

## Identification numbers

The vehicle identification number (VIN) is stamped into the left side of the steering head, and/or is located on a label affixed to the right side of the frame, below the ignition switch and just ahead of the left passenger peg. Always refer to the color code when buying painted parts such as the fuel tank, fenders or side covers.

The VIN, frame serial number, engine serial number and carburetor identification number should be kept in a handy place (such as your wallet) so they are always available when purchasing or ordering parts for your machine.

Other important identification numbers include the carburetor identification number and the color code. The carburetor identification number is stamped into the intake side of the carburetor. On VT600 models, the color code is located under the seat, on a label affixed to the inner side of the left upper frame tube, next to the fuel filter; on

VT750 models, it's on a label affixed to the front side of the left frame tube, right below the ignition switch and just ahead of the left passenger peg. Always refer to the color code when buying painted parts such as the fuel tank, fenders or side covers.

### The models covered by this manual are as follows:

- VT600C Shadow VLX (1988 and 1989)
- VT600CD Shadow VLX Deluxe (1988 and 1989)
- VT600C Shadow VLX (1991 through 1996)
- VT600CD Shadow VLX Deluxe (1991 through 1996)
- VT600C Shadow VLX (1997 through 2003)
- VT600CD VLX Deluxe (1997 through 2003)
- VT750C Shadow American Classic Edition (1998 through 2003)
- VT750CD Shadow Deluxe American Classic Edition (1998 through 2003)
- VT750DC Shadow Spirit 750, (2001 through 2003)



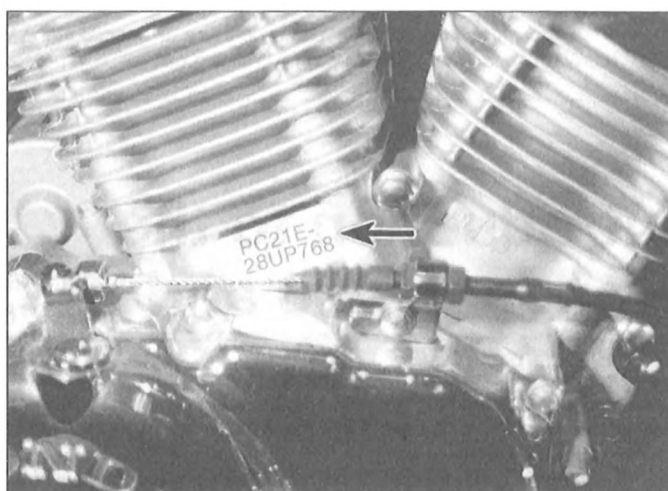
The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is stamped into the left side of the steering head



The VIN is also displayed on a label affixed to the right frame rail



The frame serial number is stamped into the right side of the steering head



The engine serial number is stamped into the right side of the crankcase, below the rear cylinder

The following table is a breakdown of the initial frame numbers for each model and year of production:

Year	Model	Initial frame number
1988	VT600	Except California: PC210 JM California: PC211 JM
1989	VT600	Except California: PC210 KM California: PC211 KM
1991	VT600	Except California: PC210 MM California: PC211 MM
1992	VT600	Except California: PC210 NM California: PC211 MM
1993	VT600	Except California: PC210 PM California: PC211 PM
1994	VT600	Except California: PC210 RM California: PC211 RM
1995	VT600	Except California: PC210 SM California: PC211 SM
	VT600D	Except California: PC213 SM California: PC214 SM
1996	VT600	Except California: PC210 TM California: PC211 TM
1996	VT600D	Except California: PC213 TM California: PC214 TM
1997		<i>Not available at time of printing.</i>
1998	VT600	<i>Not available at time of printing.</i>
	VT750C	Except California: RC440 WM California: RC441 WM
	VT750CD	Except California: RC443 WM California: RC444 WM
Year	Model	Initial frame number
	VT750CD2	Except California: RC446 WM California: RC447WM
1999	VT600	Except California: PC210 XM9 California: PC211 XM9
	VT600D	Except California: PC213 XM9 California: PC214 XM9
	VT600D2	Except California: PC216 XM9 California: PC217 XM9
	VT750C	Except California: RC440 XM1 California: RC441 XM1
	VT750CD	Except California: RC443 XM1 California: RC444 XM1
	VT750CD2	Except California: RC446 XM1 California: RC447 XM1
2000	VT600	Except California: PC210 YK or YM California: PC211 YK or YM
	VT600CD	Except California: PC213 YK or YM California: PC214 YK or YM
	VT600CD2	Except California: PC216 YK or YM California: PC217 YK or YM
	VT750C	Except California: RC440 YK or YK California: RC441 YM or YK
	VT750CD	Except California: RC443 YM or YK California: RC444 YM or YK
	VT750CD2	Except California: RC446 YM or YK California: RC447 YM or YK
2001	VT600C	Except California: PC210 1K or 1M California: PC211 1K or 1M
	VT600CD	Except California: PC213 1K or 1M California: PC214 1K or 1M
	VT750CD	Except California: RC443 1K California: RC444 1K
	VT750CD2	Except California: RC446 1K California: RC447 1K
	VT750DC	Except California: RC440 1K California: RC441 1K
2002	VT600C	Except California: PC210 2K or 2M California: PC211 2K or 2M
	VT600CD	Except California: PC213 2K or 2M California: PC214 2K or 2M
	VT750CD, VT750CD2	<i>Not available at time of printing</i>
	VT750DC	Except California: RC440 2M California: RC441 2M
2003	VT600C	Except California: PC210 3K or 3M California: PC211 3K or 3M
	VT600CD	Except California: PC213 3K or 3M California: PC214 3K or 3M
	VT750CD, VT750CD2	<i>Not available at time of printing</i>
	VT750DCA	Except California: RC440 3M California: RC441 3M
	VT750DCB	Except California: RC445 3M California: RC448 3M

## Buying parts

Once you have found all the identification numbers, record them for reference when buying parts. Since the manufacturers change specifications, parts and vendors (companies that manufacture various components on the machine), providing the ID numbers is the only way to be reasonably sure that you are buying the correct parts.

Whenever possible, take the worn part to the dealer so direct comparison with the new component can be made. Along the trail from the manufacturer to the parts shelf, there are numerous places that the part can end up with the wrong number or be listed incorrectly.

The two places to purchase new parts for your motorcycle - the accessory store and the franchised dealer - differ in the type of parts

they carry. While dealers can obtain virtually every part for your motorcycle, the accessory dealer is usually limited to normal high wear items such as shock absorbers, tune-up parts, various engine gaskets, cables, chains, brake parts, etc. Rarely will an accessory outlet have major suspension components, cylinders, transmission gears, or cases.

Used parts can be obtained for roughly half the price of new ones, but you can't always be sure of what you're getting. Once again, take your worn part to the wrecking yard (breaker) for direct comparison.

Whether buying new, used or rebuilt parts, the best course is to deal directly with someone who specializes in parts for your particular make.