

BREAK-IN

During the first 600 miles (1,000 km), do not operate the motorcycle at more than 80% of the maximum speed in either gear. Avoid full throttle operation, and do not operate for a long time at one speed.

During initial break-in, newly machined surfaces will be in contact with each other and these surfaces will wear in quickly. Break-in maintenance at 600 miles (1,000 km) is designed to compensate for this minor wear. Timely performance of the break-in maintenance will ensure optimum service life and performance from the engine.

NOTE: (USA ONLY)

- * After break-in maintenance, remove the "BREAK-IN" caution label from the speedometer lens.

RIDING

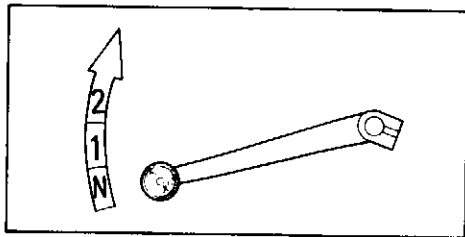
WARNING

- * *Review Motorcycle Safety (pages 1-9) before you ride.*
- * *Do not rely on engine braking to slow the motorcycle, especially at low speed. Use the brakes, or you may have a collision. The HONDAMATIC transmission on this motorcycle provides less engine braking than a standard transmission.*

CAUTION:

- * *Riding the motorcycle with the parking brake applied can damage the rear brake and transmission by overheating.*
1. Release the parking brake.
 2. Retract the side stand before shifting into gear, or the engine will stop when you shift.
 3. Apply either brake and keep the throttle closed when you shift into gear.

4. Release the brakes before you open the throttle.
5. Close the throttle momentarily when you shift gears.



Shifting pattern

Proper shifting will provide better fuel economy. When changing gears under normal conditions, use the shifting points recommended by Honda as follows:

Shifting Up:

From 1st to 2nd 20 km/h (12 mph)

Shifting Down:

From 2nd to 1st below 5 km/h (3 mph)

WARNING

- * *Downshifting in a corner, or downshifting when traveling at a speed that would cause the engine to overrev in the lower gear, can cause loss of traction and control.*

CAUTION:

- * *Do not shift gears without closing the throttle. The engine and drive train could be damaged by overspeed and shock.*

6. For momentary stops, leave the transmission in gear and apply the brakes while idling.

WARNING

- * *Do not open the throttle or rev the engine while stopped in gear. The machine may move forward suddenly.*
7. Shift to NEUTRAL for extended idling.