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OWNER'S MANUAL

CFT125M

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Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of a new Honda vehicle. Your selection of a Honda makes you part of a worldwide family of satisfied customers who appreciate Honda's reputation for building quality into every product.

To ensure your safety and riding pleasure:

- Read this owner's manual carefully.
- Follow all recommendations and procedures contained in this manual.
- Pay close attention to safety messages contained in this manual and on the vehicle.

- The following codes in this manual indicate the country.
- The illustrations here in are based on the CFT125MRC PH type.

Country Codes

Code	Country
CFT125MS	
PH	Philippines
II PH	Philippines
NZ	New Zealand
CFT125MR	
PH	Philippines
CFT125MRC	
PH	Philippines

A Few Words About Safety

Your safety, and the safety of others, is very important. Operating this vehicle safely is an important responsibility.
To help you make informed decisions about safety, we have provided operating procedures and other information on safety labels and in this manual. This information alerts you to potential hazards that could hurt you or others.
Of course, it is not practical or possible to warn you about all hazards associated with operating or maintaining a vehicle. You must use your own good judgement.

You will find important safety information in a variety of forms, including:

- Safety labels on the vehicle
- Safety Messages preceded by a safety alert symbol ⚠ and one of three signal words: DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION. These signal words mean:

⚠DANGER

You WILL be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.

⚠WARNING

You CAN be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.

⚠CAUTION

You CAN be HURT if you don't follow instructions.

Other important information is provided under the following titles:

NOTICE Information to help you avoid damage to your vehicle, other property, or the environment.

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Vehicle Safety

This section contains important information for safe riding of your vehicle.
Please read this section carefully.

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Safety Guidelines

Follow these guidelines to enhance your safety:

- Perform all routine and regular inspections specified in this manual.
- Stop the engine and keep sparks and flame away before filling the fuel tank.
- Do not run the engine in enclosed or partly enclosed areas. Carbon monoxide in exhaust gases is toxic and can kill you.

Always Wear a Helmet

It's a proven fact: helmets and protective apparel significantly reduce the number and severity of head and other injuries. So always wear an approved helmet and protective apparel. ➡P. 8

Before Riding

Make sure that you are physically fit, mentally focused and free of alcohol and drugs. Check that you and your passenger are both wearing an approved helmet and protective apparel. Instruct your passenger on holding onto the grab rail or your waist, leaning with you in turns, and keeping their feet on the footpegs, even when the vehicle is stopped.

Take Time to Learn & Practice

Even if you have ridden other vehicles, practice riding in a safe area to become familiar with how this vehicle works and handles, and to become accustomed to the vehicle's size and weight.

Ride Defensively

Always pay attention to other vehicles around you, and do not assume that other drivers see you. Be prepared to stop quickly or perform an evasive maneuver.

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Make Yourself Easy to See

Make yourself more visible, especially at night, by wearing bright reflective clothing, positioning yourself so other drivers can see you, signaling before turning or changing lanes, and using your horn when necessary.

Ride within Your Limits

Never ride beyond your personal abilities or faster than conditions warrant. Fatigue and inattention can impair your ability to use good judgement and ride safely.

Don't Drink or Use Drugs and Ride

Alcohol or drugs and riding don't mix. Even one alcoholic drink can reduce your ability to respond to changing conditions, and your reaction time gets worse with every additional drink. The same is true for drug use. Don't drink or use and ride, and don't let your friends do it either.

Keep Your Honda in Safe Condition

It's important to keep your vehicle properly maintained and in safe riding condition. Inspect your vehicle before every ride and perform all recommended maintenance. Never exceed load limits (P. 14), and do not modify your vehicle or install accessories that would make your vehicle unsafe (P. 13).

If You are Involved in a Crash

Personal safety is your first priority. If you or anyone else has been injured, take time to assess the severity of the injuries and whether it is safe to continue riding. Call for emergency assistance if needed. Also follow applicable laws and regulations if another person or vehicle is involved in the crash.

If you decide to continue riding, first turn the ignition switch to the OFF position, and evaluate the condition of your vehicle. Inspect for fluid leaks, check the tightness of critical nuts and bolts, and check the handlebar, control levers, brakes, and wheels. Ride slowly and cautiously. Your vehicle may have suffered damage that is not immediately apparent. Have your vehicle thoroughly checked at a qualified service facility as soon as possible.

Carbon Monoxide Hazard

Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide, a colourless, odorless gas. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death.

If you run the engine in confined or even partly enclosed area, the air you breathe could contain a dangerous amount of carbon monoxide.
Never run your vehicle inside a garage or other enclosure.

⚠WARNING

Running the engine of your vehicle while in an enclosed or even partially enclosed area can cause a rapid build-up of toxic carbon monoxide gas.

Breathing this colourless, odorless gas can quickly cause unconsciousness and lead to death.

Only run your vehicle's engine when it is located in a well ventilated area outdoors.

Image Labels

The following pages describe the label meanings. Some labels warn you of potential hazards that could cause serious injury. Others provide important safety information. Read this information carefully and don't remove the labels.

If a label comes off or becomes hard to read, contact your dealer for a replacement.

There is a specific symbol on each label. The meanings of each symbol and label are as follows.



Read instructions contained in Owner's Manual carefully.



Read instructions contained in Shop Manual carefully. In the interest of safety, take the vehicle to be serviced only by your dealer.



DANGER (with RED background)
You WILL be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.
WARNING (with ORANGE background)
You CAN be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.
CAUTION (with YELLOW background)
You CAN be HURT if you don't follow instructions.





BATTERY LABEL
DANGER

- Keep flame and spark away from the battery. Battery produce explosive gas that can cause explosion.
- Wear the eye protection and rubber gloves when handling the battery, or you can get burned or lose your eyesight by the battery electrolyte.
- Do not allow children and other people to touch a battery unless they understand proper handling and hazards of the battery very well.
- Handle the battery electrolyte with extreme care as it contains dilute sulfuric acid. Contact with your skin or eyes can burn you or cause loss of your eyesight.
- Read this manual carefully and understand it before handling the battery. Neglect of the instructions can cause personal injury and damage to the vehicle.
- Do not use a battery with the electrolyte at or below the lower level mark. It can explode causing serious injury.

Safety Precautions

- Ride cautiously and keep your hands on the handlebar and feet on the footpegs.
- Keep passenger's hands onto the grab rail or your waist, passenger's feet on the footpegs while riding.
- Always consider the safety of your passenger, as well as other drivers and riders.

Protective Apparel

Make sure that you and any passenger are wearing an approved helmet, eye protection, and high-visibility protective clothing. Avoid wearing loose clothes that could get caught on any part of the vehicle. Ride defensively in response to weather and road conditions.

Helmet

Safety-standard certified, high-visibility, correct size for your head

- Must fit comfortably but securely, with the chin strap fastened.
- Face shield with unobstructed field of vision or other approved eye protection

⚠WARNING

Not wearing a helmet increases the chance of serious injury or death in a crash.

Make sure that you and any passenger always wear an approved helmet and protective apparel.

Gloves

Full-finger leather gloves with high abrasion resistance

Boots or Riding Shoes

Sturdy boots with non-slip soles and ankle protection

Jacket and Trousers

Protective, highly visible, long-sleeved jacket and durable trousers for riding (or a protective suit)

Riding Precautions

Running-in Period

During the first 500 km (300 miles) of running, follow these guidelines to ensure your vehicle's future reliability and performance.

- Avoid full-throttle starts and rapid acceleration.
- Avoid hard braking and rapid down-shifts.
- Ride conservatively.

Brakes

Observe the following guidelines:

- Avoid excessively hard braking and downshifting.
  - ▶ Sudden braking can reduce the vehicle's stability.
  - ▶ Where possible, reduce speed before turning; otherwise you risk sliding out.
- Exercise caution on low traction surfaces.
  - ▶ The tyres slip more easily on such surfaces and braking distances are longer.
- Avoid continuous braking.
  - ▶ Repeated braking, such as when descending long, steep slopes can seriously overheat the brakes, reducing their effectiveness. Use engine braking with intermittent use of the brakes to reduce speed.
- For full braking effectiveness, operate both the front and rear brakes together.

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Engine Braking

Engine braking helps slow your vehicle down when you release the throttle. For further slowing action, downshift to a lower gear. Use engine braking with intermittent use of the brakes to reduce speed when descending long, steep slopes.

Wet or Rainy Conditions

Road surfaces are slippery when wet, and wet brakes further reduce braking efficiency. Exercise extra caution when braking in wet conditions.
If the brakes get wet, apply the brakes while riding at low speed to help them dry.

Parking

- Park on a firm, level surface.
- If you must park on a slight incline or loose surface, park so that the vehicle cannot move or fall over.
- Make sure that high-temperature parts cannot come into contact with flammable materials.
- Do not touch the engine, muffler, brakes and other high-temperature parts until they cool down.
- To reduce the likelihood of theft, always lock the handlebar and remove the key when leaving the vehicle unattended.
  Use of an anti-theft device is also recommended.

Parking with the Side Stand or Centre Stand

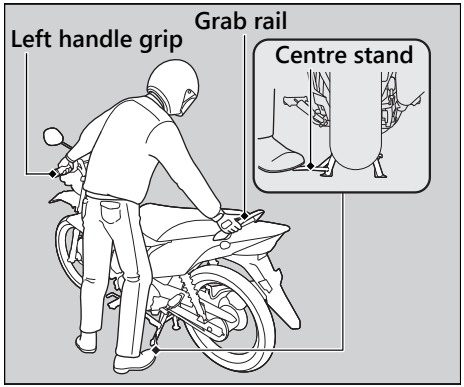
1. Stop the engine.
2. **Using the side stand**
   Push the side stand down.

Slowly lean the vehicle to the left until its weight rests on the side stand.

Using the centre stand

To lower the centre stand, stand on the left side of the vehicle.

Hold the left handle grip and the grab rail. Press down on the tip of the centre stand with your right foot and, simultaneously, pull up and back.



3. Turn the handlebar fully to the left.
   ▶ Turning the handlebar to the right reduces stability and may cause the vehicle to fall.
4. Turn the ignition switch to the LOCK position and remove the key. ➡ P. 26

Refuelling and Fuel Guidelines

Follow these guidelines to protect the engine, fuel system and catalytic converter:

- Use only unleaded petrol.
- Use recommended octane number. Using lower octane petrol will result in decreased engine performance.
- Do not use fuels containing a high concentration of alcohol. ➔P. 87
- Do not use stale or contaminated petrol or an oil/petrol mixture.
- Avoid getting dirt or water in the fuel tank.

Accessories & Modifications

We strongly advise that you do not add any accessories that were not specifically designed for your vehicle by Honda or make modifications to your vehicle from its original design. Doing so can make it unsafe. Modifying your vehicle may also void your warranty and make your vehicle illegal to operate on public roads. Before deciding to install accessories on your vehicle, be certain the modification is safe and legal.

⚠WARNING

Improper accessories or modifications can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Follow all instructions in this owner's manual regarding accessories and modifications.

Do not pull a trailer with, or attach a sidecar to, your vehicle. Your vehicle was not designed for these attachments, and their use can seriously impair your vehicle's handling.

Loading

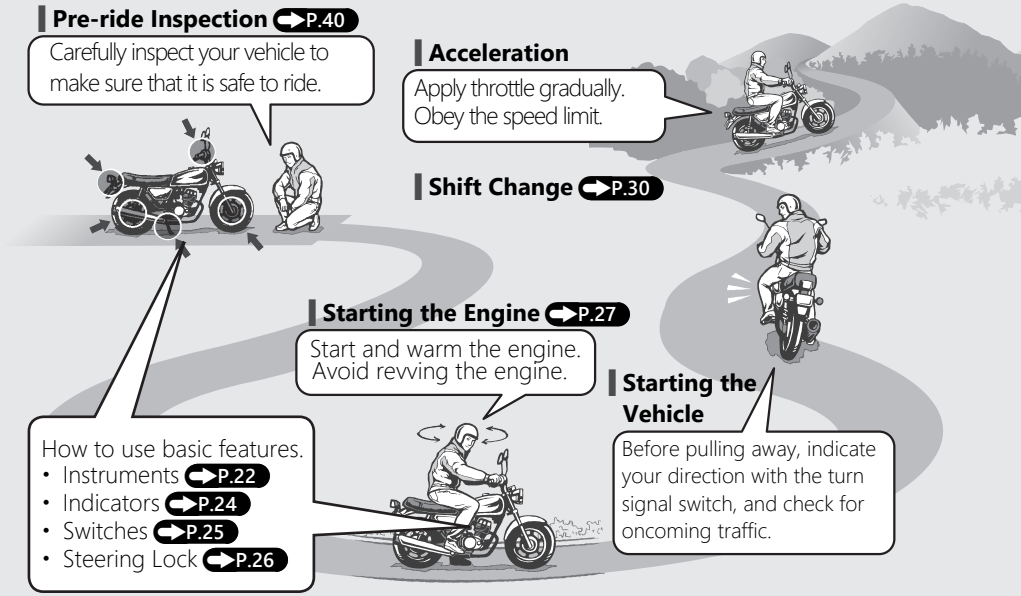
- Carrying extra weight affects your vehicle's handling, braking and stability.
  Always ride at a safe speed for the load you are carrying.
- Avoid carrying an excessive load and keep within specified load limits.
  Maximum weight capacity / Maximum luggage weight P. 89
- Tie all luggage securely, evenly balanced and close to the centre of the vehicle.
- Do not place objects near the lights or the muffler.

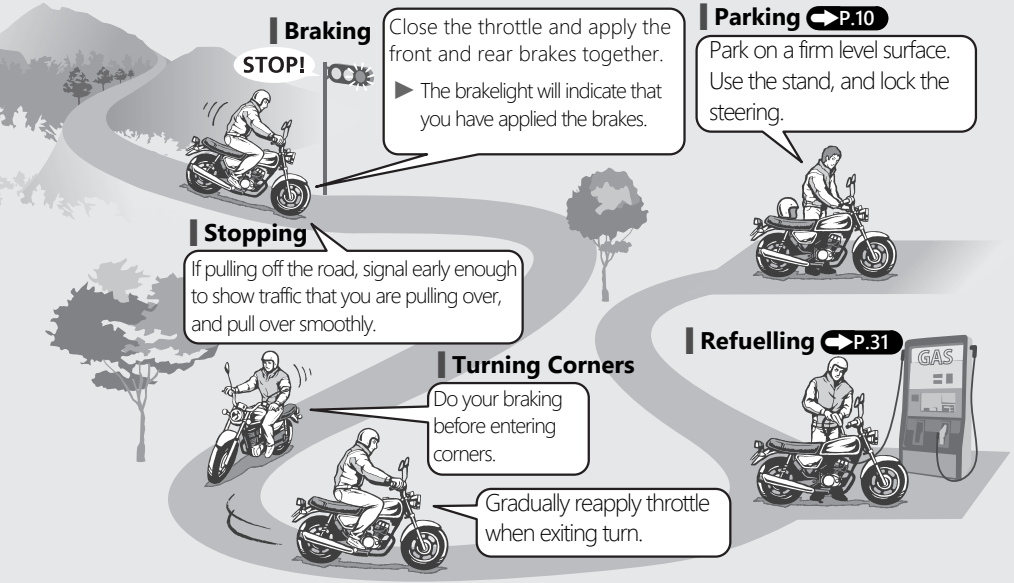
⚠WARNING

Overloading or improper loading can cause a crash and you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Follow all load limits and other loading guidelines in this manual.

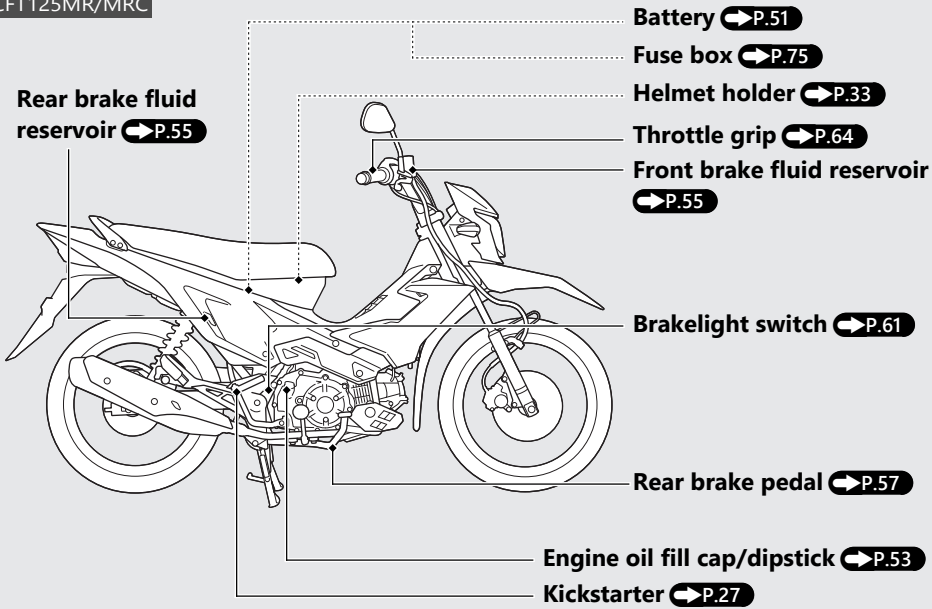
Basic Operation Flow

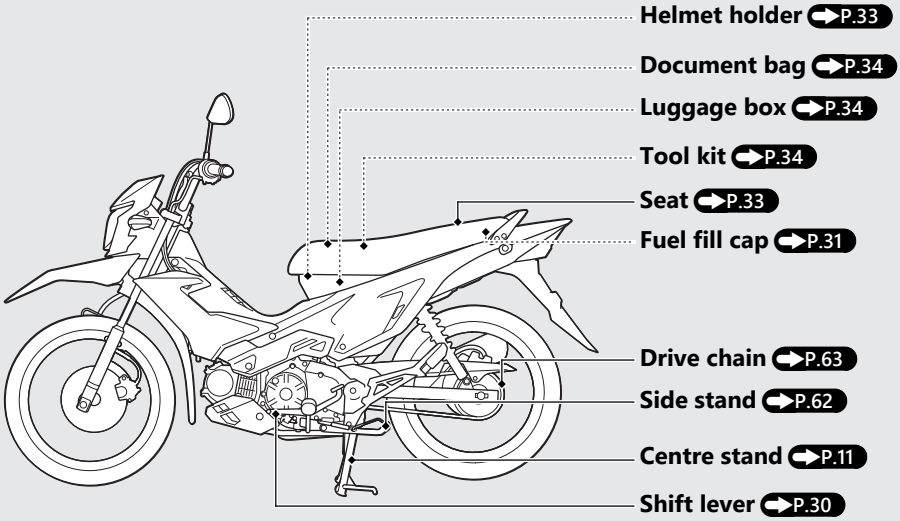



Braking
STOP!
Close the throttle and apply the front and rear brakes together.
▶ The brakelight will indicate that you have applied the brakes.
Parking P.10
Park on a firm level surface. Use the stand, and lock the steering.
Stopping
If pulling off the road, signal early enough to show traffic that you are pulling over, and pull over smoothly.
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Turning Corners
Do your braking before entering corners.
Gradually reapply throttle when exiting turn.

Parts Location

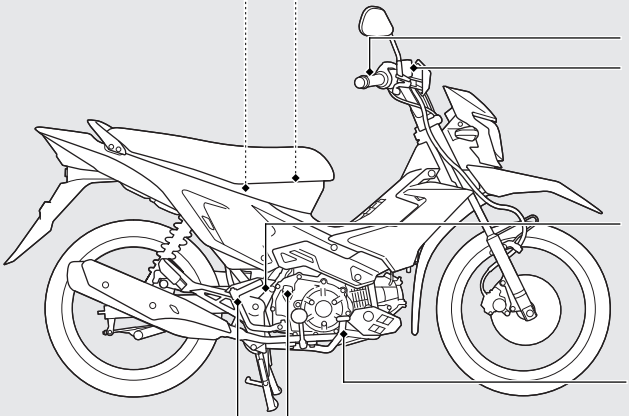
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Throttle grip P.64

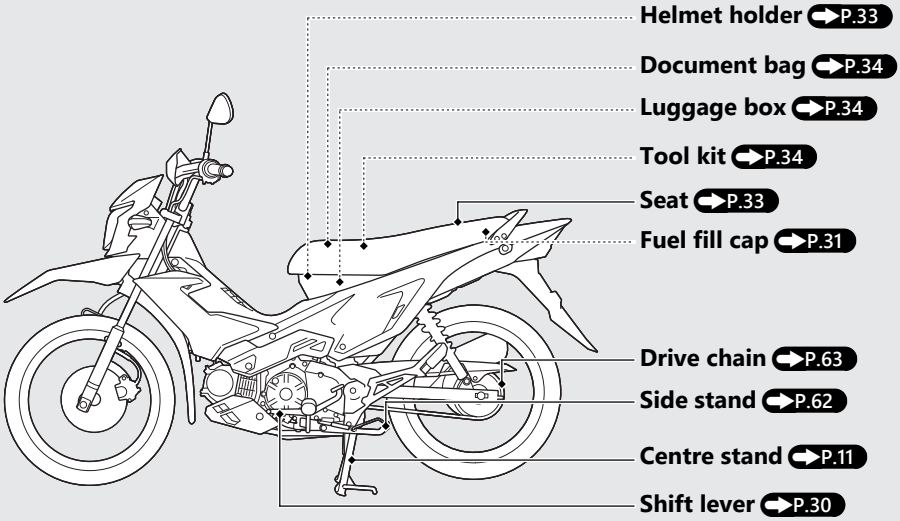
Front brake fluid reservoir P.55

Brakelight switch P.61

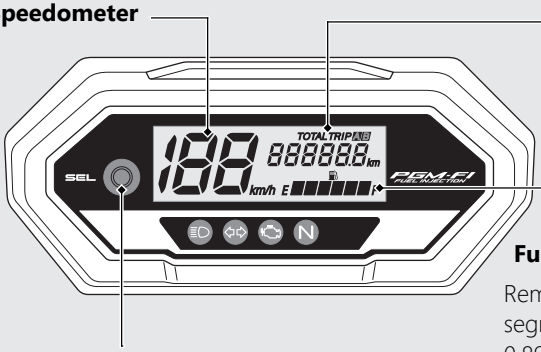
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Instruments



Fuel gauge



Remaining fuel when only the 1st (E) segment start flashing: approximately 0.89 L (0.235 US gal, 0.196 Imp gal).

If the fuel gauge indicator flashes in a repeat pattern or turns off:

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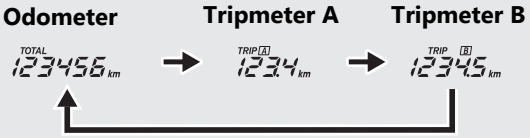
Display Check

When the ignition switch is turned on, all the mode and digital segments will show. If any part of these displays does not come on when it should, have your dealer check for problems.

Odometer [TOTAL] / Tripmeter [TRIP A/B]

SEL button switches between the odometer and tripmeters.
• Odometer: Total distance ridden.
When "------" is displayed, go to your dealer for service.
• Tripmeter: Distance ridden since tripmeter was reset.
(To reset tripmeter, press and hold SEL button to reset to 0.0 km).
When "----.-" is displayed, go to your dealer for service.

SEL button selects the odometer, tripmeter A and tripmeter B.



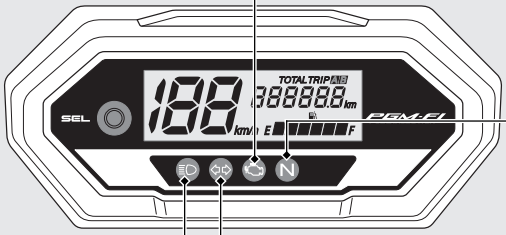
Indicators

If one of these indicators does not come on when it should, have your dealer check for problems.

PGM-FI (Programmed Fuel Injection) malfunction indicator lamp (MIL)

Comes on briefly when the ignition switch is turned to the ON position.

If it comes on while engine is running: P.67



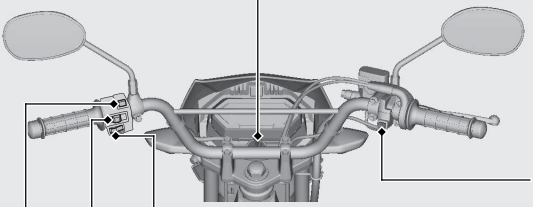
Neutral indicator

Comes on when the transmission is in Neutral.

Turn signal indicator

High beam indicator

Switches



Ignition switch

Switches the electrical system on/off, locks the steering.

▶ Key can be removed when in the OFF or LOCK position.

Start button

Horn button

Turn signal switch

▶ Pressing the switch turns the turn signal off.

Headlight dimmer switch

- : High beam
- : Low beam

ON

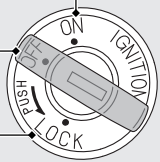
Turns electrical system on for starting/riding.

OFF

Turns engine off.

LOCK

Locks steering.

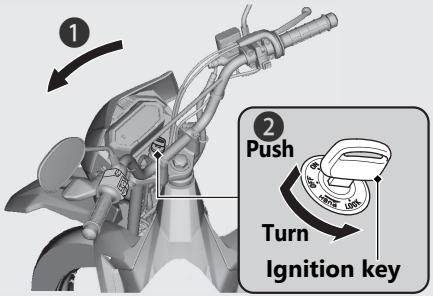


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Steering Lock

Lock the steering when parking to help prevent theft.

A U-shaped wheel lock or similar device is also recommended.



Locking

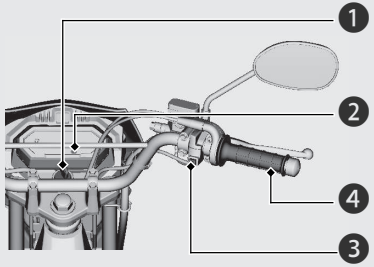
1. Turn the handlebars all the way to the left or right.
2. Push the key down, and turn the ignition switch to the LOCK position.
   - ► Jiggle the handlebars if the lock is difficult to engage.
3. Remove the key.

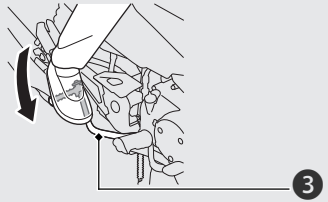
Unlocking

Insert the key, and turn the ignition switch to the OFF position.

Starting the Engine

Start your engine using the following procedure, regardless of whether the engine is cold or warm.





NOTICE

- If the engine does not start within 5 seconds, turn the ignition switch to the OFF position and wait 10 seconds before trying to start the engine again to recover battery voltage.
- Extended fast idling and revving the engine can damage the engine, and the exhaust system.
- Do not operate the kickstarter while the engine is running as engine damage could result. Do not apply excessive force on the kickstarter.
- Fold up the kickstarter after the kickstarter is returned to the pedal stop.

Consult your dealer for advice if you plan to ride your vehicle at an altitude above 2,500 m (8,000 feet).

NOTICE

If the vehicle is transported to a place 2,000 m (6,500 feet) higher or lower than the start point, you may not be able to achieve sufficient engine performance at the new altitude. Consult your dealer before transporting your vehicle.

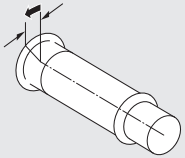
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Starting the Engine *(Continued)*

1. Turn the ignition switch to the ON position.
2. Shift the transmission to Neutral (N indicator comes on).
3. **Using the start button**
   With the throttle completely closed. Press the start button.
   Using the kickstarter
   Lightly depress the kickstarter until resistance is felt.
   Then let the kickstarter return to the top of its stroke.
   With the throttle completely closed.
   Operate the kickstarter starting from the top of the stroke, kick through to the bottom with a rapid, continuous motion.
4. Warm up the engine by opening and closing the throttle slightly.

If you cannot start the engine:
Open the throttle slightly (about 3 mm (0.1 in), without freeplay).

About 3 mm (0.1 in), without freeplay



If the engine does not start:

① Turn the ignition switch to the OFF position.
② Open the throttle fully.
③ Crank the engine several times with the kickstarter.
④ Repeat the starting procedure.
⑤ If the engine starts, open the throttle slightly if idling is unstable.
⑥ If the engine does not start, wait 10 seconds before trying steps ①-④ again.

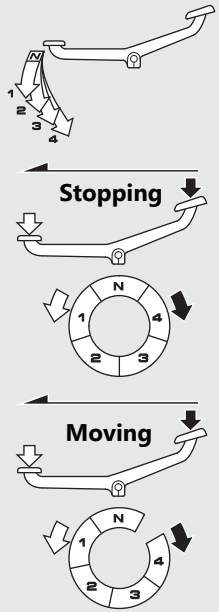
If Engine Will Not Start P.66

Shifting Gears

Your vehicle transmission has four forward gears.
The gearshift operation differs when stopping and when moving.
When stopping, change can be made from 4th to neutral directly with the 4-step rotary system.
When moving, the forward 4-step return system is used.
Change cannot be made from 4th to neutral directly.

- ▶ Always return the throttle grip first before changing gear.
- ▶ Operate lightly with the tips of your toes until the shift lever is pushed down.
- ▶ Avoid changing gear needlessly and riding with your foot on the shift lever since this may damage the gear change mechanism and clutch mechanism.

Proper shifting can prevent damaging the engine and transmission.



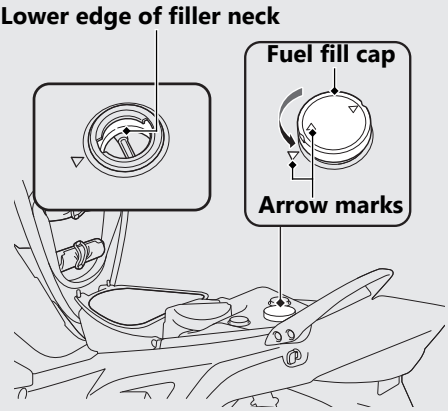
Refuelling

Fuel type: Unleaded petrol only
Fuel octane number: Your vehicle is designed to use Research Octane Number (RON) 91 or higher.
Tank capacity: 3.9 L (1.03 US gal, 0.86 Imp gal)

Refuelling and Fuel Guidelines P.12

Opening the Fuel Fill Cap

1. Open the seat. P.33
2. Turn the fuel fill cap counterclockwise until it stops and remove the fuel fill cap.



Do not fill with fuel above the lower edge of the filler neck.

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Closing the Fuel Fill Cap

① Install and tighten the fuel fill cap firmly by turning it clockwise.

▶ Make sure that the arrow marks on the fuel fill cap and fuel tank is aligned.

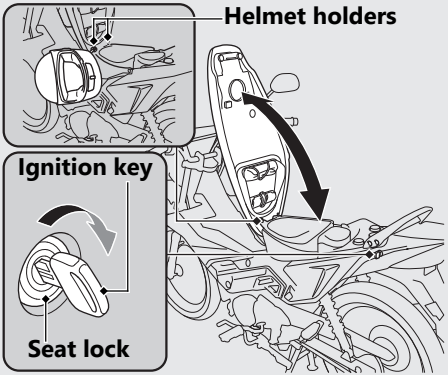
② Close the seat.

⚠WARNING

Petrol is highly flammable and explosive. You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.

- Stop the engine, and keep heat, sparks, and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
- Wipe up spills immediately.

Storage Equipment



To open the seat
Insert the ignition key into the seat lock and turn it clockwise to unlock.

To close the seat
Close and push down on the rear of the seat until it locks. Make sure that the seat is locked securely to pull it up lightly.

Helmet Holder
The helmet holders are located under the seat.
► Use the helmet holders only when parked.

⚠WARNING

Riding with a helmet attached to the holder can interfere with your ability to safely operate the vehicle and could lead to a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Use the helmet holder only while parked. Do not ride with a helmet secured by the holder.

Storage Equipment *(Continued)*

Luggage Box

Never exceed the maximum weight limit.

Maximum Weight: 5 kg (11 lb)

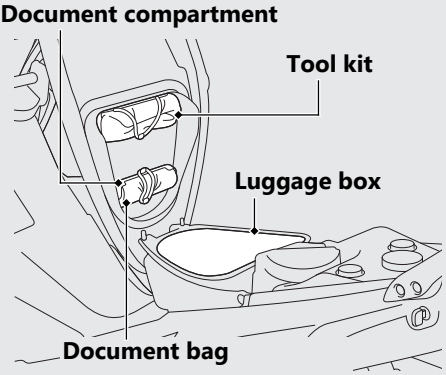
- ▶ Do not store any items that are flammable or susceptible to heat damage.
- ▶ Do not store valuables or fragile articles.

Document Bag

The document bag is in the document compartment in the reverse side of the seat.

Tool Kit

The tool kit is in the reverse side of the seat.



Maintenance

Please read “Importance of Maintenance” and “Maintenance Fundamentals” carefully before attempting any maintenance. Refer to “Specifications” for service data.

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Importance of Maintenance

Keeping your vehicle well-maintained is absolutely essential to your safety and to protect your investment, obtain maximum performance, avoid breakdowns, and reduce air pollution. Maintenance is the owner's responsibility. Be sure to inspect your vehicle before each ride, and perform the periodic checks specified in the Maintenance Schedule.
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⚠WARNING

Improperly maintaining your vehicle or failing to correct a problem before you ride can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always follow the inspection and maintenance recommendations and schedules in this owner's manual.

Maintenance Safety

Always read the maintenance instructions before you begin each task, and make sure that you have the tools, parts, and skills required. We cannot warn you of every conceivable hazard that can arise in performing maintenance. Only you can decide whether or not you should perform a given task.

Follow these guidelines when performing maintenance.

- Stop the engine and remove the key.
- Place your vehicle on a firm, level surface using the side stand, centre stand or a maintenance stand to provide support.
- Allow the engine, muffler, brakes, and other high-temperature parts to cool before servicing as you can get burned.
- Run the engine only when instructed, and do so in a well-ventilated area.

Maintenance Schedule

The maintenance schedule specifies the maintenance requirements necessary to ensure safe, dependable performance, and proper emission control.

Maintenance work should be performed in accordance with Honda's standards and specifications by properly trained and equipped technicians. Your dealer meets all of these requirements. Keep an accurate record of maintenance to help ensure that your vehicle is properly maintained.
Make sure that whomever performs the maintenance completes this record.

All scheduled maintenance is considered a normal owner operating cost and will be charged to you by your dealer. Retain all receipts. If you sell the vehicle, these receipts should be transferred with the vehicle to the new owner.

Honda recommends that your dealer should road test your vehicle after each periodic maintenance is carried out.

Continued

Items		Pre-ride Check ➡ P. 40	Frequency *1								Annual Check	Regular Replace	Refer to page
			× 1,000 km	1	6	12	18	24	30	36			
			× 1,000 mi	0.6	4	8	12	16	20	24			
Fuel Line	🔧				I	I	I	I	I	I	I		–
Fuel Level		I											–
Throttle Operation	🔧	I			I	I	I	I	I	I	I		64
Air Cleaner *2	🔧						R			R			–
Crankcase Breather *3					C	C	C	C	C	C			–
Spark Plug					I	R	I	R	I	R			–
Valve Clearance	🔧				I	I	I	I	I	I			–
Engine Oil		I		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		55
Engine Oil Strainer Screen	✕					C		C		C			–
Engine Oil Centrifugal Filter	✕					C		C		C			–
Engine Idle Speed	🔧		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		–
Drive Chain		I	Every 500 km (300 mi): I L										63

Maintenance Level

🔧 : Intermediate. We recommend service by your dealer, unless you have the necessary tools and are mechanically skilled.
Procedures are provided in an official Honda Shop Manual.

✕ : Technical. In the interest of safety, have your vehicle serviced by your dealer.

Maintenance Legend

I : Inspect (clean, adjust, lubricate, or replace, if necessary)
C : Clean
L : Lubricate
R : Replace

Items		Pre-ride Check ➡ P. 40	Frequency *1								Annual Check	Regular Replace	Refer to page
			× 1,000 km	1	6	12	18	24	30	36			
			× 1,000 mi	0.6	4	8	12	16	20	24			
Brake Fluid *4		I			I	I	I	I	I	I	I	2 Years	55
Brake Pads Wear (CFT125MR/MRC)		I			I	I	I	I	I	I	I		56
Brake Shoes/Pads Wear (CFT125MS)		I			I	I	I	I	I	I	I		56, 60
Brake System (CFT125MR/MRC)				I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		55
Brake System (CFT125MS)		I		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		55
Brakelight Switch					I	I	I	I	I	I	I		61
Headlight Aim					I	I	I	I	I	I	I		–
Lights/Horn		I											–
Clutch System				I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		–
Side Stand					I	I	I	I	I	I	I		62
Suspension					I	I	I	I	I	I	I		–
Nuts, Bolts, Fasteners				I		I		I		I	I		–
Wheels/Tyres		I			I	I	I	I	I	I	I		47
Steering Head Bearings						I		I		I	I		–

Notes:

*1 : At higher odometer reading, repeat at the frequency interval established here.

*2 : Service more frequently when riding in unusually wet or dusty areas.

*3 : Service more frequently when riding in rain or at full throttle.

*4 : Replacement requires mechanical skill.

Pre-ride Inspection

To ensure safety, it is your responsibility to perform a pre-ride inspection and make sure that any problem you find is corrected. A pre-ride inspection is a must, not only for safety, but because having a breakdown, or even a flat tyre, can be a major inconvenience.

Check the following items before you get on your vehicle:

- Fuel level - Fill fuel tank when necessary. ➔P. 31
- Throttle - Check for smooth opening and full closing in all steering positions. ➔P. 64
- Engine oil level - Add engine oil if necessary. Check for leaks. ➔P. 53
- Drive chain - Check condition and slack, adjust and lubricate if necessary. ➔P. 63
- Brakes - Check operation;
  CFT125MR/MRC
  Front and Rear: check brake fluid level and pads wear. ➔P. 55, ➔P. 56
  CFT125MS
  Front: check brake fluid level and pads wear. ➔P. 55, ➔P. 56
  Rear: check shoes wear and freeplay, adjust if necessary. ➔P. 57, ➔P. 60
- Lights and horn - Check that lights, indicators and horn function properly.
- Wheels and tyres - Check condition, air pressure and adjust if necessary. ➔P. 47

Replacing Parts

Always use Honda Genuine Parts or their equivalents to ensure reliability and safety.

⚠WARNING

Installing non-Honda parts may make your vehicle unsafe and cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always use Honda Genuine Parts or equivalents that have been designed and approved for your vehicle.

Battery

Your vehicle has a maintenance-free type battery. You do not have to check the battery electrolyte level or add distilled water. Clean the battery terminals if they become dirty or corroded.

Do not remove the battery cap seals. There is no need to remove the cap when charging.

NOTICE

Your battery is a maintenance-free type and can be permanently damaged if the cap strip is removed.

NOTICE

An improperly disposed of battery can be harmful to the environment and human health. Always confirm local regulations for proper battery disposal instruction.

What to do in an emergency

If any of the following occur, immediately see your doctor.

- Electrolyte splashes into your eyes:
  - ▶ Wash your eyes repeatedly with cool water for at least 15 minutes. Using water under pressure can damage your eyes.
- Electrolyte splashes onto your skin:
  - ▶ Remove affected clothing and wash your skin thoroughly using water.
- Electrolyte splashes into your mouth:
  - ▶ Rinse mouth thoroughly with water, and do not swallow.

⚠WARNING

The battery gives off explosive hydrogen gas during normal operation.

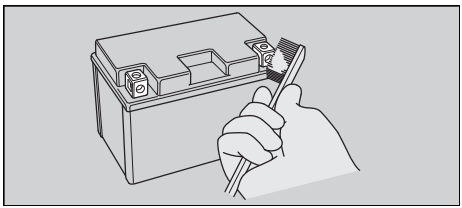
A spark or flame can cause the battery to explode with enough force to kill or seriously hurt you.

Wear protective clothing and a face shield, or have a skilled mechanic do the battery servicing.

Cleaning the Battery Terminals

1. Remove the battery. P. 51
2. If the terminals are starting to corrode and are coated with a white substance, wash with warm water and wipe clean.

3. If the terminals are heavily corroded, clean and polish the terminals with a wire brush or sandpaper. Wear safety glasses.



4. After cleaning, reinstall the battery.

The battery has a limited life span. Consult your dealer about when you should replace the battery. Always replace the battery with another maintenance-free battery of the same type.

NOTICE

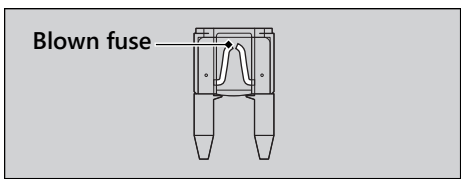
Installing non-Honda electrical accessories can overload the electrical system, discharging the battery and possibly damaging the system.

Fuses

Fuses protect the electrical circuits on your vehicle. If something electrical on your vehicle stops working, check for and replace any blown fuses. ➡ P. 75

Inspecting and Replacing Fuses

Turn the ignition switch to the OFF position to remove and inspect fuses. If a fuse is blown, replace with a fuse of the same rating. For fuse ratings, see "Specifications." ➡ P. 91



NOTICE

Replacing a fuse with one that has a higher rating greatly increases the chance of damage to the electrical system.

If a fuse fails repeatedly, you likely have an electrical fault. Have your vehicle inspected by your dealer.

Engine Oil

Engine oil consumption varies and oil quality deteriorates according to riding conditions and time elapsed.
Check the engine oil level regularly, and add the recommended engine oil if necessary. Dirty oil or old oil should be changed as soon as possible.

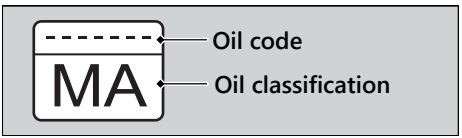
Selecting the Engine Oil

For recommended engine oil, see "Specifications." ➡ P. 90

If you use non-Honda engine oil, check the label to make sure that the oil satisfies all of the following standards:

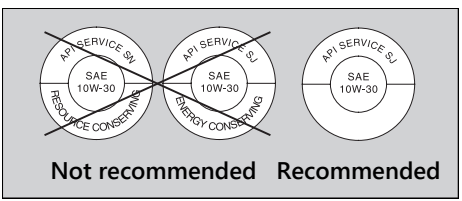
- JASO T 903 standard*1: MA
- SAE standard*2: 10W-30
- API classification*3: SG or higher

*1. The JASO T 903 standard is an index for engine oils for 4-stroke motorcycle engines. There are two classes: MA and MB. For example, the following label shows the MA classification.



*2. The SAE standard grades oils by their viscosity.

*3. The API classification specifies the quality and performance rating of engine oils. Use SG or higher oils, excluding oils marked as "Energy Conserving" or "Resource Conserving" on the circular API service symbol.



Brake Fluid

Do not add or replace brake fluid, except in an emergency. Use only fresh brake fluid from a sealed container. If you do add fluid, have the brake system serviced by your dealer as soon as possible.

NOTICE
Brake fluid can damage plastic and painted surfaces.
Wipe up spills immediately and wash thoroughly.

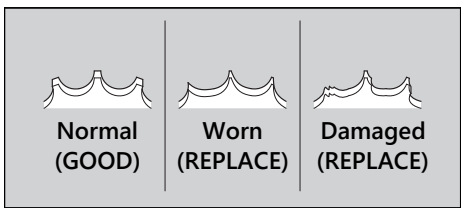
Recommended brake fluid:
Honda DOT 3 or DOT 4 Brake Fluid or equivalent

Drive Chain

The drive chain must be inspected and lubricated regularly. Inspect the chain more frequently if you often ride on bad roads, ride at high speed, or ride with repeated fast acceleration. P. 63

If the chain does not move smoothly, makes strange noises, has damaged rollers, has loose pins, or kinks, have the chain inspected by your dealer.

Also inspect the drive sprocket and driven sprocket. If either has worn or damaged teeth, have the sprocket replaced by your dealer.

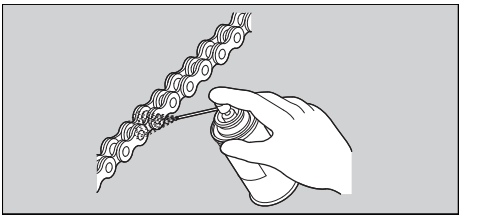


NOTICE
Use of a new chain with worn sprockets will cause rapid chain wear.

Cleaning and Lubricating

After inspecting the slack, clean the chain and sprockets while rotating the rear wheel. Use a dry cloth with high flash-point solvent. Use a soft brush if the chain is dirty.
After cleaning, wipe dry and lubricate with the recommended lubricant.

Recommended lubricant:
Drive chain lubricant
If not available, use SAE 80 or 90 gear oil.



Never use petrol or low flash point solvents for cleaning the drive chain.
A fire or explosion could result.
Avoid getting lubricant on the brakes or tyres.
Avoid applying excess chain lubricant to prevent spray onto your clothes and the vehicle.

Crankcase Breather

Service more frequently when riding in rain, at full throttle, or after the vehicle is washed or overturned. Service if the deposit level can be seen in the transparent section of the drain tube.

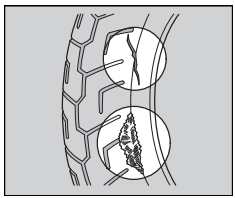
If the drain tube overflows, the air filter may become contaminated with engine oil causing poor engine performance.

Tyres (Inspecting/Replacing)

Checking the Air Pressure

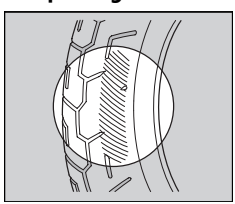
Visually inspect your tyres and use an air pressure gauge to measure the air pressure at least once a month or any time you think the tyres look low. Always check air pressure when your tyres are cold.

Inspecting for Damage



Inspect the tyres for cuts, slits, or cracks that exposes fabric or cords, or nails or other foreign objects embedded in the side of the tyre or the tread. Also inspect for any unusual bumps or bulges in the side walls of the tyres.

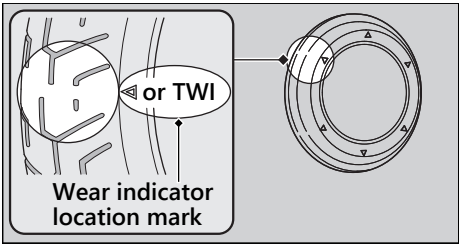
Inspecting for Abnormal Wear



Inspect the tyres for signs of abnormal wear on the contact surface.

Inspecting Tread Depth

Inspect the tread wear indicators. If they become visible, replace the tyres immediately.



⚠WARNING

Riding on tyres that are excessively worn or improperly inflated can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Follow all instructions in this owner's manual regarding tyre inflation and maintenance.

Have your tyres replaced by your dealer.
For recommended tyres and air pressure, see "Specifications." ➡ P. 90
Follow these guidelines whenever you replace tyres.

- Use the recommended tyres or equivalents of the same size, construction, speed rating, and load range.
- Remember to replace the inner tube whenever you replace a tyre. The old tube will probably be stretched, and it could fail if installed in a new tyre.

⚠WARNING

Installing improper tyres on your vehicle can adversely affect handling and stability, and can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always use the size and type of tyres recommended in this owner's manual.

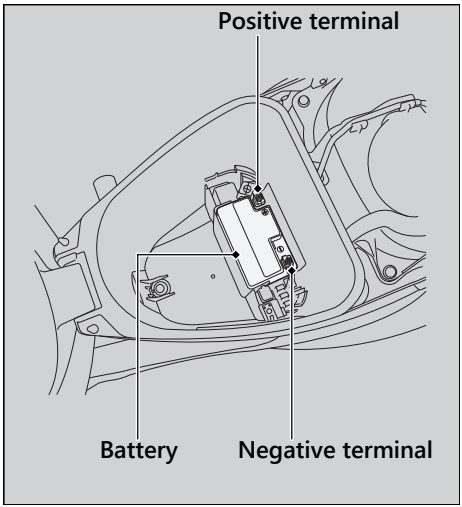
Tool

The tool kit is stored in the reverse side of the seat. ➔P. 34

You can perform some roadside repairs, minor adjustments and parts replacement with the provided tools.

- Spark plug wrench
- 10 x 14 mm Open end wrench
- Standard/Phillips screwdriver
- Screwdriver handle

Battery



Removal

Make sure the ignition switch is in the OFF position.

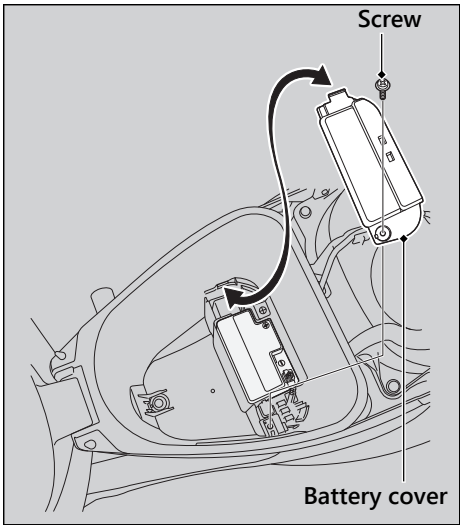
1. Open the seat. P. 33
2. Remove the battery cover. P. 52
3. Disconnect the negative ⊖ terminal from the battery.
4. Disconnect the positive ⊕ terminal from the battery.
5. Remove the battery taking care not to drop the terminal nuts.

Installation

Install the parts in the reverse order of removal. Always connect the positive ⊕ terminal first. Make sure that bolts and nuts are tight.

For proper handling of the battery, see
"Maintenance Fundamentals." P. 41
"Battery Goes Dead." P. 70

Battery Cover



Removal

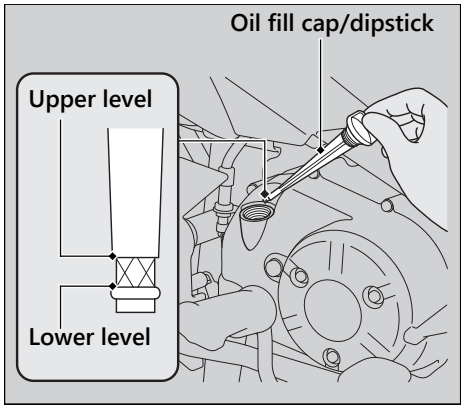
1. Open the seat. P. 33
2. Remove the screw.
3. Remove the battery cover.

Installation

Install the parts in the reverse order of removal.

Checking the Engine Oil

1. If the engine is cold, idle the engine for 3 to 5 minutes.
2. Turn the ignition switch to the OFF position and wait for 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Place your vehicle on its centre stand on a firm, level surface.
4. Remove the oil fill cap/dipstick and wipe it clean.
5. Insert the oil fill cap/dipstick until it seats, but don't screw it in.
6. Check that the oil level is between the upper level and lower level marks on the oil fill cap/dipstick.
7. Securely install the oil fill cap/dipstick.



Adding Engine Oil

If the engine oil is below or near the lower level mark, add the recommended engine oil.
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1. Remove the oil fill cap/dipstick. Add the recommended oil until it reaches the upper level mark.
   ▶ Place your vehicle on its centre stand on a firm, level surface when checking the oil level.
   ▶ Do not overfill above the upper level mark.
   ▶ Make sure no foreign objects enter the oil filler opening.
   ▶ Wipe up any spills immediately.
2. Securely reinstall the oil fill cap/dipstick.

NOTICE
Overfilling with oil or operating with insufficient oil can cause damage to your engine. Do not mix different brands and grades of oil. They may affect lubrication and clutch operation.

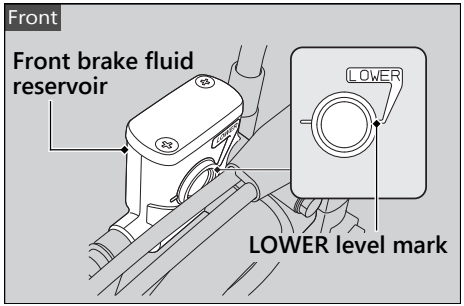
For the recommended oil and oil selection guidelines, see "Maintenance Fundamentals."
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Checking Brake Fluid

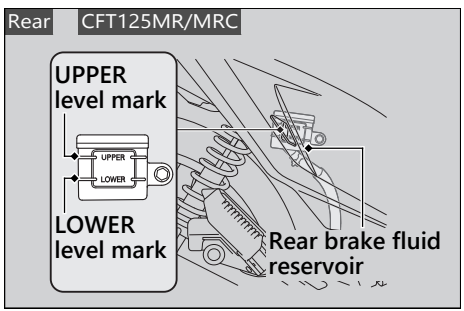
1. Place your vehicle in an upright position on a firm, level surface.
2. Front Check that the brake fluid reservoir is horizontal and that the fluid level is above the LOWER level mark.
   CFT125MR/MRC
   Rear Check that the brake fluid reservoir is horizontal and that the fluid level is between the LOWER level and UPPER level marks.

If the brake fluid level in either reservoir is below the LOWER level mark or the brake lever and pedal freeplay becomes excessive, inspect the brake pads for wear.
If the brake pads are not worn, you most likely have a leak. Have your vehicle inspected by your dealer.

Front



Rear CFT125MR/MRC

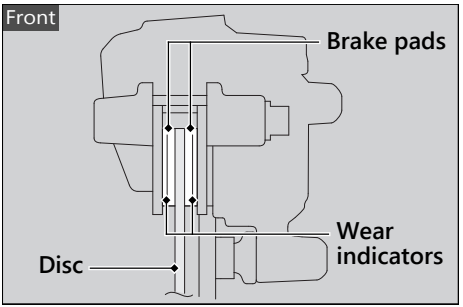


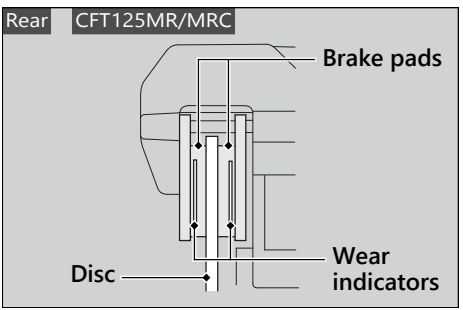
Inspecting the Brake Pads

Check the condition of the brake pad wear indicators.
The pads need to be replaced if a brake pad is worn to the indicator.

1. Front Inspect the brake pads from the rear of the brake caliper.
2. CFT125MR/MRC
   Rear Inspect the brake pads from the rear of the brake caliper.

If necessary have the pads replaced by your dealer.
Always replace both left and right brake pads at the same time.



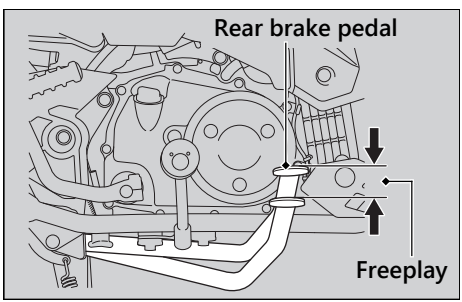


Inspecting the Rear Brake Pedal Freeplay

CFT125MS

1. Place your vehicle on its centre stand on a firm, level surface.
2. Measure the distance the rear brake pedal moves before the brake takes hold.

Freeplay at the tip of the brake pedal:
20 - 30 mm (0.8 - 1.2 in)

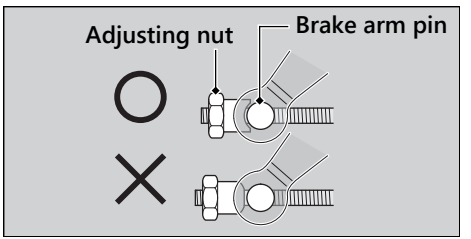


Make sure the brake rod, brake arm, spring and fastener are in good condition.

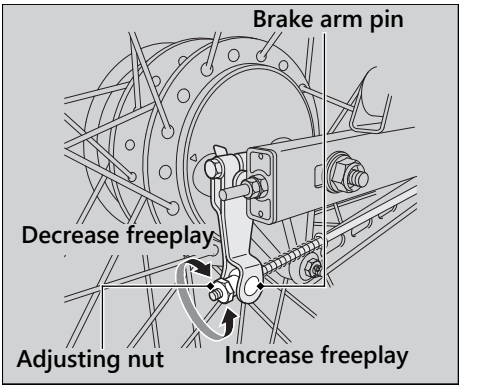
Adjusting the Rear Brake Pedal Freeplay

CFT125MS

Make sure the cut-out on the adjusting nut is seated on the brake arm pin when adjusting the freeplay.

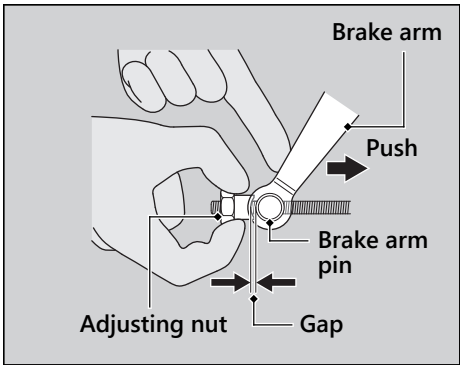


If proper adjustment cannot be obtained by this method, see your dealer.



1. Adjust by turning the rear brake adjusting nut a half-turn at a time.
2. Apply the brake several times and check for free wheel rotation after the brake pedal is released.

3. Push the brake arm to confirm that there is a gap between the rear brake adjusting nut and brake arm pin.



After adjustment, confirm the freeplay of the brake pedal.

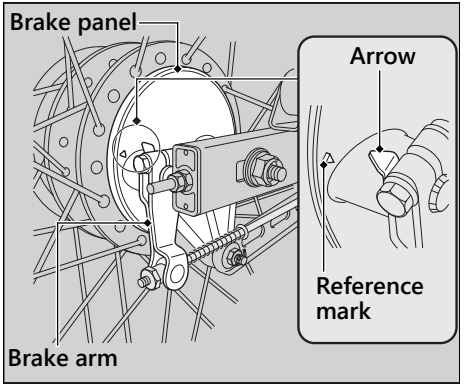
Make sure the brake rod, brake arm, spring and fastener are in good condition.

NOTICE
Do not turn the adjuster beyond its natural limits.

Inspecting the Rear Brake Shoe Wear

CFT125MS

The rear brake is equipped with a brake wear indicator.

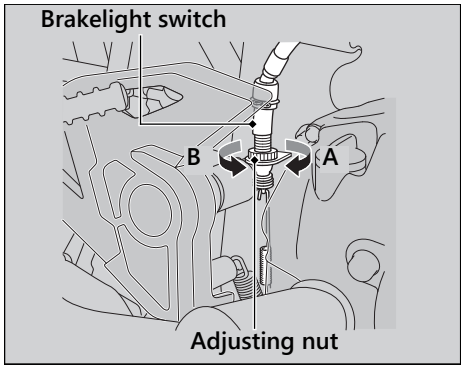


When the brake is applied, an arrow attached to the brake arm moves toward a reference mark on the brake panel. If the arrow aligns with the reference mark on full application of the brake, the brake shoes must be replaced. See your dealer for this service.

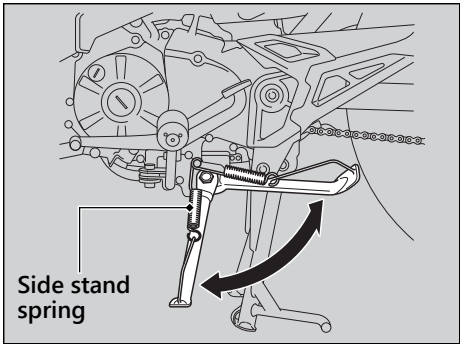
When the brake service is necessary, see your dealer. Use only Honda Genuine Parts or its equivalent.

Adjusting the Brakelight Switch

Check the operation of the brakelight switch. Hold the brakelight switch and turn the adjusting nut in the direction A if the switch operates too late, or turn the nut in the direction B if the switch operates too soon.



Checking the Side Stand



1. Check that the side stand operates smoothly. If the side stand is stiff or squeaky, clean the pivot area and lubricate the pivot bolt with clean grease.
2. Check the spring for damage or loss of tension.

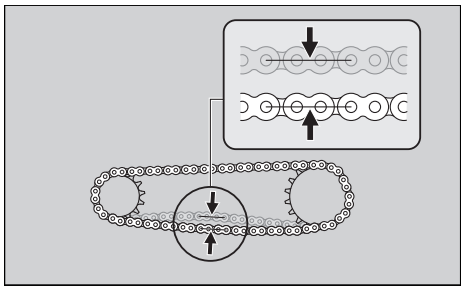
Inspecting the Drive Chain Slack

Check the drive chain slack at several points along the chain. If the slack is not constant at all points, some links may be kinked and binding.
Have the chain inspected by your dealer.

1. Shift the transmission to Neutral. Stop the engine.
2. Place your vehicle on its centre stand on a firm, level surface.
3. Check the slack in the lower half of the drive chain midway between the sprockets.

Drive chain slack:
25 - 35 mm (1.0 - 1.4 in)

▶ Do not ride your vehicle if the slack exceeds 50 mm (2.0 in).

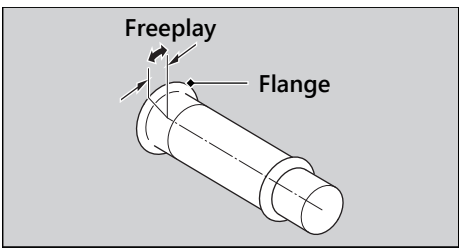


4. Rotate the rear wheel and check that the chain moves smoothly.
5. Inspect the sprockets. P. 45
6. Clean and lubricate the drive chain. P. 46

Checking the Throttle

With the engine off, check that the throttle rotates smoothly from fully closed to fully open in all steering positions and throttle freeplay is correct. If the throttle does not move smoothly, close automatically, or if the cable is damaged, have the vehicle inspected by your dealer.

Freeplay at the throttle grip flange:
2 - 6 mm (0.1 - 0.2 in)



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Starter Motor Operates But Engine Does Not Start

Check the following items:

- Check the correct engine starting sequence. ➡P. 27
- Check that there is petrol in the fuel tank.
- Check if the PGM-FI malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) is on.
  ▶ If the indicator lamp is on, contact your dealer as soon as possible.

Starter Motor Does Not Operate

Check the following items:

- Check the correct engine starting sequence. ➡P. 27
- Check for a blown fuse. ➡P. 75
- Check for a loose battery connection (➡P. 51) or battery terminal corrosion (➡P. 41).
- Check the condition of the battery. ➡P. 70

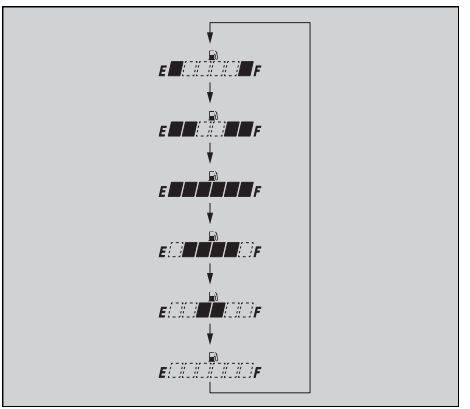
If the problem continues, have your vehicle inspected by your dealer.

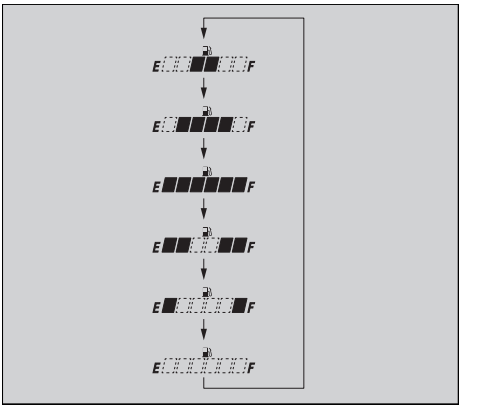
PGM-FI (Programmed Fuel Injection) Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL)

If the indicator comes on while riding, you may have a serious problem with the PGM-FI system. Reduce speed and have your vehicle inspected by your dealer as soon as possible.

Fuel Gauge Failure Indication

If the fuel system has an error, the fuel gauge indicators will be displayed as shown in the illustrations.
If this occurs, see your dealer as soon as possible.





Repairing a puncture or removing a wheel requires special tools and technical expertise. We recommend you have this type of service performed by your dealer.
After an emergency repair, always have the tyre inspected/replaced by your dealer.

Tube Repair and Replacement

If a tube is punctured or damaged, you should replace it as soon as possible. A tube that is repaired may not have the same reliability as a new one, and it may fail while you are riding.
If you need to make a temporary repair by patching a tube or using an aerosol sealant, ride cautiously at reduced speed and have the tube replaced before you ride again.
Anytime a tube is replaced, the tyre should be carefully inspected as described.

⚠WARNING

Riding your vehicle with a temporary tyre or tube repair can be risky. If the temporary repair fails, you can crash and be seriously injured or killed.

If you must ride with a temporary tyre or tube repair, ride slowly and carefully and do not exceed 50 km/h (30 mph) until the tyre or tube is replaced.

Battery Goes Dead

Charge the battery using a motorcycle battery charger.
Remove the battery from the vehicle before charging.
Do not use an automobile-type battery charger, as these can overheat a motorcycle battery and cause permanent damage. If the battery does not recover after recharging, contact your dealer.

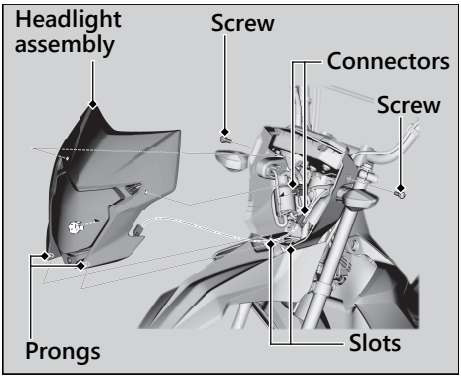
NOTICE
Jump starting using an automobile battery can damage your vehicle's electrical system and is not recommended.

Burned-out Light Bulb

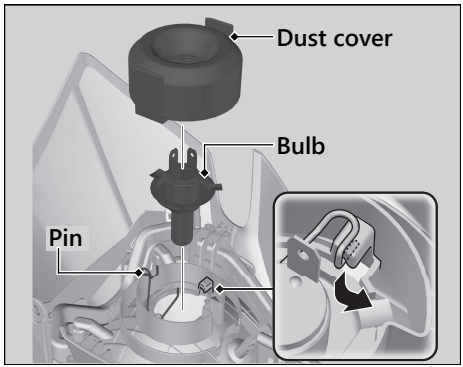
Follow the procedure below to replace a burned-out light bulb.
Turn the ignition switch to the OFF or LOCK position.
Allow the bulb to cool before replacing it.
Do not use bulbs other than those specified.
Check the replacement bulb for correct operation before riding.

For the light bulb wattage, see "Specifications." ➔ P. 91

Headlight Bulb



1. Remove the screws.
2. Remove the headlight assembly, then remove the prongs from the slots.
3. Disconnect the connectors.

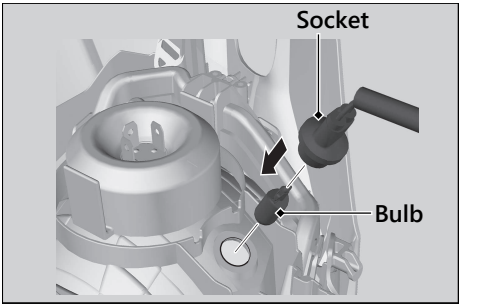


4. Remove the dust cover.
5. Press the pin down and pull out the bulb without turning it.
6. Install a new bulb and parts in the reverse order of removal.

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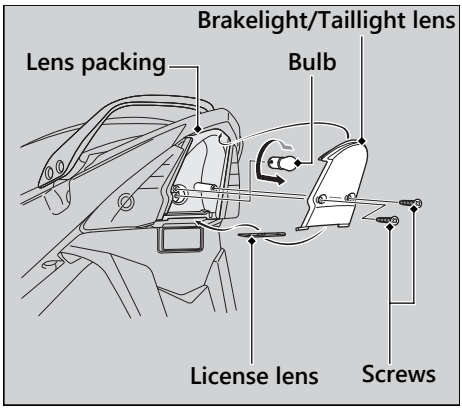
Do not touch the glass surface with your fingers. If you touch the bulb with your bare hands, clean it with a cloth moistened with alcohol.

Position Light Bulb



1. Remove the headlight assembly. P. 71
2. Pull the socket and remove it.
3. Pull out the bulb without turning it.
4. Install a new bulb and parts in the reverse order of removal.

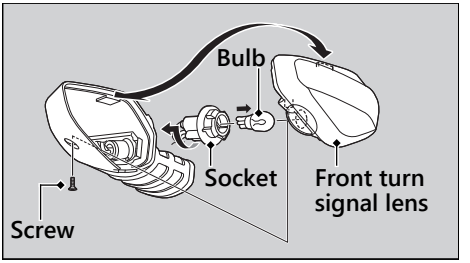
Brakelight/Taillight Bulb



1. Remove the brakelight/taillight lens by removing the screws.
2. Remove the license lens.
3. Slightly press the bulb in and turn it counterclockwise.
4. Install a new bulb and parts in the reverse order of removal.
   ▶ After putting back the lens packing in place, install the brakelight/taillight lens.

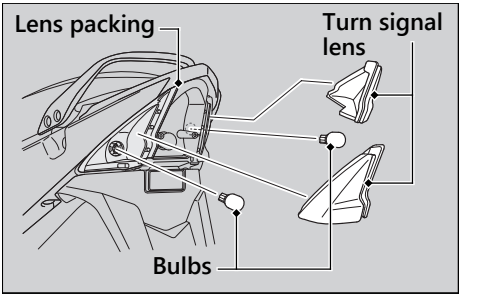
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Front Turn Signal Bulb



1. Remove the front turn signal lens by removing the screw.
2. Turn the socket counterclockwise and pull it out.
3. Pull out the bulb without turning it.
4. Install a new bulb and parts in the reverse order of removal.
   ▶ Use only the amber bulb.

Rear Turn Signal Bulb



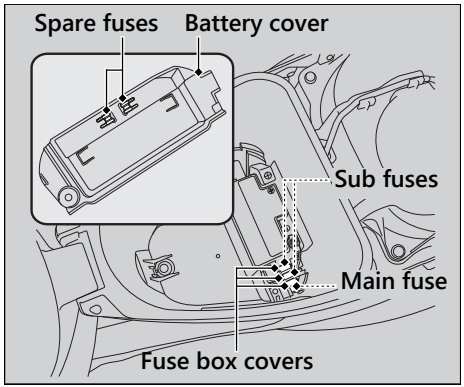
1. Remove the brakelight/taillight lens.
   ➡P. 73
2. Remove the rear turn signal lens.
3. Pull out the bulb without turning.
4. Install a new bulb and parts in the reverse order of removal.
   ▶ After putting back the lens packing in place, install the rear turning signal lens, the license lens and the brakelight/taillight lens.
   ▶ Use only the amber bulb.

Blown Fuse

Before handling fuses, see "Inspecting and Replacing Fuses." P. 43

Fuse Box Fuses

1. Open the seat. P. 33
2. Remove the battery cover P. 52.
3. Open the fuse box covers.
4. Pull out the fuses one by one to check for a blown fuse. Always replace a blown fuse with a spare fuse of the same rating.
   ▶ Spare fuses are provided on back side of the battery cover.
5. Close the fuse box covers.
6. Install the battery cover.
7. Close the seat.



NOTICE

If a fuse fails repeatedly, you likely have an electrical problem. Have your vehicle inspected by your dealer.

Unstable Engine Operation Occurs Intermittently

If the fuel pump filter is clogged, unstable engine operation will occur intermittently while riding.
Even if this symptom occurs, you can continue to ride your vehicle.

If unstable engine operation occurs even if sufficient fuel is available, have your vehicle inspected by your dealer as soon as possible.

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Keys

Ignition Key

Be sure to record the key number provided with the original keys. Store the spare key and key number in a safe location.
To make a duplicate, take the spare key or the key number to your dealer.
If you lose all ignition keys and the key number, the ignition switch assembly will probably have to be removed by your dealer to determine the key number.

A metal key holder may cause damage to the area surrounding the ignition switch.

Instruments, Controls, & Other Features

Ignition Switch

Leaving the ignition switch in the ON position with the engine stopped will drain the battery.

Do not turn the key while riding.

Odometer

The display locks at 999,999 when the read-out exceeds 999,999.

Tripmeter

The tripmeters return to 0.0 when each read-out exceeds 9,999.9.

Document Bag

The owner's manual, registration, and insurance information can be stored in the plastic document bag located reverse side of the seat.

Caring for Your Vehicle

Frequent cleaning and polishing is important to ensure the life of your Honda. A clean vehicle makes it easier to spot potential problems.
In particular, seawater and salts used to prevent ice on roads promote the formation of corrosion. Always wash your vehicle thoroughly after riding on coastal or treated roads.

Washing

Allow the engine, muffler, brakes, and other high-temperature parts to cool before washing.

1. Rinse your vehicle thoroughly using a low pressure garden hose to remove loose dirt.
2. If necessary, use a sponge or a soft towel with mild cleaner to remove road grime.
   ▶ Clean the headlight lens, panels, and other plastic components with extra care to avoid scratching them.
   Avoid directing water into the air cleaner, muffler, and electrical parts.
3. Thoroughly rinse your vehicle with plenty of clean water and dry with a soft, clean cloth.
4. After the vehicle dries, lubricate any moving parts.
   ▶ Make sure that no lubricant spills onto the brakes or tyres. Brake discs, pads, drum or shoes contaminated with oil will suffer greatly reduced braking effectiveness and can lead to a crash.
5. Lubricate the drive chain immediately after washing and drying the vehicle.
6. Apply a coat of wax to prevent corrosion.
   ▶ Avoid products that contain harsh detergents or chemical solvents. These can damage the metal, paint, and plastic on your vehicle.
   Keep the wax clear of the tyres and brakes.
   ▶ If your vehicle has any mat painted parts, do not apply a coat of wax to the mat painted surface.

Washing Precautions

Follow these guidelines when washing:

- Do not use high-pressure washers:
  - ▶ High-pressure water cleaners can damage moving parts and electrical parts, rendering them inoperable.
  - ▶ Water in the air intake can be drawn into the throttle body and/or enter the air cleaner.
- Do not direct water at the muffler:
  - ▶ Water in the muffler can prevent starting and causes rust in the muffler.
- Dry the brakes:
  - ▶ Water adversely affects braking effectiveness. After washing, apply the brakes intermittently at low speed to help dry them.
- Do not direct water under the seat:
  - ▶ Water in the under seat compartment can damage your documents and other belongings.
- Do not direct water at the air cleaner:
  - ▶ Water in the air cleaner can prevent the engine from starting.
- Do not direct water near the headlight:
  - ▶ The headlight's inside lens may fog temporarily after washing or while riding in the rain. This does not impact the headlight function.
  - ▶ Any condensation inside the headlight should dissipate after a few minutes of running the engine with the headlight(s) on.
    However, if you see a large amount of water or ice accumulated inside the lens(es), have your vehicle inspected by your dealer.
- Do not use wax or polishing compounds on mat painted surface:
  - ▶ Use a soft cloth or sponge, plenty of water, and a mild detergent to clean mat painted surfaces. Dry with a soft clean cloth.

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Aluminium Components

Aluminium will corrode from contact with dirt, mud, or road salt. Clean aluminium parts regularly and follow these guidelines to avoid scratches:

- Do not use stiff brushes, steel wool, or cleaners containing abrasives.
- Avoid riding over or scraping against curbs.

Panels

Follow these guidelines to prevent scratches and blemishes:

- Wash gently using a soft sponge and plenty of water.
- To remove stubborn stains, use diluted detergent and rinse thoroughly with plenty of water.
- Avoid getting petrol, brake fluid, or detergents on the instruments, panels, or headlight.

Exhaust Pipe and Muffler

When the exhaust pipe and muffler are painted, do not use a commercially available abrasive kitchen cleaning compound. Use a neutral detergent to clean the painted surface on the exhaust pipe and muffler. If you are not sure if your exhaust pipe and muffler are painted, contact your dealer.

Storing Your Vehicle

If you store your vehicle outdoors, you should consider using a full-body cover.
If you won't be riding for an extended period, follow these guidelines:

- Wash your vehicle and wax all painted surfaces (except mat painted surfaces). Coat chrome pieces with rust-inhibiting oil.
- Lubricate the drive chain. P. 45
- Place your vehicle on its centre stand and position a block so that both tyres are off the ground.
- After rain, remove the body cover and allow the vehicle to dry.
- Remove the battery (P. 51) to prevent discharge. Fully charge the battery and then place it in a shaded, well-ventilated area.
  ▶ If you leave the battery in place, disconnect the negative ⊖ terminal to prevent discharge.

After removing your vehicle from storage, inspect all maintenance items required by the Maintenance Schedule.

Transporting Your Vehicle

If your vehicle needs to be transported, it should be carried on a motorcycle trailer or a flatbed truck or trailer that has a loading ramp or lifting platform, and motorcycle tie-down straps. Never try to tow your vehicle with a wheel or wheels on the ground.

NOTICE

Towing your vehicle with a wheel or wheels on the ground can cause serious damage to the transmission.

You & the Environment

Owning and riding a vehicle can be enjoyable, but you must do your part to protect the environment.

Choose Sensible Cleaners

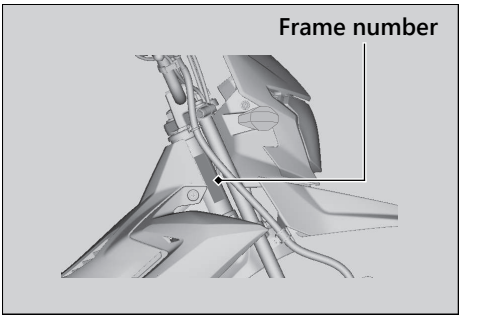
Use a biodegradable detergent when you wash your vehicle. Avoid aerosol spray cleaners that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) which damage the atmosphere's protective ozone layer.

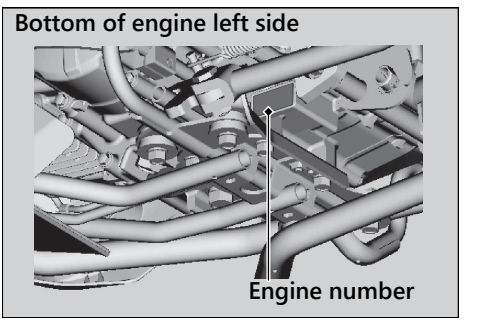
Recycle Wastes

Put oil and other toxic wastes in approved containers and take them to a recycling centre. Call your local or state office of public works or environmental services to find a recycling centre in your area, and to get instructions on how to dispose of non-recyclable wastes. Do not place used engine oil in the trash, or pour it down a drain or on the ground. Used oil, petrol, and cleaning solvents contain poisons that can hurt refuse workers and contaminate drinking water, lakes, rivers, and oceans.

Serial Numbers

The frame and engine serial numbers uniquely identify your vehicle and are required in order to register your vehicle. They may also be required when ordering replacement parts. You should record these numbers and keep them in a safe place.





Fuels Containing Alcohol

Some conventional fuels blended with alcohol are available in some locales to help reduce emissions to meet clean air standards. If you plan to use blended fuel, check that it is unleaded and meets the minimum octane rating requirement.

The following fuel blends can be used in your vehicle:

- Ethanol (ethyl alcohol) up to 10% by volume.
  ▶ Petrol containing ethanol may be marketed under the name Gasohol.

The use of petrol containing more than 10% ethanol may:

- Damage the painting of the fuel tank.
- Damage the rubber tubes of the fuel line.
- Cause corrosion of the fuel tank.
- Cause poor drivability.

NOTICE

Use of blended fuels containing higher than approved percentages can damage metal, rubber, plastic parts of your fuel system.

If you notice any undesirable operating symptoms or performance problems, try a different brand of petrol.

Catalytic Converter

This vehicle is equipped with a three-way catalytic converter. The catalytic converter contains precious metals that serve as catalysts in high temperature chemical reactions that convert hydrocarbons (HC), carbon monoxide (CO), and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) in the exhaust gasses into safe compounds.

A defective catalytic converter contributes to air pollution and can impair your engine's performance. A replacement unit must be an original Honda part or equivalent.

Follow these guidelines to protect your vehicle's catalytic converter.

- Always use unleaded petrol. Leaded petrol will damage the catalytic converter.
- Keep the engine in good running condition.
- Have your vehicle serviced if your engine is misfiring, backfiring, stalling, or otherwise not running properly, stop riding and turn off the engine.

Specifications

■ Main Components

Overall length	**CFT125MR/MS**	1,933 mm (76.1 in)
	CFT125MRC	1,927 mm (75.9 in)
Overall width	**CFT125MS**	833 mm (32.8 in)
	CFT125MR/MRC	817 mm (32.2 in)
Overall height	**CFT125MR/MS**	1,049 mm (41.3 in)
	CFT125MRC	1,045 mm (41.1 in)
Wheelbase		1,239 mm (48.8 in)
Minimum ground clearance	**CFT125MR/MS**	145 mm (5.7 in)
	CFT125MRC	144 mm (5.7 in)
Caster angle	**CFT125MR/MS**	25° 40′
	CFT125MRC	25° 10′
Trail	**CFT125MR/MS**	84 mm (3.3 in)
	CFT125MRC	79 mm (3.1 in)
Curb weight	**CFT125MS**	102 kg (225 lb)
	CFT125MR	104 kg (229 lb)
	CFT125MRC	106 kg (234 lb)
Maximum weight capacity *1		115 kg (254 lb)
Maximum luggage weight *2		5 kg (11 lb)
Passenger capacity		Rider and 1 passenger
Minimum turning radius		1.90 m (6.2 ft)

*1 : Including rider, passenger, all luggage, and accessories
*2 : Includes the weight of the luggage and added accessories.

Displacement	124 cm^3 (7.6 cu-in)
Bore x stroke	52.400 x 57.913 mm (2.0630 x 2.2800 in)
Compression ratio	9.3 : 1
Fuel	Unleaded petrol Recommended: 91 RON or higher
Fuel containing alcohol	ETHANOL up to 10% by volume
Tank capacity	3.9 L (1.03 US gal, 0.86 Imp gal)
Battery	YTZ4V/GTZ4V 12 V-3.0 Ah (10 HR)
Gear ratio	1st 2.500
	2nd 1.550
	3rd 1.150
	4th 0.923
Reduction ratio (primary / final)	3.350 / 2.714

Service Data

Tyre size	**CFT125MR/MS**	
	Front	2.50-17 43L
	Rear	2.50-17 43L
	CFT125MRC	
	Front	70/90-17M/C 38P
	Rear	80/90-17M/C 50P
Minimum tread depth	**CFT125MR/MS**	
	Front	3.0 mm (0.12 in)
	Rear	3.0 mm (0.12 in)
Tyre type	Bias-ply, tube	
Recommended Tyre	Front	**CFT125MR/MS** MBP MM-102B **CFT125MRC** MBP MP-220
	Rear	**CFT125MR/MS** MBP MM-102B **CFT125MRC** MBP MP-221
Tyre air pressure	Front	[Rider only] 200 kPa (2.00 kgf/cm², 29 psi) [Rider and 1 passenger] 200 kPa (2.00 kgf/cm², 29 psi)
	Rear	[Rider only] 225 kPa (2.25 kgf/cm², 33 psi) [Rider and 1 passenger] **CFT125MR/MS** 280 kPa (2.80 kgf/cm², 41 psi) **CFT125MRC** 250 kPa (2.50 kgf/cm², 36 psi)

Spark plug	(standard)	CPR7EA-9 (NGK) or U22EPR9 (DENSO)
Spark plug gap	0.8 - 0.9 mm (0.03 - 0.04 in)	
Idle speed	1,400 ± 100 rpm	
Recommended engine oil	Honda 4-stroke motorcycle oil API Service Classification SJ or higher, excluding oils marked as "Energy Conserving" or "Resource Conserving," SAE 10W-30, JASO T 903 standard MA	
Engine oil capacity	After draining	0.7 L (0.7 US qt, 0.6 Imp qt)
	After disassembly	0.9 L (1.0 US qt, 0.8 Imp qt)
Recommended brake fluid	Honda DOT 3 or DOT 4 Brake Fluid	
Recommended drive chain lubricant	Drive chain lubricant If not available, use SAE 80 or 90 gear oil.	
Drive chain slack	25 - 35 mm (1.0 - 1.4 in)	
Standard drive chain	DID420AD2 KMC420JB RK420EL	
	No. of links	104
Standard sprocket size	Drive sprocket	14 T
	Driven sprocket	38 T

■ Bulbs

Headlight	12 V-35/35 W
Position light	12 V-5 W
Brakelight/Taillight	12 V-18/5 W
Front turn signal	12 V-10 W × 2
Rear turn signal	12 V-10 W × 2

■ Fuses

Main fuse	15 A
Other fuse	10 A



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