Introduction

Congratulations on choosing your Honda CRF off-road 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 Honda was designed as a recreational CRF for off-road use by one rider only.

Before riding, take time to get acquainted with your motorcycle 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. The official Honda Service Manual for your CRF is available (page 168). It is the same manual your dealer uses. If you plan to do any service on your CRF beyond the standard maintenance procedures in this manual, you will find the Service Manual a valuable reference.

Read the Warranties Booklet (page 169) throughly so you understand the coverages that protect your new Honda and are aware of your rights and responsibilities.

This motorcycle has no cooling fan. For this reason, engine overheating and coolant loss will occur if the engine is kept idling too long when hot. Additionally, when riding in mud or sand, or any condition that causes high engine load at low vehicle speed, the time it takes for the engine to overheat will be shortened, especially when the ambient temperature is high. Continuing to operate the unit in these conditions will result in engine damage.

An optional cooling fan is available and is recommended for units that will be operated in conditions with high engine load and low vehicle speed.

Whenever you ride, tread lightly. By staying on established trails and riding only in approved areas, you help protect the environment and keep off-road riding areas open for the future.

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.

Please report any change of address or ownership to your Honda dealer so we will be able to contact you concerning important production information.

You may also want to visit our website at www.honda.com.

Happy riding!

California Proposition 65 Warning WARNING: This product contains or emits chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other

reproductive harm.