



ST1300PA POLICE

OWNER'S MANUAL

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **OPERATOR ONLY. NO PASSENGER**

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 maximum weight capacity.

- **ON-ROAD USE**

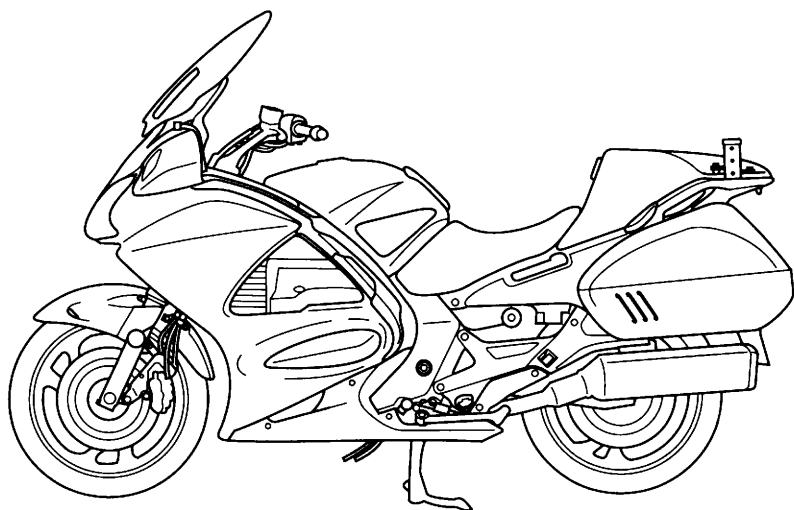
This motorcycle is designed to be used only on the road.

- **READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL CAREFULLY**

Pay special attention to the safety messages that appear throughout the manual. These messages are fully explained in the "A Few Words About Safety" section which appears before the Contents page.

This manual should be considered a permanent part of the motorcycle and should remain with the motorcycle when resold.

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WELCOME

The motorcycle presents you a challenge to master the machine, a challenge to adventure. You ride through the wind, linked to the road by a vehicle that responds to your commands as no other does. Unlike an automobile, there is no metal cage around you. Like an airplane, a pre-ride inspection and regular maintenance are essential to your safety. Your reward is freedom.

To meet the challenges safely, and to enjoy the adventure fully, you should become thoroughly familiar with this owner's manual **BEFORE YOU RIDE THE MOTORCYCLE**.

As you read this manual, you will find information that is preceded by a **NOTICE** symbol. This information is intended to help you avoid damage to your motorcycle, other property, or the environment.

When service is required, remember that your Honda dealer knows your motorcycle best. If you have the required mechanical "know-how" and tools, your dealer can supply you with an official Honda Service Manual to help you perform many maintenance and repair tasks.

Pleasant riding, and thank you for choosing a Honda !

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- The following code in this manual indicates the country.

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- The specifications may vary with each locale.


A FEW WORDS ABOUT SAFETY

Your safety, and the safety of others, is very important. And operating this motorcycle safely is an important responsibility.

To help you make informed decisions about safety, we have provided operating procedures and other information on labels and in this manual. This information alerts you to potential hazards that could hurt you or others.

Of course, it is not practical or possible to warn you about all hazards associated with operating or maintaining a motorcycle. You must use your own good judgment.

You will find important safety information in a variety of forms, including:

- **Safety Labels** — on the motorcycle.
- **Safety Messages** — preceded by a safety alert symbol  and one of three signal words: **DANGER**, **WARNING**, or **CAUTION**.

These signal words mean:

⚠ DANGER

You **WILL** be **KILLED** or **SERIOUSLY HURT** if you don't follow instructions.

⚠ WARNING

You **CAN** be **KILLED** or **SERIOUSLY HURT** if you don't follow instructions.

⚠ CAUTION

You **CAN** be **HURT** if you don't follow instructions.

- **Safety Headings** — such as Important Safety Reminders or Important Safety Precautions.
- **Safety Section** — such as Motorcycle Safety.
- **Instructions** — how to use this motorcycle correctly and safely.

This entire manual is filled with important safety information — please read it carefully.

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Your motorcycle can provide many years of service and pleasure — if you take responsibility for your own safety and understand the challenges that you can meet on the road.

There is much that you can do to protect yourself when you ride. You'll find many helpful recommendations throughout this manual. Following are a few that we consider most important.

Always Wear a Helmet

It's a proven fact: helmets significantly reduce the number and severity of head injuries. So always wear an approved motorcycle helmet. We also recommend that you wear eye protection, sturdy boots, gloves and other protective gear (page 3).

Make Yourself Easy to See

Some drivers do not see motorcycles because they are not looking for them. To make yourself more visible, wear bright reflective clothing, position yourself so other drivers can see you, signal before turning or changing lanes, and use your horn when it will help others notice you.

Never Carry a Passenger

Your motorcycle is designed for one person only. There are no handholds, footrests, or seat for a second person—so never carry a passenger. A passenger could interfere with your ability to move around to maintain your balance and control of the motorcycle.

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Ride Within Your Limits

Pushing the limits is another major cause of motorcycle accidents. Never ride beyond your personal abilities or faster than conditions warrant. Remember that alcohol, drugs, fatigue and inattention can significantly reduce your ability to make good judgements and ride safely.

Don't Drink and Ride

Alcohol and riding don't mix. Even one drink can reduce your ability to respond to changing conditions, and your reaction time gets worse with every additional drink. So don't drink and ride, and don't let your friends drink and ride either.

Keep Your Bike in Safe Condition

For safe riding, it's important to inspect your motorcycle before every ride and perform all recommended maintenance. Never exceed load limits, and only use accessories that have been approved by Honda for this motorcycle. See page 5 for more details.

PROTECTIVE APPAREL

For your safety, we strongly recommend that you always wear an approved motorcycle helmet, eye protection, boots, gloves, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt or jacket whenever you ride. Although complete protection is not possible, wearing proper gear can reduce the chance of injury when you ride.

Following are suggestions to help you choose proper gear.

WARNING

Not wearing a helmet increases the chance of serious injury or death in a crash.

Be sure you always wear a helmet, eye protection and other protective apparel when you ride.

Helmets and Eye Protection

Your helmet is your most important piece of riding gear because it offers the best protection against head injuries. A helmet should fit your head comfortably and securely. A bright-coloured helmet can make you more noticeable in traffic, as can reflective strips.

An open-face helmet offers some protection, but a full-face helmet offers more. Always wear a face shield or goggles to protect your eyes and help your vision.

Additional Riding Gear

In addition to a helmet and eye protection, we also recommend:

- Sturdy boots with non-slip soles to help protect your feet and ankles.
- Leather gloves to keep your hands warm and help prevent blisters, cuts, burns and bruises.
- A motorcycle riding suit or jacket for comfort as well as protection. Bright-coloured and reflective clothing can help make you more noticeable in traffic. Be sure to avoid loose clothes that could get caught on any part of your motorcycle.

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LOAD LIMITS AND GUIDELINES

This motorcycle has been designed to carry a rider and a limited amount of cargo. When you carry cargo, you may feel some difference during acceleration, high speed operation and braking. But so long as the motorcycle is kept well-maintained, with good tyres and brakes, you can safely carry loads within the given limits and guidelines.

However, exceeding the weight limit or carrying an unbalanced load can seriously impair this motorcycle's handling, braking, and stability. Improperly adding equipment, improper modifications, and poor maintenance can also reduce your safety margin.

Loading

How much weight you put on this motorcycle, and how it is loaded are important to your safety. Anytime you ride with cargo, you should be aware of the information below and on the following page.

⚠ WARNING

Overloading or improper loading can cause a crash and you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Follow all load limits and other loading guidelines in this manual.

Load Limits

Following are the load limits for your motorcycle:

Maximum weight capacity: = 146 kg (322 lbs)
includes the weight of the rider, all
attachments and all cargo

Putting too much weight in individual storage compartments can also affect stability and handling. So be sure to stay within the limits given below:

Maximum compartment weight: = 23.6 kg (52.2 lbs)
includes following maximum
compartment weights:

rear cowl (radio only, no storage)	= 6.0 kg (13.2 lbs)
each saddlebag	= 6.8 kg (15.0 lbs)
each fairing pocket	= 2.0 kg (4.5 lbs)

Loading Guidelines

Improperly loading this motorcycle can affect its stability and handling. Even if the motorcycle is properly loaded, you should ride at reduced speeds when carrying cargo.

Follow these guidelines whenever you ride with cargo:

- Check that both tyres are properly inflated (page 41).
- If you change your normal load, you may need to adjust your rear suspension settings (page 28) and your headlight (page 61).
- To prevent loose items from creating a hazard, make sure that storage lids are properly closed and that any other cargo is securely tied down before you ride away.

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- Cargo weight should be carried as low and as close to the centre of a motorcycle as possible. When loading your motorcycle, try to pack heavier items in the saddlebags and put lighter, bulkier items in the travel trunk. If you must carry heavy items in the trunk, put them as far forward as you can.
- Balance cargo weight evenly on both sides. When loading the saddlebags, for example, be sure the weight in each bag is about the same.

Attachments and Modifications

Modifying this motorcycle or improperly attaching police equipment can make it unsafe. Before making any modifications or attaching any equipment, be sure to read the following information.

WARNING

Improper modifications or addition of police equipment can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Follow all instructions in this owner's manual regarding attachments and modifications.

Attachments

Because Honda cannot test all available equipment or combinations of equipment that may be required for use on a police vehicle, you and your department must be responsible for the proper selection, installation, and use of equipment attached to this vehicle.

We strongly recommend that qualified personnel evaluates a motorcycle fitted with all required police equipment under the anticipated conditions before the vehicle is placed into service.

Always follow these guidelines:

- Make sure any added equipment does not obscure any lights, reduce ground clearance and lean angle, limit suspension travel or steering travel, alter riding position, or interfere with operating any controls.

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- Be sure electrical equipment does not exceed the motorcycle's electrical system capacity (page 125). A blown fuse can cause a loss of lights or engine power.
 - Do not pull a trailer or sidecar with your motorcycle. This motorcycle was not designed for these attachments, and their use can seriously impair your motorcycle's handling.

Modifications

We strongly advise you not to remove any original equipment or modify your motorcycle in any way that would change its design or operation. Such changes could seriously impair your motorcycle's handling, stability and braking, making it unsafe to ride.

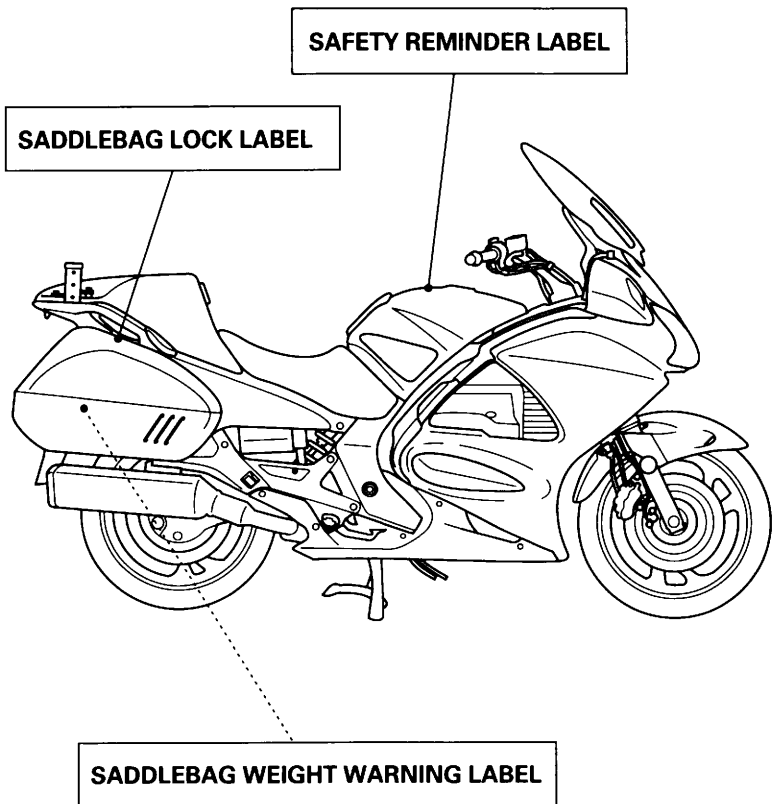
Removing or modifying your lights, mufflers, emission control system or other equipment can also make your motorcycle illegal.

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SAFETY LABELS

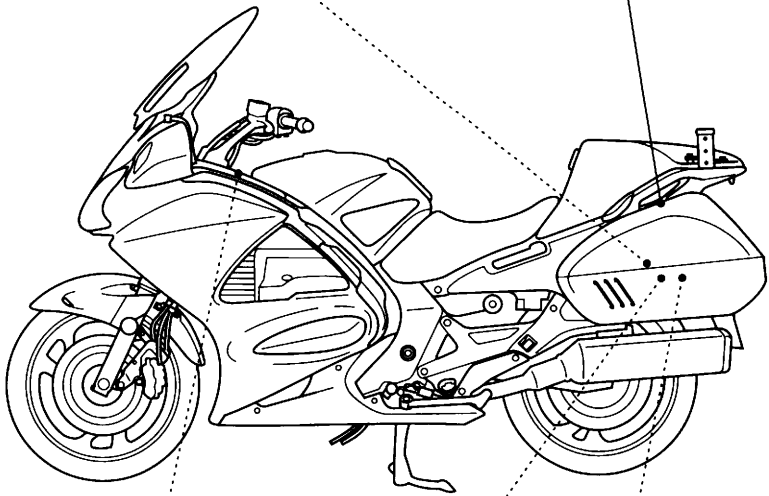
The following pages show the locations of safety labels on your motorcycle. Some labels warn you of potential hazards that could cause serious injury. Others provide important safety information. Read these labels carefully and don't remove them.

If a label comes off or becomes hard to read, contact your Honda dealer for a replacement.



SADDLEBAG LOCK LABEL

LOADING WARNING LABEL



CARGO LIMIT

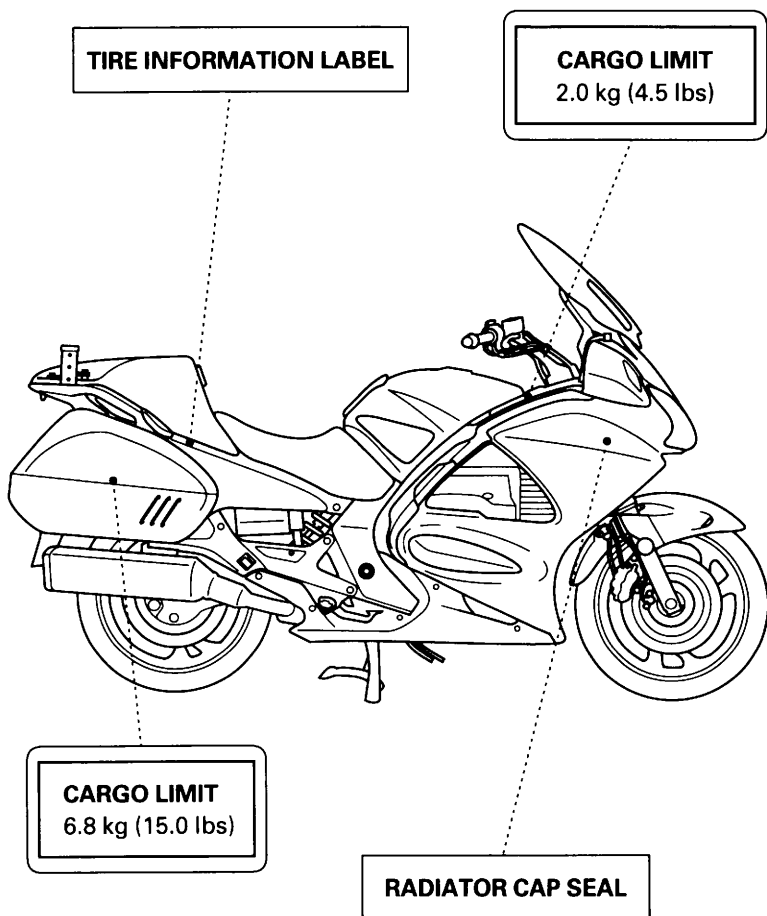
2.0 kg (4.5 lbs)

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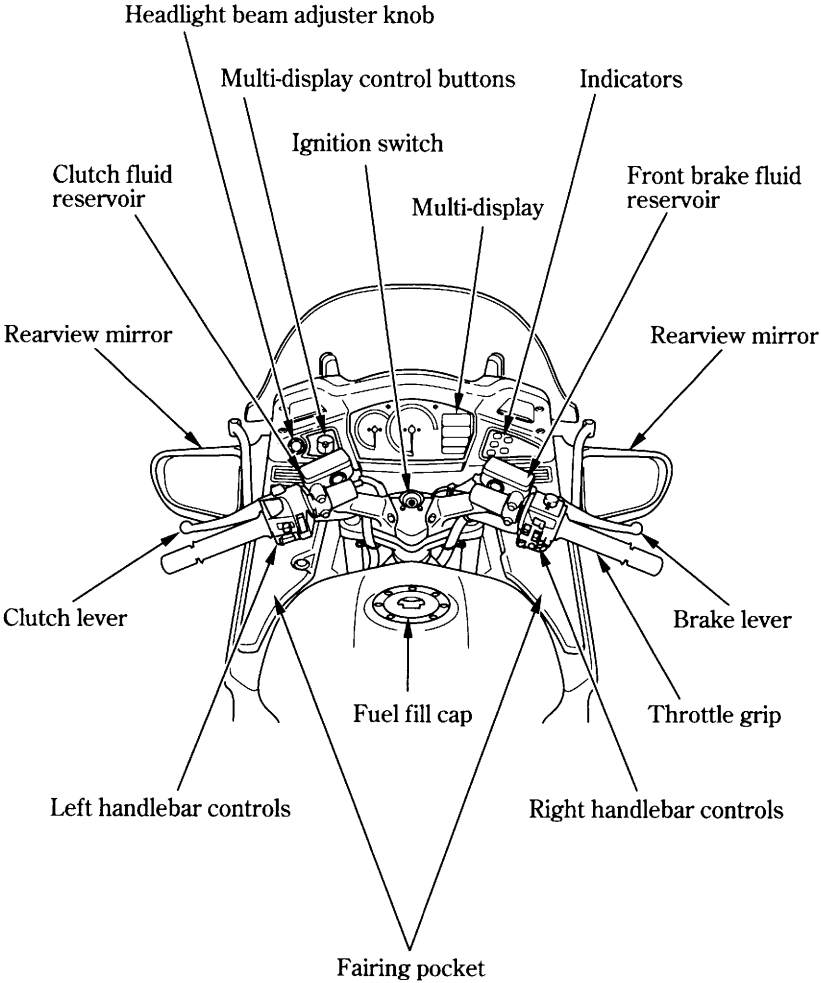
6.8 kg (15.0 lbs)

SADDLEBAG WEIGHT WARNING LABEL

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PARTS LOCATION



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