

HONDA NC50
express

OWNER'S MANUAL

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- OPERATOR ONLY. NO PASSENGERS.

This motorcycle is designed and constructed as an operator only model. The seating configuration does not safely permit the carrying of a passenger. Do not exceed the vehicle capacity load limit shown on the tire information label.

- ON-ROAD USE ONLY.

This motorcycle is designed and constructed for use on public streets and roads. Off-road operation is not recommended.

- READ OWNER'S MANUAL CAREFULLY.

All information in this manual is based on the model for the U. K.

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PREFACE

This booklet is your guide to the basic operation and maintenance of your new motorcycle.

Please take the time to read the Owner's Manual carefully. As with any fine machine, proper care and maintenance are essential for trouble-free operation and optimum performance.

Your authorized Honda dealer will be glad to provide further information or assistance and is fully equipped to handle your future service needs.

Thank you for selecting a Honda. We wish you many miles of continued riding pleasure in the years ahead.

In this manual statements preceded by the following words are of special significance:

WARNING means that there is the possibility of personal injury to yourself and others.

CAUTION means that there is the possibility of damage to the vehicle.

NOTE indicates points of particular interest for more efficient and convenient operation. We recommend that you take particular notice of these items when reading this manual.

MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC SAFETY

A motorcycle is only as safe as its operator.

The safe rider will spend much time learning to ride and developing his riding skills in an uncongested area before venturing into traffic.

1. In many motorcycle traffic accidents, the automobile driver does not see the motorcyclist in time to avoid an accident. The motorcyclist can make other motorists more aware of his presence by:
 - * Wearing brighter, more visible clothing.
 - * Avoiding the "blind spot" of other vehicles and driving defensively.
2. Many motorcycle accidents occur at intersections, parking lot entrances, exits, and driveways. The motorcyclist must show extra caution at these locations.
3. Excessive speed is a factor in many motorcycle accidents. Obey the speed limits and NEVER travel faster than conditions warrant.
4. Many motorcycle accidents involve inexperienced riders. A new motorcyclist should thoroughly familiarize himself with his motorcycle before attempting to ride on public roads. NEVER lend your motorcycle to an inexperienced rider.
5. Most fatal motorcycle accidents are due to head injuries. The motorcyclist should ALWAYS wear a helmet. He should also wear other protective apparel including eye protection, boots, gloves, and heavy clothing.
6. This machine is designed for speeds up to 40 km/h (25 mph).
Operation on roads where other vehicles are traveling at greater rates of speed is not advisable and requires special care and driving safety.
7. Avoid hitting road hazards such as sharp bumps and holes in the road surface. These hazards can cause loss of control or structural damage to the vehicle.

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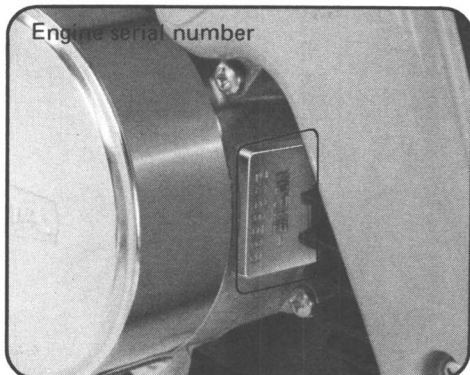
SERIAL NUMBER LOCATION

Frame serial number



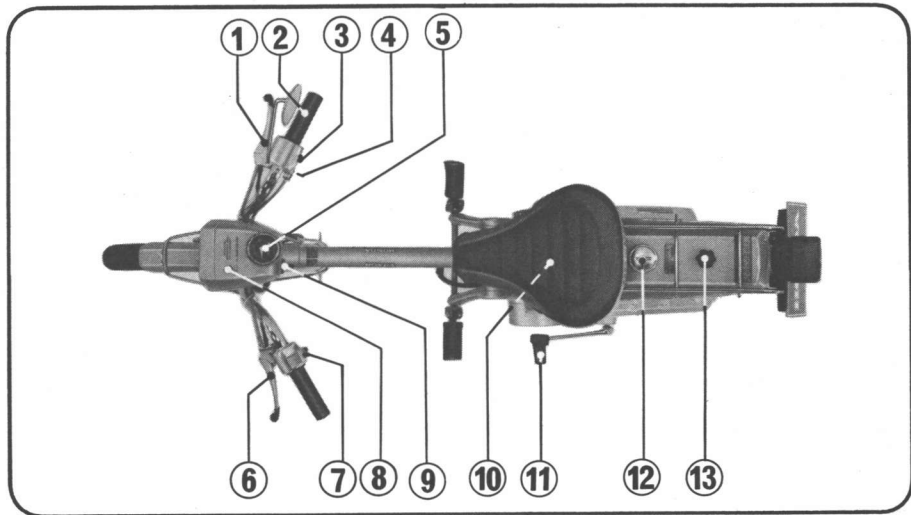
The frame serial number is stamped on the right side of the steering head. The engine serial number is stamped on the right side of the crankcase near the generator cover. These serial numbers are required when registering the motorcycle.

Engine serial number



Refer to frame and engine serial numbers when ordering replacement parts to ensure that you will obtain the correct parts for your model series.

CONTROL LOCATION (U.K. Model)

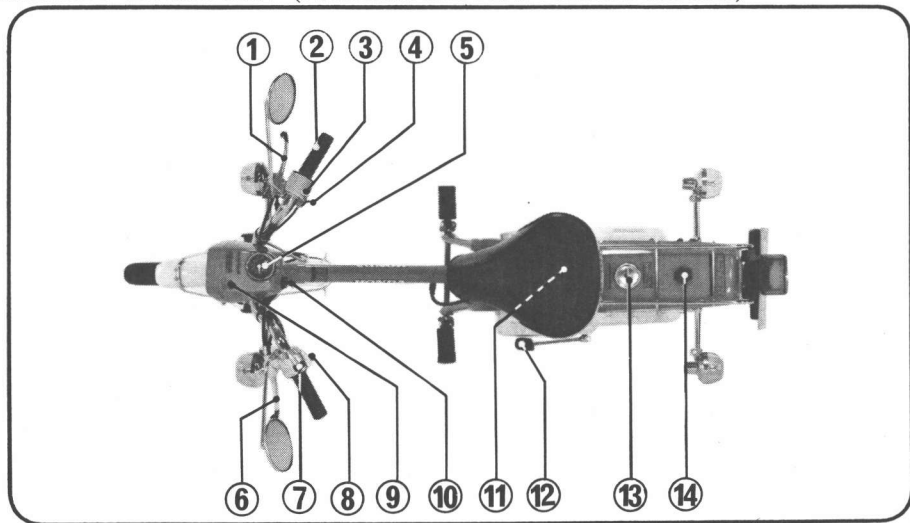


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- (2) Throttle grip
- (3) Headlight switch
- (4) Choke lever
- (5) Speedometer
- (6) Rear brake lever

- (7) Headlight dimmer switch
(above)
Horn button (below)
- (8) High beam indicator light
- (9) Ignition switch
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- (11) Starter pedal
- (12) Fuel filler cap
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CONTROL LOCATION (Australia and New Zealand Models)



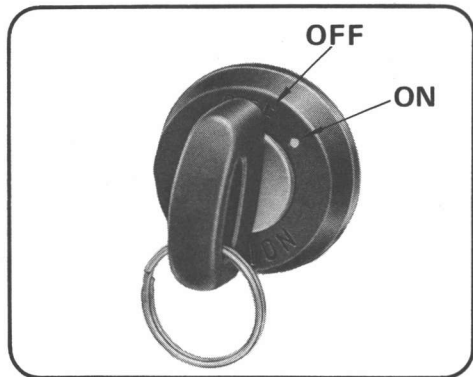
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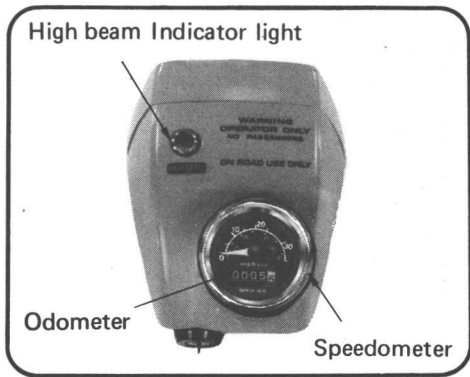
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Ignition Switch



- OFF**— Engine cannot be started.
Key can be removed.
- ON**— Engine can be started.
Key cannot be removed.

Speedometer and Indicator Light



Speedometer

Indicates driving speed.

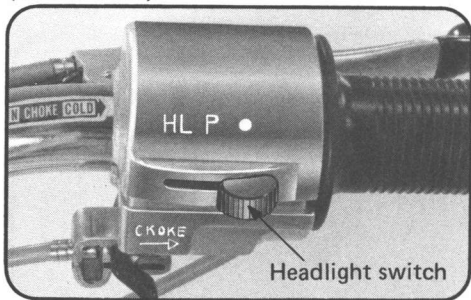
High beam indicator light

Light will be on when headlight is on high beam.

Odometer

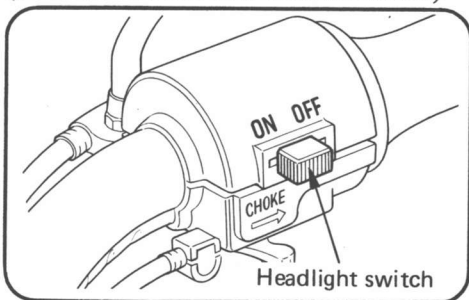
Indicates total accumulated distance traveled.

Headlight Switch (U. K. model)



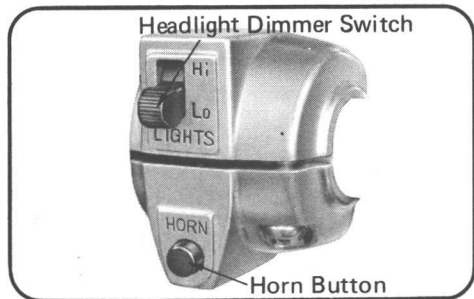
- HL**— Taillight and meter light on. Headlight will be on when the engine is running.
- P**— Position light, taillight and meter light on.
- OFF (dot)**— Headlight, taillight, position light and meter light off.

(For Australia and New Zealand models)



- ON** — Taillight and meter light on. Headlight will be on when the engine is running.
- OFF** — Headlight, taillight, position light and meeter light off.

Headlight Dimmer Switch and Horn Button



Headlight Dimmer Switch

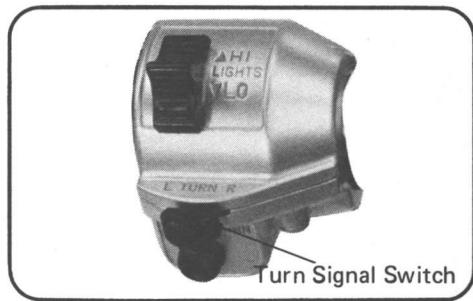
Hi— The high beam is on.

Lo— The low beam is on.

Horn Button

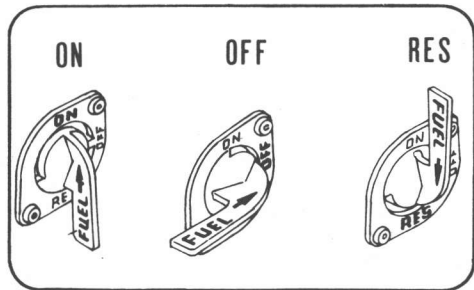
When the horn button is pressed the horn will sound.

Turn Signal Switch (Australia and New Zealand models only)



Move to "L" to signal a left turn, "R" to signal a right turn. Return to the center (off) when finished.

Fuel Valve



ON— Set the valve in this position when riding.

OFF—Set the valve in this position whenever the motorcycle is not in use.

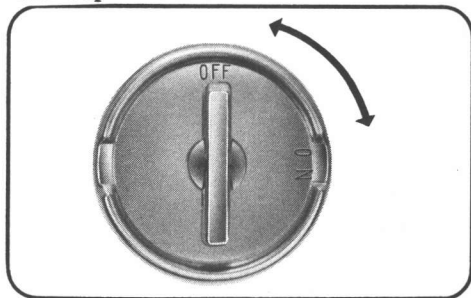
RES—Set the valve in this position only after the main fuel supply has been consumed.

Reserve fuel capacity: 0.2ℓ (0.053 U.S. gal., 0.044 Imp. gal.)

NOTE

Do not operate the machine with the fuel valve in the reserve position after refuelling, or you will defeat the purpose of the reserve fuel supply.

Filler Cap Vent Lever



The fuel filler cap has a lever with “ON” and “OFF” positions to open or close tank vent.

ON— Set the lever in this position when running the engine.

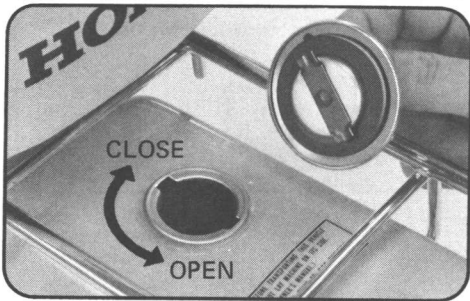
OFF—Set the lever in this position when transporting the motorcycle.

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PRE-RIDING INSPECTION

At the start of each riding day, perform a general inspection to be certain the motorcycle is in good, safe operating condition.

Gasoline Level— Check gasoline level and fill tank if low.



Capacity: 2ℓ (0.53 U.S. gal., 0.44 Imp. gal.)

NOTE

- * Use low-lead or regular gasoline with a Research Octane number of 91 or higher, or a Pump Octane number of 86 or higher.

For Australia and New Zealand models;
Use unleaded gasoline only.

The use of leaded gasoline will cause
spark plug fouling.

- * When refueling take care to exclude dirt, water, or other contaminants from the fuel tank.

CAUTION

- * Do not pre-mix gasoline and oil.
Fill the fuel tank with gasoline only.

WARNING

- * Gasoline is extremely flammable and is explosive under certain conditions. Refuel in a well ventilated area with engine stopped. Do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks in the area where the motorcycle is refueled or where gasoline is stored.
- * Do not overfill the tank (there should be no fuel in the filler neck). After refueling, make sure the filler cap is closed securely.
- * Gasoline is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Avoid repeated or prolonged contact with skin or breathing of vapor. **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.** If gasoline is swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately.