

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.

⚠ 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.

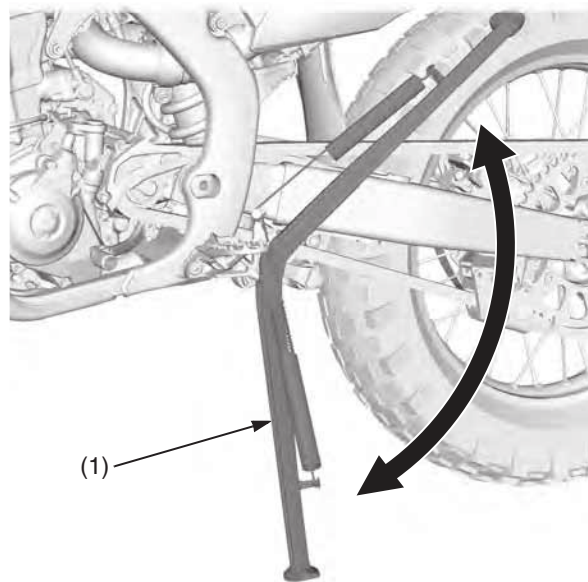
Breathing this colorless, odorless gas can quickly cause unconsciousness and lead to death.

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

Side Stand (CRF450RX)

The side stand (1) is used to support your CRF while parked (page 19). To operate, push the side stand down. Slowly lean your CRF to the left until its weight rests on the side stand. Turn the handlebar fully to the left.

Before riding, raise the side stand.



(1) side stand

Honda Selectable Torque Control

When the Honda selectable torque control (Torque Control) detects rear wheel spin during acceleration, the system will limit the amount of torque applied to the rear wheel based on the Torque Control level selected.

Rear wheel spin during acceleration is reduced at the higher Torque Control level setting. Select a level that is appropriate for your skill and riding conditions.

Torque Control does not work during deceleration and will not prevent the rear wheel from skidding due to engine braking.

Do not close the throttle suddenly, especially when riding on slippery surfaces.

Torque Control may not compensate for rough track conditions or rapid throttle operation. Always consider track and weather conditions, as well as your skills and condition, when applying throttle.

Always use the recommended tires and sprockets to ensure correct Torque Control operation.