

Refer to *Important Safety Precautions* on page 31.

To safely operate your CRF, the tires must be the proper type (off-road) and size, in good condition with adequate tread, and correctly inflated.

## WARNING

Using tires that are excessively worn or improperly inflated can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Follow all instructions in this owner's manual regarding tire inflation and maintenance.

The following pages give detailed information on how and when to check your air pressure, how to inspect your tires for wear and damage, and our recommendations on tire repair and replacement.

## Air Pressure

Properly inflated tires provide the best combination of handling, tread life, and riding comfort. Generally, underinflated tires wear unevenly, adversely affect handling, and are more likely to fail from being overheated. Underinflated tires can also cause wheel damage on hard terrain. Overinflated tires make your CRF ride harshly, are more prone to damage from surface hazards, and wear unevenly.

Make sure the valve stem caps are secure. If necessary, install new caps.

Always check air pressure when your tires are “cold.” If you check air pressure when your tires are “warm” — even if your CRF has only been ridden for a few miles — the readings will be higher. If you let air out of warm tires to match the recommended cold pressures, the tires will be underinflated.

The correct “cold” tire pressures are:

Front	22 psi (150 kPa, 1.50 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> )
Rear	22 psi (150 kPa, 1.50 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> )

If you decide to adjust tire pressures for a particular riding condition, make changes a little at a time.

## Inspection

Take time to inspect your tires and wheels before you ride.

- Inspect carefully for bumps or bulges in the side of the tire or the tread. Replace any tire that has a bump or bulge.
- Look closely for cuts, slits, or cracks in the tires. Replace a tire if you can see fabric or cord.
- Check for rocks or other objects embedded in the tire or tread. Remove any objects.
- Check the position of both valve stems. A tilted valve stem indicates the tube is slipping inside the tire or the tire is slipping on the rim.

## Tube Replacement

If a tube is punctured or damaged, you should replace it as soon as possible. A repaired tube may not have the same reliability as a new one, and it may fail while you are riding.

Use a replacement tube equivalent to the original.