

## Important Safety Precautions

Your Cota can provide many years of pleasure, if you take responsibility for your own safety and understand the challenges you can meet in competitive racing.

As an experienced rider, you know there is much you can do to protect yourself when you ride. The following are a few precautions we consider to be most important.

### **Never Carry a Passenger.**

Your Cota is designed for one operator only. Carrying a passenger can cause crashes in which you and others can be hurt.

### **Wear Protective Gear.**

Whether you're practicing to improve your skills, or riding in competition, always wear an approved helmet, eye protection, and proper protective gear.

### **Take Time to Get to Know Your Cota.**

Because every motorcycle is unique, take time to become thoroughly familiar with how this one operates and responds to your commands before placing your machine, and yourself, in competition.

### **Learn and Respect Your Limits.**

Never ride beyond your personal abilities or faster than conditions warrant. Remember that alcohol, drugs, illness and fatigue can reduce your ability to perform well and ride safely.

### **Don't Drink and Ride.**

Alcohol and riding don't mix. Even one drink can reduce your ability to respond to changing conditions, and your reaction time gets worse with every additional drink. So don't drink and ride, and don't let your friends drink and ride either.

### **Keep your Montesa in Safe Condition.**

Maintaining your Cota properly is critical to your safety. A loose bolt, for example, can cause a breakdown in which you can be seriously injured.

## Accessories & Modifications

Modifying your Cota or using non-Montesa accessories can make your Cota unsafe.

Before you consider making any modifications or adding an accessory, be sure to read the following information.



### **WARNING**

**Improper accessories or modifications can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.**

**Follow all instructions in this owner's manual regarding modifications and accessories.**

#### Accessories

We strongly recommend that you use only Montesa Genuine accessories that have been specifically designed and tested for your Cota. Because Montesa cannot test all other accessories, you must be personally responsible for proper selection, installation, and use of non-Montesa accessories.

Check with your dealer for assistance and always follow this guideline:

- Make sure the accessory does not reduce ground clearance and lean angle, limit suspension travel or steering travel, alter your riding position, or interfere with operating any controls.

#### Modifications

We strongly advise you not to remove any original equipment or modify your Cota in any way that would change its design or operation.

Such changes could seriously impair your Cota's handling, stability, and braking, making it unsafe to ride.

## General Competition Maintenance

Perform maintenance on firm, level ground using the side stand, a workstand, or equivalent support.

When tightening bolts, nuts or screws, start with the larger diameter or inner fasteners, and tighten them to the specified torque using a crisscross pattern.

Use Montesa Genuine Parts or their equivalent when servicing your Cota.

Clean parts in non-flammable (high flash point) cleaning solvent (such as kerosene) when disassembling. Lubricate any sliding surface, O-rings, and seals before reassembling.

Grease parts by coating or filling where specified.

After any engine disassembly, always install new gaskets, O-rings, cotter pins, piston pin clips, snap rings, etc. when reassembling. After reassembly, check all parts for proper installation and operation.