

HONDA

GOLDWING

GL1500

OWNER'S MANUAL

MANUAL DE EXPLICACIONES

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

- **OPERATOR AND PASSENGER**

This motorcycle is designed to carry the operator and one passenger. Never exceed the maximum weight capacity as shown on the tyre information label.

- **ON-ROAD USE**

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

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

Pay special attention to statements preceded by the following words:

⚠ WARNING

Indicates a strong possibility of severe personal injury or death if instructions are not followed.

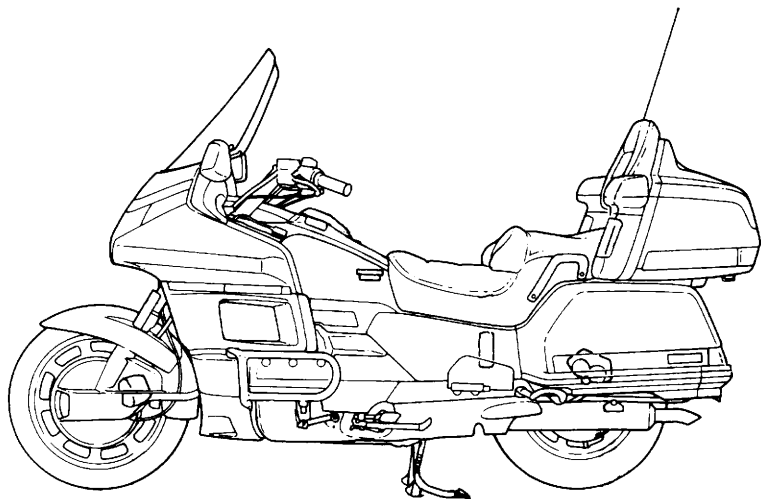
CAUTION:

Indicates a possibility of personal injury or equipment damage if instructions are not followed.

NOTE: Gives helpful information.

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.**

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!

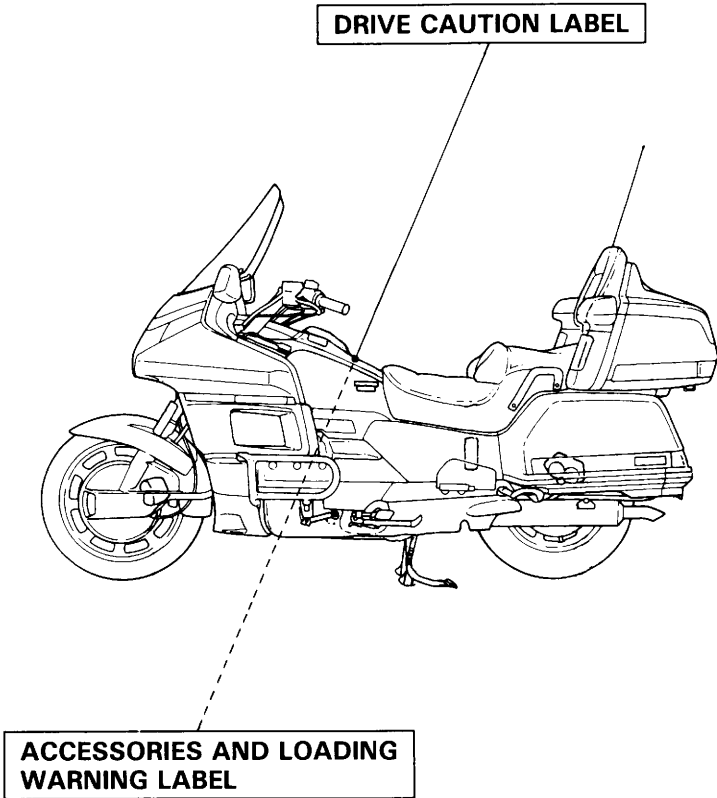
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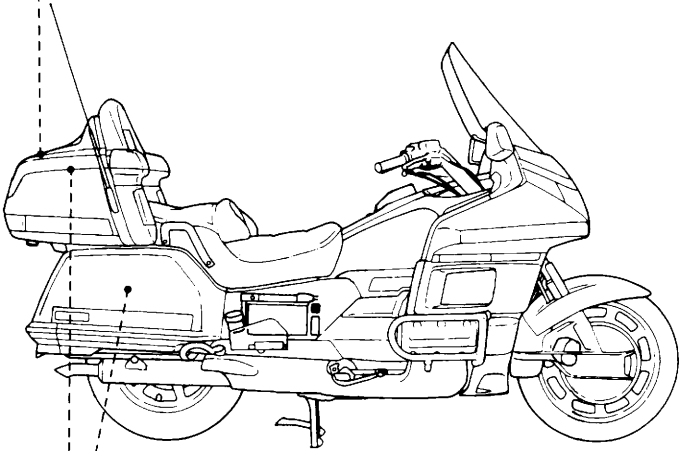
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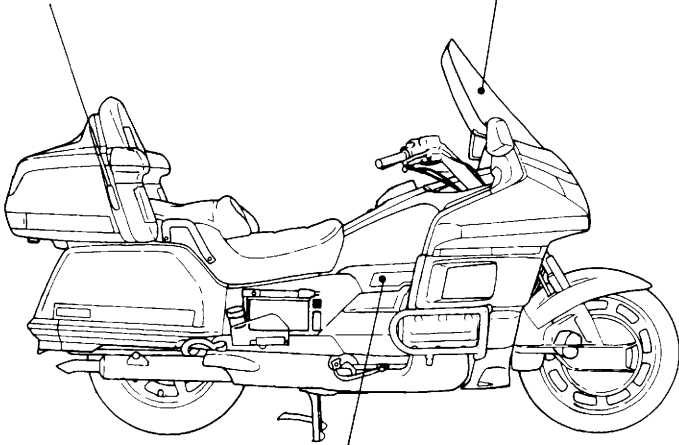
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

TYRE INFORMATION LABEL



**TRUNK/SADDLEBAG
WARNING LABEL**

WINDSHIELD WARNING LABEL



AIR ADJUST CAUTION LABEL

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

WARNING

- ***Motorcycle riding requires special efforts on your part to ensure your safety. Know these requirements before you ride:***

SAFE RIDING RULES

1. Always make a pre-ride inspection (page 61) before you start the engine.
You may prevent an accident or equipment damage.
2. Many accidents involve inexperienced riders. Most countries require a special motorcycle riding test or licence. Make sure you are qualified before you ride. NEVER lend your motorcycle to an inexperienced rider.
3. Many automobile/motorcycle accidents happen because the automobile driver does not "see" the motorcyclist. Make yourself conspicuous to help avoid the accident that wasn't your fault:
 - Wear bright or reflective clothing.
 - Don't ride in another motorist's "blind spot."
4. Obey all national and local laws and regulations.
 - Excessive speed is a factor in many accidents. Obey the speed limits, and NEVER travel faster than conditions warrant.
 - Signal before you make a turn or lane change. Your size and maneuverability can surprise other motorists.
5. Don't let other motorists surprise you. Use extra caution at intersections, parking lot entrances and exits, and driveways.
6. Keep both hands on the handlebars and both feet on the footpegs while riding. A passenger should hold on to the motorcycle or the operator with both hands and keep both feet on the passenger footpegs.

CAUTION:

- ***Do not ride over curbs or rub the wheel against an obstacle, as wheel damage may result.***

PROTECTIVE APPAREL

1. Most Motorcycle accident fatalities are due to head injuries: ALWAYS wear a helmet. You should also wear a face shield or goggles as well as boots, gloves, and protective clothing. A passenger needs the same protection.
2. The exhaust system becomes hot during operation, and it remains hot for a while after stopping the engine. Be careful not to touch the exhaust system while it is hot. Wear clothing that fully covers your legs.
3. Do not wear loose clothing which could catch on the control levers, footpegs, or wheels.

MODIFICATIONS

WARNING

- ***Modification of the motorcycle, or removal of original equipment, may render the vehicle unsafe or illegal. Obey all national and local equipment regulations.***

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

LOADING AND ACCESSORIES

WARNING

- ***To prevent an accident, use extreme care when adding and riding with accessories and cargo. Addition of accessories and cargo can reduce a motorcycle's stability, performance and safe operating speed. Never ride an accessory-equipped motorcycle at speeds above 130 km/h (80 mph). And remember that this 130 km/h (80 mph) limit may be reduced by installation of non-Honda accessories, improper loading, worn tyres and overall motorcycle condition, poor road or weather conditions. These general guidelines may help you decide whether or how to equip your motorcycle, and how to load it safely.***

Loading

The combined weight of the rider, passenger, cargo and additional accessories must not exceed the maximum weight capacity: 185 kg (408 lbs)

Cargo weight alone should not exceed:

27 kg (60 lbs)

1. Keep cargo and accessory weight low and close to the center of the motorcycle. Load weight equally on both sides to minimize imbalance. As weight is located further from the motorcycle's center of gravity, handling is proportionally affected.
2. Adjust tyre pressure (page 31), and rear suspension (pages 18–20) to suit load weight and riding conditions.
3. Vehicle handling and stability can be adversely affected by loose cargo. Recheck cargo security and accessory mounts frequently.

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4. Do not attach large, heavy items to the handlebars, front forks, or fender. Unstable handling or slow steering response may result.
 5. Do not exceed maximum capacity load of Honda accessories.
 - Travel trunk: 9 kg (20 lbs)
 - Saddlebags: 9 kg (20 lbs) each side
 - Fairing pockets: 2 kg (5 lbs) each side
 6. The Honda fairing, travel trunk and saddlebags are designed for this motorcycle only. Do not install them on any other motorcycle.
 7. Do not store articles between fairing and motorcycle. They may interfere with steering causing loss of control.

Accessories

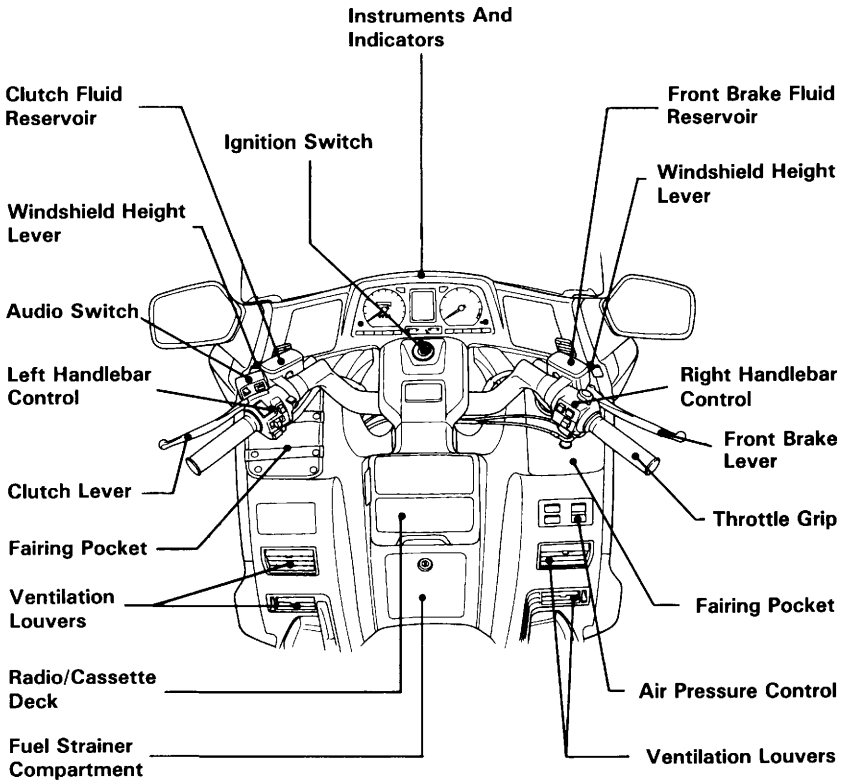
Genuine Honda accessories have been specifically designed for and tested on this motorcycle. Because the factory cannot test all other accessories, you are personally responsible for proper selection, installation, and use of non-Honda accessories. Always follow the guidelines under Loading, and these:

1. Carefully inspect the accessory to make sure it does not obscure any lights, reduce ground clearance and banking angle, or limit suspension travel, steering travel or control operation.
2. Large fork-mounted fairings or windshields, or poorly designed or improperly mounted fairings can produce aerodynamic forces that cause unstable handling. Do not install fairings that decrease cooling air flow to the engine.

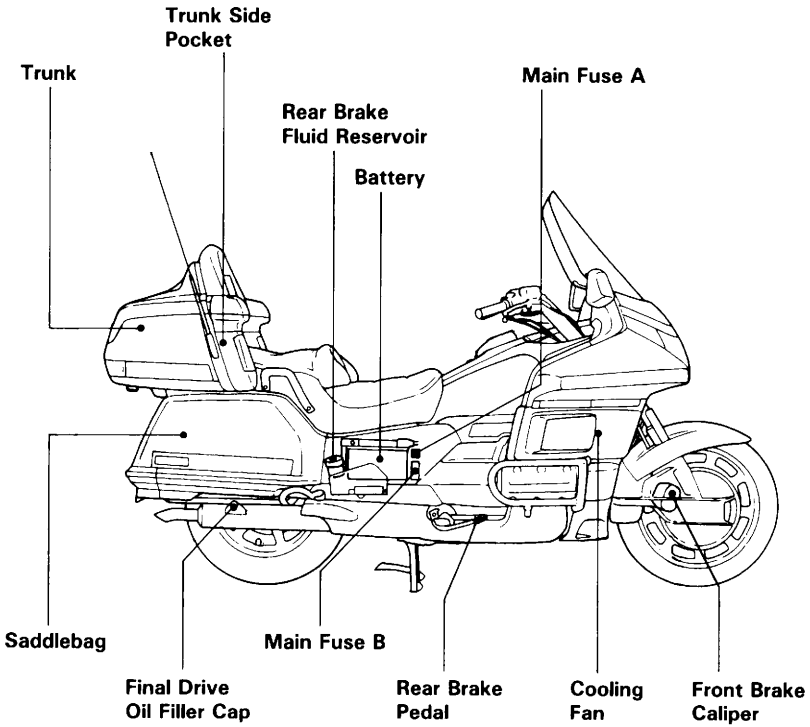
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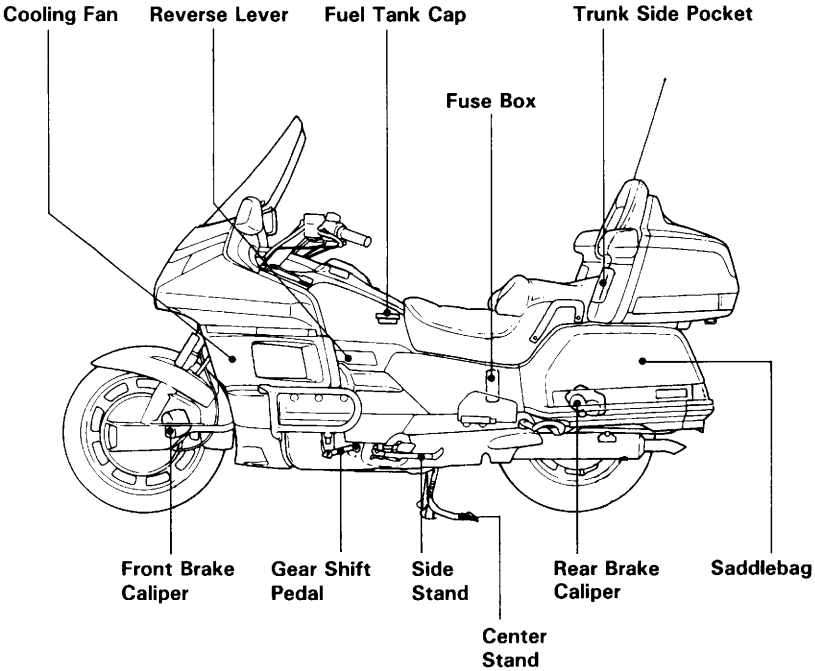
3. Accessories which alter your riding position by moving hands or feet away from controls may increase reaction time in an emergency.
4. Do not add electrical equipment that will exceed the motorcycle's electrical system capacity. A blown fuse could cause a dangerous loss of lights or engine power.
5. This motorcycle was not designed to pull a sidecar or trailer. Handling may be seriously impaired if so equipped.
6. Any modification of the cooling system may cause overheating and serious engine damage. Do not modify the radiator shrouds or install accessories which block or deflect air away from the radiator.

PARTS LOCATION



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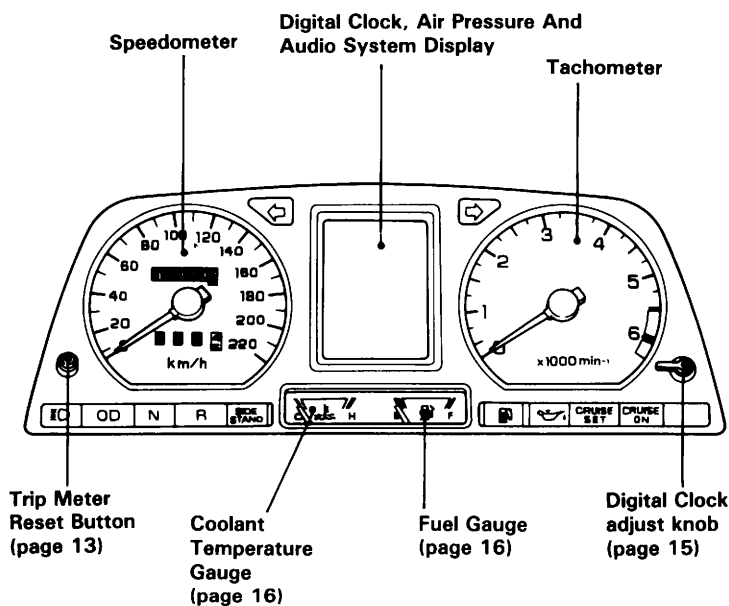




PARTS LOCATION

INSTRUMENTS AND INDICATORS

The indicators and warning lights are incorporated in the instrument panel. Their functions are described on the following pages.



Speedometer: shows riding speed.

Digital Clock, Air Pressure And

Audio System Display: Shows time, air pressure and radio/cassette deck functions (page 17, 19, 51, 54)

Tachometer: shows engine rpm.

Never allow the tachometer needle to enter the red zone, even after the engine has been broken in.

CAUTION:

- *The red zone indicates the maximum limits of engine speed and running the engine in the red zone may adversely affect its service life.*



Turn Signal Indicators

Flashes when the turn signal operates.



Odometer

Shows accumulated mileage.



Tripmeter

Shows mileage per trip.



Tripmeter Reset Button

Pushing the button resets the tripmeter to zero (0)



High Beam Indicator (blue)

Lights when the headlight is on high beam.



Over Drive Indicator

Lights when the transmission is in overdrive.

PARTS LOCATION

N

Neutral Indicator (green)

Lights when the transmission is in neutral.

R

Reverse System Indicator

Lights when the reverse system is engaged.

SIDE STAND

Side Stand Indicator (amber)

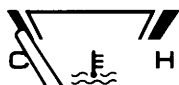
Lights when the side stand is put down.

Before parking, check that the side stand is fully down; the light only indicates the side stand ignition cut-off system (page 87) is activated.



Fuel Gauge

Shows approximate fuel supply available (page 16).



Coolant Temperature Gauge (page 16)

Shows coolant temperature.



Fuel Reserve System Indicator

When this lamp comes on while riding, there is about 3.8 liters (0.8 Imp gal, 1.0 US gal) left in the tank. Should light for a few seconds and go off when the ignition switch is turned ON.



Oil Pressure Warning Light (red)

Lights when engine oil pressure is below the normal operating range. Should light when the ignition switch is ON and the engine is not running. Should go off when engine starts, except for occasional flickering at or near idling speed when engine is warm.

CAUTION:

- *Running the engine with insufficient oil pressure may cause serious engine damage.*

CRUISE SET

Cruise Control Set Indicator

Lights when the cruise control set switch is pushed on (page 36).

Should also light for a few seconds and then go off when the ignition switch is turned ON.

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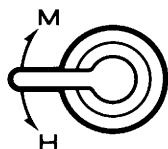
- *The cruise control automates the function of the throttle; do not operate the cruise control while in traffic, on winding roads or in bad weather conditions.*

CRUISE ON

Cruise Control Master Switch Indicator

Lights when the cruise control master switch is pushed on (page 36).

Should also light for a few seconds and then go off when the ignition switch is turned ON.



Digital Clock Adjust Knob

To adjust the hour, turn and hold the knob to H.

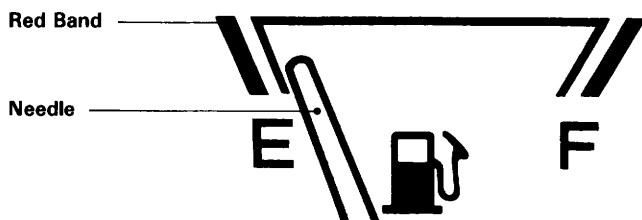
To adjust minutes, turn and hold the knob to M (page 17).

PARTS LOCATION

Fuel Gauge

The fuel gauge shows the approximate fuel supply available. At F (Full) there are 24.0 liters (5.3 Imp gal, 6.3 US gal), including the reserve supply.

When the gauge needle enters the red band, fuel will be low and you should refill the tank as soon as possible. The amount of fuel left in the tank when the needle enters the red band is approximately 3.6 liters (0.8 Imp gal, 0.9 US gal).



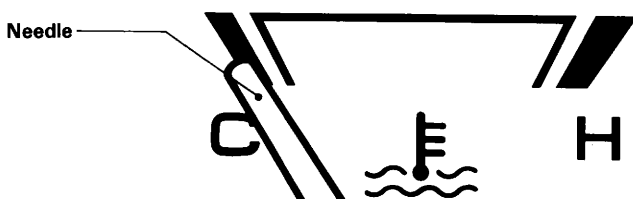
Coolant Temperature Gauge

When the needle begins to move above the C (Cold) mark, the engine is warm enough for the motorcycle to be ridden. The normal operating temperature range is within the section between the H and C marks. If the needle reaches the H (Hot) mark, stop the engine and check the reserve tank coolant level (page 24).

Read page 24–25 and do not ride the motorcycle until the problem has been corrected.

CAUTION:

- *Exceeding maximum operating temperature may cause serious engine damage.*



Digital Clock

Shows the hour and minutes. To adjust time, proceed as follows:

H (Hour) — Turn and hold the adjust knob to H.

M (Minute) — Turn and hold the adjust knob to M.

