorcycle operation. During the first few rides, spokes will loosen more rapidly due to the initial seating of the parts. Excessively loose spokes may result in instability at high speeds and the possible loss of control. It's also important that the rim locks are secure to prevent tire slippage.

It is not necessary to remove the wheels to perform the recommended service in the Maintenance Schedule ([page 21](#)). However, information for wheel removal is provided for emergency situations.

## Wheel Rims & Spokes



(1) wheel rim  
(2) spoke  
(3) rim lock

1. Inspect the wheel rims (1) and spokes (2) for damage.

2. Tighten, any loose spokes and rim locks (3) to the specified torque:  
Spokes: 2.7 lbf·ft (3.7 N·m, 0.4 kgf·m)  
Rim Locks: 9 lbf·ft (12.4 N·m, 1.3 kgf·m)
3. Check wheel rim runout. If runout is noticeable, see the Honda Service Manual for inspection instructions.

## Axles & Wheel Bearings

See the Honda Service Manual for inspection information:

1. Check the axle shaft for runout.
2. Check the condition of the wheel bearings.