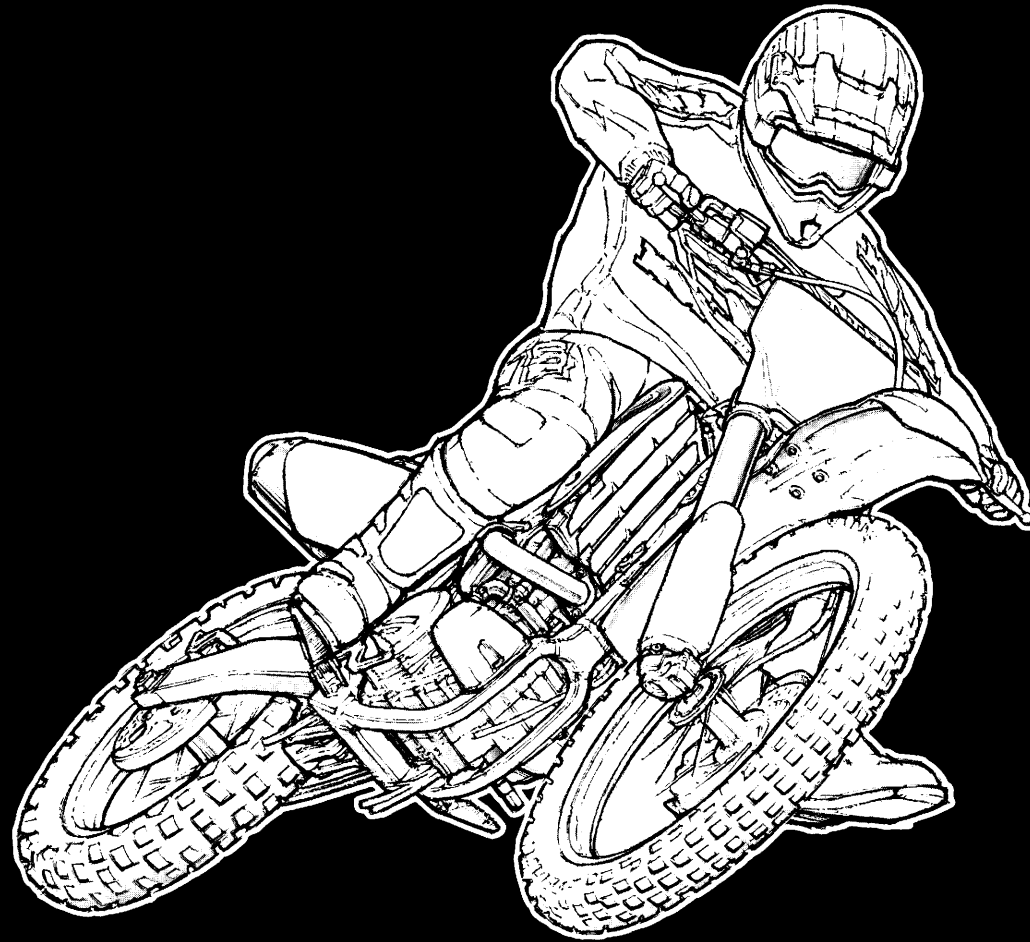


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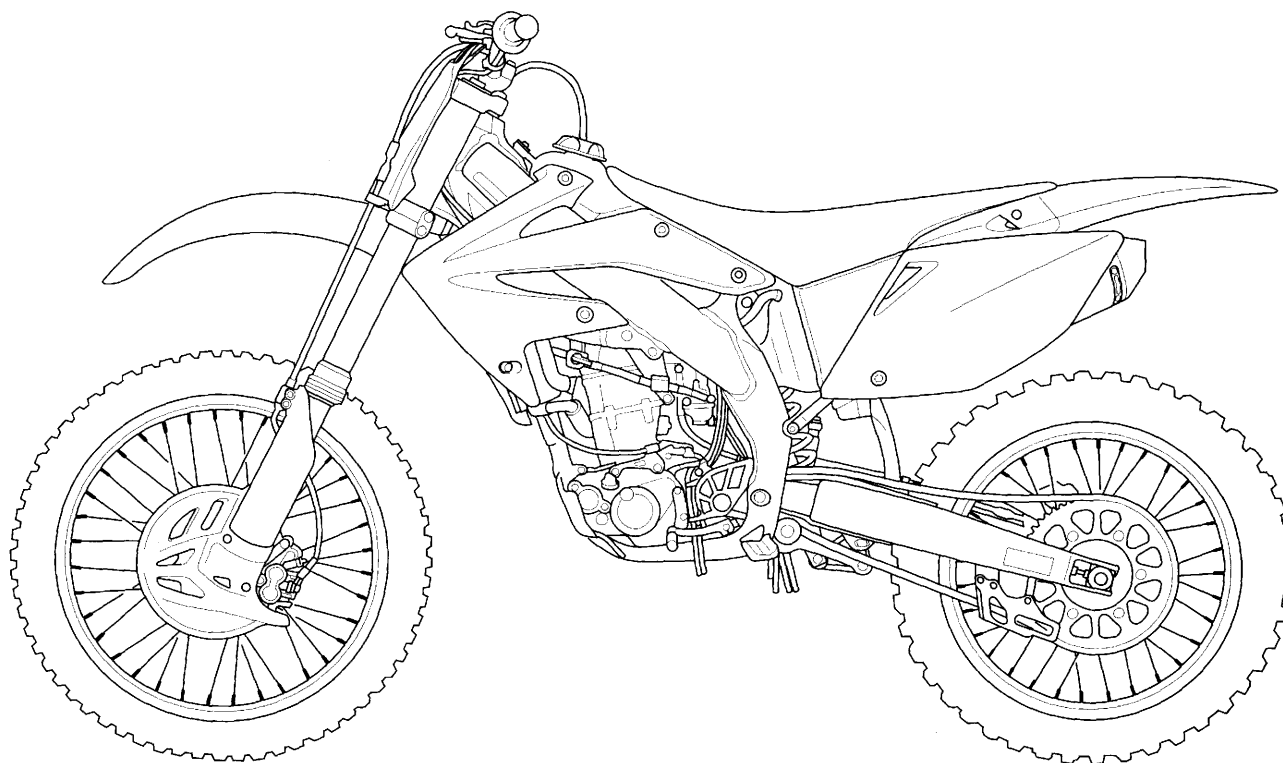
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Introduction

Congratulations on choosing your Honda CRF motocross motorcycle.

When you own a Honda, you're part of a worldwide family of satisfied customers – people who appreciate Honda's reputation for building quality into every product.

Your CRF is a high performance racing motorcycle that utilizes the latest motocross technology and is intended for competition use in sanctioned, closed-course events by experienced riders only.

Be aware that motocross is a physically demanding sport that requires more than just a fine motorcycle. To do well, you must be in excellent physical condition and be a skillful rider. For the best results, work diligently on your physical conditioning and practice frequently.

Before riding, take time to get acquainted with your CRF and how it works. To protect your investment, we urge you to take responsibility for keeping your CRF well maintained. Scheduled service is a must, of course. But it's just as important to observe the break-in guidelines, and perform all the pre-ride and other periodic checks detailed in this manual.

You should also read the owner's manual before you ride. It's full of facts, instructions, safety information, and helpful tips. To make it easy to use, the manual contains a table of contents, a detailed list of topics at the beginning of each section, and an index at the back of the book.

As you read this manual, you will find information that is preceded by a **NOTICE** symbol. This information is intended to help you avoid damage to your Honda, other property, or the environment.

Unless you are mechanically qualified and have the proper tools, you should see your Honda dealer for the service and adjustment procedures discussed in this manual.

If you have any questions, or if you ever need a special service or repairs, remember that your Honda dealer knows your CRF best and is dedicated to your complete satisfaction.

Happy riding!


- The following codes in this manual indicate each country.
- The illustrations and pictures herein are based on the ED type.

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| ED | European direct sales |
| DE | Denmark |
| U | Australia, New Zealand |
| CM | Canada |
| IICM | Canada (Type II) |

A Few Words About Safety

Your safety, and the safety of others, is very important. And operating this motorcycle safely is an important responsibility.

To help you make informed decisions about safety, this manual contains a section devoted to *Motorcycle Safety*, as well as a number of Safety Messages throughout the manual.

Safety Messages are 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.

Of course, it is not practical or possible to warn you about all hazards associated with operating or maintaining a motorcycle. You must use your own good judgement.

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This section presents some of the most important information and recommendations to help you ride your CRF safely. Please take a few moments to read these pages. This section also includes information about the location of safety labels on your CRF.

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Important Safety Information

Important Safety Precautions

Your CRF can provide many years of pleasure, if you take responsibility for your own safety and understand the challenges you can meet in competitive racing.

As an experienced rider, you know there is much you can do to protect yourself when you ride. The following are a few precautions we consider most important.

Never Carry a Passenger.

Your CRF is designed for one operator only. Carrying a passenger can cause an accident in which you and others can be hurt.

Wear Protective Gear.

Whether you're practicing to improve your skills, or riding in competition, always wear an approved helmet, eye protection, and proper protective gear.

Take Time to Get to Know Your CRF.

Because every motorcycle is unique, take time to become thoroughly familiar with how this one operates and responds to your commands before placing your machine, and yourself, in competition.

Learn and Respect Your Limits.

Never ride beyond your personal abilities or faster than conditions warrant. Remember that alcohol, drugs, illness and fatigue can reduce your ability to perform well and ride safety.

Don't Drink and Ride.

Alcohol and riding don't mix. Even one drink can reduce your ability to respond to changing conditions, and your reaction time gets worse with every additional drink. So don't drink and ride, and don't let your friends drink and ride either.

Keep your Honda in Safe Condition.

Maintaining your CRF properly is critical to your safety. A loose bolt, for example, can cause a breakdown in which you can be seriously injured.

Accessories & Modifications

Installing non-Honda accessories, removing original equipment, or modifying your CRF in any way that would change its design or operation, could seriously impair your CRF's handling, stability, and braking, making it unsafe to ride.

⚠ 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 modifications and accessories.

Safety Labels

Read this label carefully and don't remove it.

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

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Operator only. No passengers. This Honda Motorcycle is sold as is without warranty, and the entire risk as to quality and performance is with the buyer. Read owner's manual.

This vehicle is designed, manufactured and sold for competition use only. It does not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards or U.S. EPA Noise and Emissions Standards.

Operation on public streets, roads, highways or for off-road recreation is illegal.

State and Federal laws prohibit operation of this vehicle except in an organized racing or competitive event on a closed course. Or by permit issued by the local governmental agency having jurisdiction.

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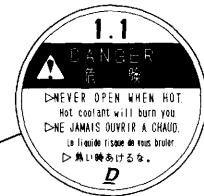
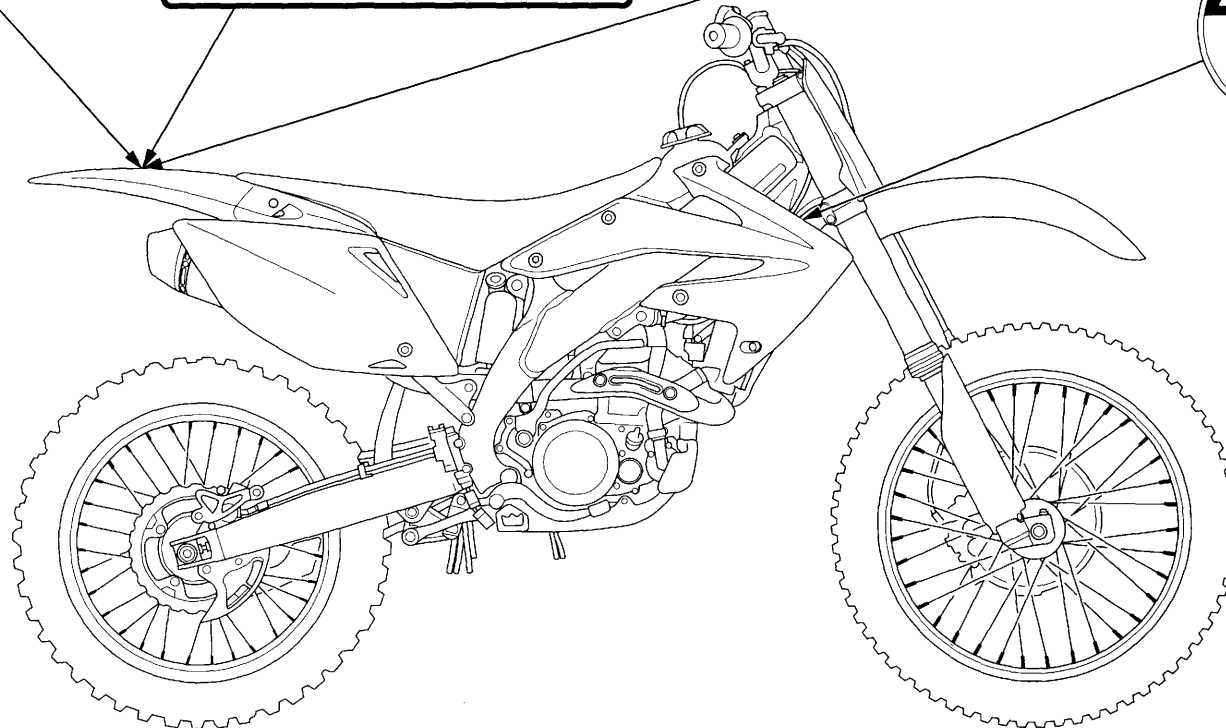
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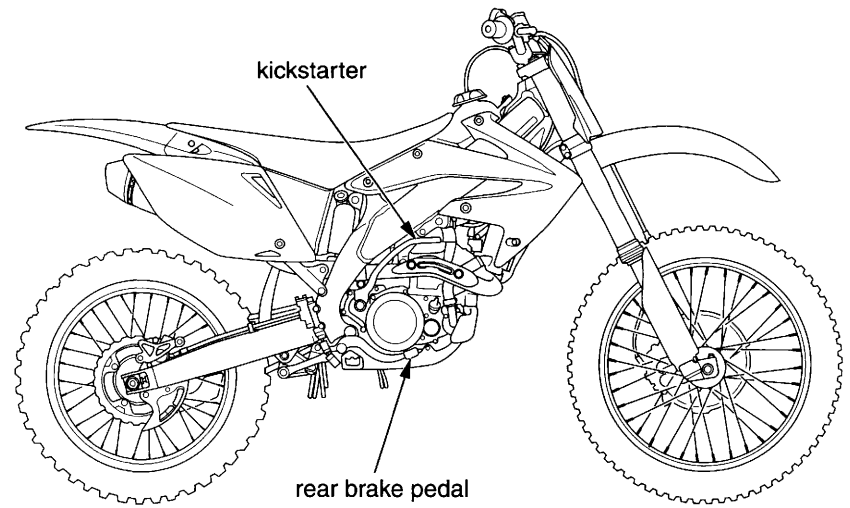
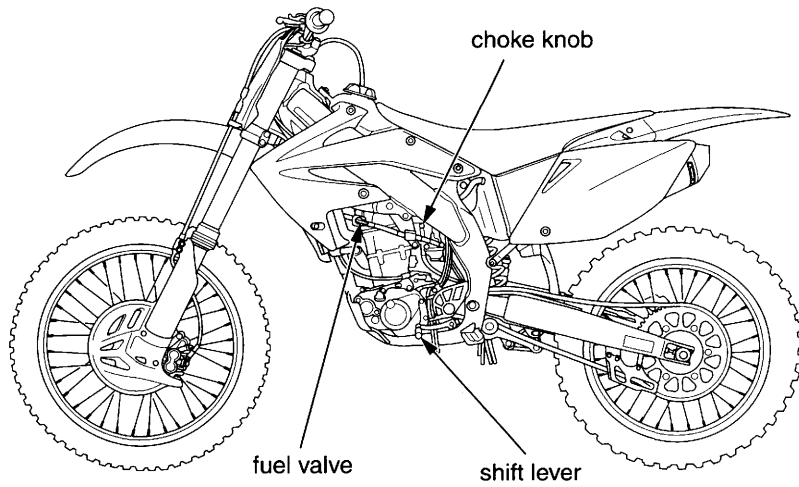
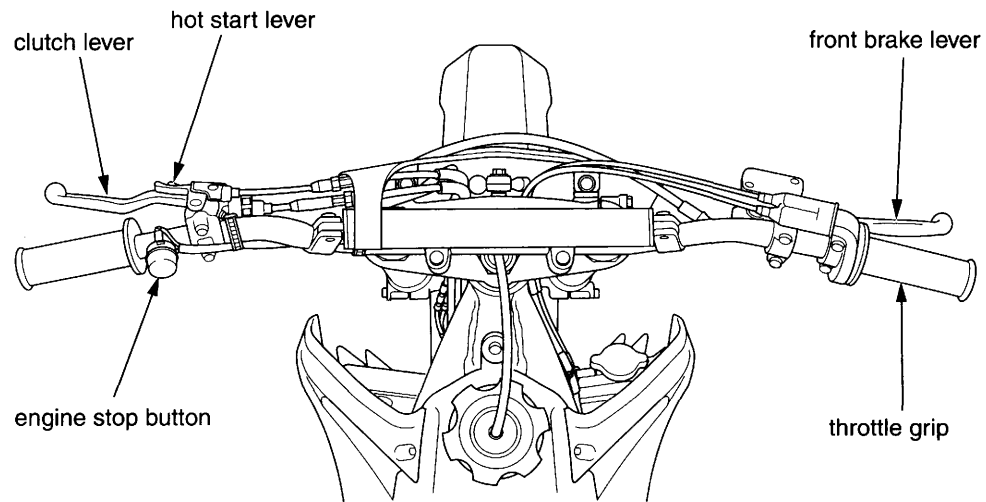
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Read this section carefully before you ride. It presents the location of the basic controls on your CRF.

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Operation Component Locations



Before each ride, you need to make sure you and your Honda are both ready to ride. To help get you prepared, this section discusses how to evaluate your riding readiness, and what items you should check on your CRF.

For information about suspension, carburetor, and other adjustments, see page 97.

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Are You Ready to Ride?

Before riding your CRF for the first time, we strongly recommend that you read this owner's manual, make sure you understand the safety messages, and know how to operate the controls.

Before each ride, it's also important to make sure you and your CRF are both ready to ride.

For information about suspension, carburetor, and other adjustments, see page 97.

Whether you're preparing for competition or for practice, always make sure you are:

- In good physical and mental condition
- Free of alcohol and drugs
- Wearing an approved helmet, eye protection, and other appropriate riding gear

Although complete protection is not possible, wearing the proper gear can reduce the chance or severity of injury when you ride.

▲ WARNING

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

Be sure you always wear a helmet, eye protection and other protective apparel when you ride.

Competitive riding can be tough on a motorcycle, so it's important to inspect your CRF and correct any problems you find before each ride. Check the following items (page numbers are at the right):

▲ WARNING

Improperly maintaining this motorcycle or failing to correct a problem before riding can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

Pre-ride Inspection

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Basic Operating Instructions

Safe Riding Precautions

Before riding your CRF for the first time, please review the *Important Safety Precautions* beginning on page 2 and the previous section, titled *Before Riding*.

For your safety, avoid starting or operating the engine in an enclosed area such as a garage. Your CRF's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas which can collect rapidly in an enclosed area and cause illness or death.

Starting & Stopping the Engine

Always follow the proper starting procedure described below.

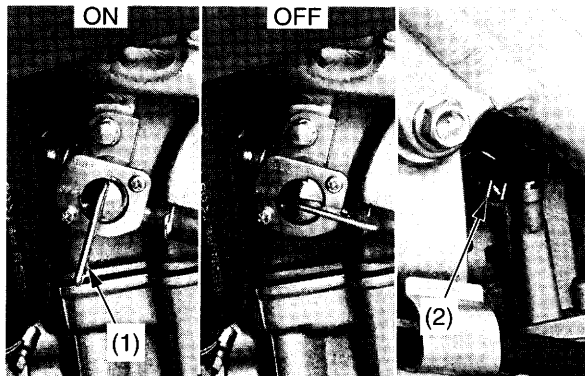
Your CRF can be kickstarted with the transmission in gear by pulling in the clutch lever before operating the kickstarter.

Preparation

Make sure that the transmission is in neutral.

Starting Procedure

Always follow the proper starting procedure described as follow.



(1) fuel valve

(2) choke knob

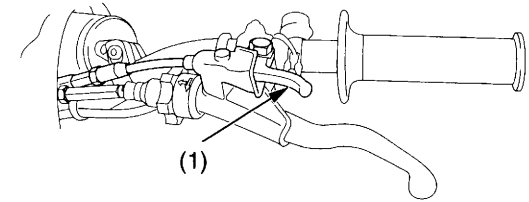
Check the engine oil, transmission oil and coolant levels before starting the engine (pages 37, 40, 41).

Cold Engine Starting

1. Turn the fuel valve (1) ON.
2. Shift the transmission into neutral.
3. If the temperature is 35°C (95°F) or below, pull the choke knob (2) fully out.
4. If the temperature is below 0°C (32°F), open the throttle two or three times. (The engine requires a richer mixture for starting in cold weather. When the throttle is so opened, the accelerator pump will feed extra fuel to the cylinder, thereby facilitating starting in cold weather.)
5. With the throttle closed, operate the kickstarter starting from the top of the kickstarter stroke, kick through to the bottom with a rapid, continuous motion. (Do not open the throttle, As the carburetor is equipped with an accelerator pump, excessive fuel will be charged into the engine, and the spark plug will be fouled if the throttle is opened and closed repeatedly. Excessive fuel in the engine makes kickstarting difficult.)
6. About a minute after the engine starts, push the choke knob all the way to fully OFF. If idling is unstable, open the throttle slightly.

Warm Engine Starting

1. Turn the fuel valve ON.
2. Shift the transmission into neutral.
3. Pull the hot start lever (1) and kick-start the engine. (Do not open the throttle.)
4. As soon as the engine starts, release the hot start lever.



(1) hot start lever

Starting the engine after a stall during riding or after a fall:

1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Pull the hot start lever and kick-start the engine. (Do not open the throttle.)
3. As soon as the engine starts, release the hot start lever.

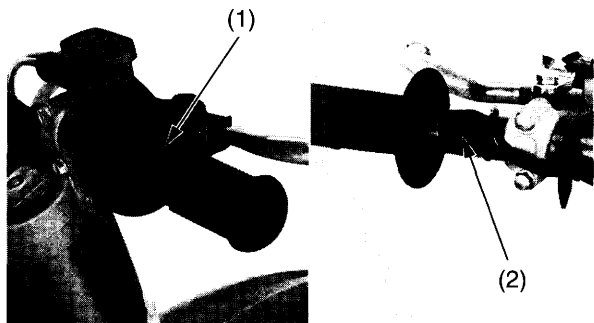
Flooded Engine

If the engine fails to start after repeated attempts, it may be flooded with excess fuel. To clear a flooded engine:

1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
2. With the throttle fully opened, repeat kickstarter operation approximately ten times very slowly to discharge excessive fuel from the engine.
3. With the throttle closed, pull the hot start lever and kick-start the engine (Do not open the throttle.)
4. As soon as the engine starts, release the hot start lever.

Starting & Stopping the Engine

How to Stop the Engine



(1) throttle

(2) engine stop button

Normal Engine Stop

1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Turn the fuel valve OFF.
3. Lightly open the throttle (1) two or three times, and then close it.
4. Depress and hold the engine stop button (2) until the engine stops completely.

Failure to close the fuel valve may cause the carburetor to overflow, result in hard starting.

Emergency Engine Stop

To stop the engine in an emergency, press the engine stop button.

Help assure your CRF's future reliability and performance by paying extra attention to how you ride during the first operating day or 25 km (15 miles).

During this period, avoid full-throttle starts and rapid acceleration.

This same procedure should be followed each time when:

- piston is replaced
- piston rings are replaced
- cylinder is replaced
- crankshaft or crank bearings are replaced

