

Appearance Care

Condensation Control

Some condensation can form within the transmission cavity as well. This is natural and just one more reason you should change the engine and transmission oil often.

After Cleaning Lubrication

There are some things you should do just after washing your CRF to help prevent rust and corrosion.

Once your CRF is clean and dry, you should protect any bare steel from rusting by applying a light coating of a rust-inhibitor. Lubricate the drive chain and drive sprocket after removing and thoroughly cleaning in solvent. Be sure the chain is wiped clean and is dry before applying the chain lube.

Follow the suggestions given in the pages of this manual for lubricating items such as the brake and clutch lever pivot points and footpeg pivot pins.

Aluminum Frame Maintenance

Aluminum corrodes when it comes in contact with dust, mud and road salt.

To remove stains, use Scotch Brite Hand Pad #7447 (maroon) or an equivalent. Wet the pad and polish the surface using strokes parallel to the length of the frame.

Clean the frame using a wet sponge and a mild detergent, then rinse well with clean water. Dry the frame with a soft clean cloth, using strokes parallel to the length of the frame.

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.

Exhaust Pipe Maintenance

The exhaust pipe is stainless steel, but may become stained by oil or mud.

To remove mud or dust, use a wet sponge and a liquid kitchen abrasive, then rinse well with clean water. Dry with a chamois or a soft towel. If necessary, remove heat stains by using a commercially available fine texture compound. Then rinse by the same manner as removing mud or dust.