

Competitive riding can be tough on a motorcycle, so it's important to inspect your CRF and correct any problems you find before each ride. Check the following items (page numbers are at the right):

WARNING

Improperly maintaining this motorcycle or failing to correct a problem before riding can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

Pre-ride Inspection

Check the following before each ride:

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- Coolant for proper level..... 53
- Cooling system and hoses for condition 54
- Spark plug for proper heat range, carbon fouling and spark plug wire terminal for looseness 66
- Air cleaner for condition and contamination..... 55
- Clutch lever adjustment and freeplay 61
- Breather drain for cleaning 57
- Steering head bearing and related parts for condition 107
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- Tires for damage or improper inflation pressure 95
- Spokes for looseness..... 94
- Rim locks for looseness 94
- Front and rear suspension for proper operation 86, 87
- Front and rear brakes, check operation..... 90
- Drive chain for correct slack and adequate lubrication 97, 98
- Drive chain sliders and drive chain rollers for damage or wear 97, 98
- Exhaust pipe/Muffler for looseness 100
- Every possible part for looseness (such as cylinder head bolts, engine mounting bolts/nuts, axle nuts, handlebar holder bolts/nuts, fork bridge pinch bolts, drive chain adjuster lock nuts, drive chain roller bolt/nut, wire harness connectors, kickstarter arm bolt)..... 152-154
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