

Fuel

Refer to *Safety Precautions* on page 43.

Fuel Recommendation

Type	unleaded
Pump Octane Number	86 (or higher)

Your engine is designed to use any gasoline that has a pump octane number of 86 or higher. Gasoline pumps at service stations normally display the pump octane number. For information on the use of oxygenated fuels, see page 141.

Use of lower octane gasoline can cause persistent “pinging” or “spark knock” (a louder rapping noise) which, if severe, can lead to engine damage. (Light pinging experienced while operating under a heavy load, such as climbing a hill, is no cause for concern.)

If pinging or spark knock occurs at a steady engine speed under normal load, change brands of gasoline. If pinging or spark knock persists, consult your Honda dealer.

We recommend that you use unleaded fuel because it produces fewer engine deposits and extends the life of exhaust system components.

Never use stale or contaminated gasoline or an oil/gasoline mixture. Avoid getting dirt, dust, or water in the fuel tank.