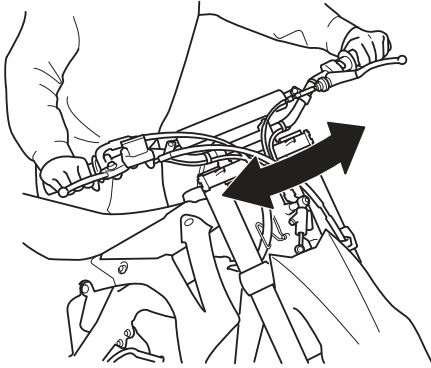
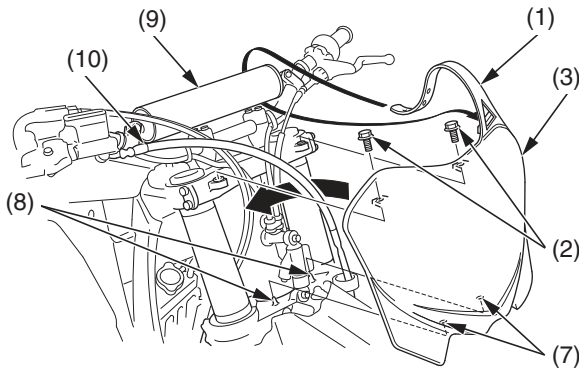


- With your CRF on a box or an optional workstand (front wheel elevated), check that the steering moves smoothly from side-to-side.



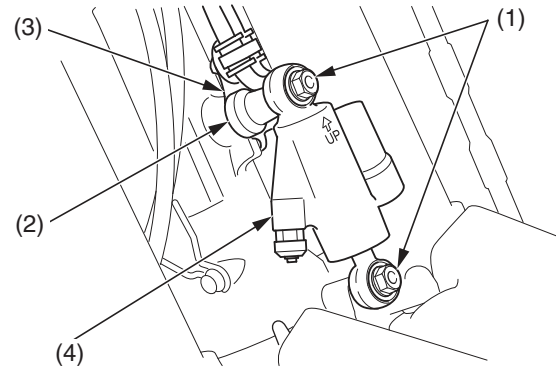
- Install the number plate (3) by aligning its holes (7) with the tabs (8) on the steering stem. Install and tighten the bolts (2). Route the number plate tab (1) around the handlebar pad (9) as shown. Make sure that the brake hose (10) is routed properly in front of the number plate.



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| (1) number plate tab | (8) tabs |
| (2) bolts | (9) handlebar pad |
| (3) number plate | (10) brake hose |
| (7) holes | |

Removal

- Remove the number plate ([page 112](#)).
- Remove the steering damper mounting bolts (1), collar (2), connector stay (3) and steering damper (4).

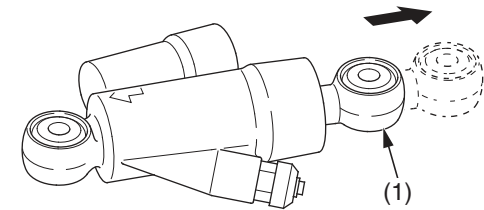


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| (1) steering damper mounting bolts |
| (2) collar |
| (3) connector stay |
| (4) steering damper |

Inspection

- Check the damper rod (1) operation. The damper rod is fully extended and compressed by hand. Release the damper rod, then check that it extends to its maximum length.

If the damper rod does not extend to its maximum length, refer to an official Honda Service Manual for disassembly and inspection instructions or see your dealer.



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| (1) damper rod |
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