

# Appearance Care

Refer to *Important Safety Precautions* on page 31.

Frequent cleaning and polishing will keep your CRF looking newer longer. Frequent cleaning also identifies you as an owner who values his motorcycle. A clean CRF is also easier to inspect and service.

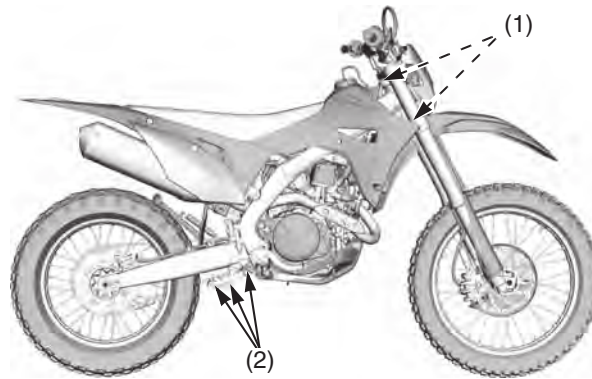
While you're cleaning, be sure to look for damage, wear, and gasoline or oil leaks.

## General Recommendations

- To clean your CRF you may use:
  - water
  - Hondabrite
  - a mild, neutral detergent and water
  - a mild spray and wipe cleaner/polisher
  - a mild spray and rinse cleaner/degreaser and water
- Avoid products that contain harsh detergents or chemical solvents that could damage the metal, paint, and plastic on your CRF or discolor the seat and decals.
- If your CRF is still warm from recent operation, give the engine and exhaust system time to cool off.
- We recommend the use of a low pressure garden hose to wash your CRF. High pressure washers (like those at coin-operated car washes) can damage certain parts of your CRF. The force of water under extreme pressure can penetrate the dust seals of the suspension pivot points and steering head bearings-driving dirt inside and needed lubrication out.

If you use a high pressure washer, avoid spraying the following areas:

- brake master cylinders
- drive chain
- electrical circuit
- engine stop button
- muffler outlet
- steering head bearings (1)
- suspension pivot points (2)
- throttle body
- under fuel tank
- under seat



- (1) steering head bearings
- (2) suspension pivot points

## NOTICE

*High pressure water (or air) can damage certain parts of your CRF.*

You may use Pro Honda Hondabrite, a multi-surface cleaner/degreaser, to remove both dirt and petroleum-based grime from paint, alloy, plastic, and rubber surfaces. Wet any heavy deposits with water first. Then spray on Pro Honda Hondabrite and rinse with a low pressure garden hose at full pressure. Stubborn deposits may require a quick wipe with a sponge.

## Washing Your Motorcycle with a Mild Detergent

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

1. Rinse your CRF thoroughly using a low pressure garden hose to remove loose dirt.
2. Fill a bucket with cool water. Mix in a mild, neutral detergent, such as dish washing liquid or a product made especially for washing motorcycles or automobiles.
3. Wash your CRF with a sponge or a soft towel. As you wash, check for heavy grime. If necessary, use a mild cleaner/degreaser to remove the grime.

The headlights' 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.

## NOTICE

*Do not use steel wool to clean the frame as it could damage or discolor the frame surface.*

*Muffler stain remover (Scotch Brite Hand Pad #7447-maroon) is for removing stains on the non-coated aluminum frame only.*

4. After washing, rinse your CRF thoroughly with plenty of clean water to remove any residue.  
Detergent residue can corrode alloy parts.