Turning Maneuvers

For better traction in off road use, the BIG RED has been fitted with a rear axle which drives both rear wheels equally at all times.

When negotiating a turn, the wheels on the outside of the turn must travel a wider radius and the inside wheels must slip a little relative to the ground. To permit the inside wheels to have less traction, the rider must slightly shift their weight to the outside wheels. So, it may not be enough to merely steer the BIG RED into a turn. The new rider must learn to shift his or her weight and control the throttle to help the vehicle to negotiate the turn.

This is an important technique to be mastered in riding the Honda BIG RED. For your initial riding practice, operate the BIG RED in low gear.

Practice turning the BIG RED at slow, constant speeds. Defer higher speeds until you are confident of your proficiency.

To turn, steer in the direction of the turn, leaning your body to the inside of the turn, while supporting your weight on the outer footpeg. Use the throttle to maintain power throughout the turn.

This technique allows the BIG RED to lean slightly toward the outstide, altering the balance of traction between the inside and outside wheels sufficiently to allow them to negotiate the turn.

Once this technique is learned, turning maneuvers can be performed within a relatively small area.

