

Shifting on HONDAMATIC CB/CM400A, CM450A & CB750A

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.

* 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 - 20km/h (12 mph)

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

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 the momentary stops, leave the transmission in gear and apply the brakes when idling.

Warning: do not open throttle or rev the engine while stopped in gear. The machine may move forward suddenly.

- 7.) Shift to Neutral for extended idling.