

Refer to *Safety Precautions* on page 81 .

Fuel Recommendation

type	unleaded
research octane number	95 (or higher)

Use only unleaded fuel in your Honda. If you ride your Honda in a country where leaded fuel might be available, take precautions to use only unleaded fuel.

Your engine is designed to use any unleaded petrol that has a pump octane number $(R + M)/2$ of 91 or higher, or a research octane number of 95 or higher. Petrol pumps at service stations normally display the pump octane number. For information on the use of *petrol containing alcohol*, see page 204 .

Use of lower octane petrol can cause persistent “pinging” or “spark knock” (a loud rapping noise) which, if severe, can lead to engine damage. Light pinging experienced while operating under a heavy load, such as climbing a hill, is no cause for concern.

If pinging or spark knock occurs at a steady engine speed under normal load, change brands of petrol. If pinging or spark knock persists, consult your Honda dealer.

Never use stale or contaminated petrol or an oil/petrol mixture. Avoid getting dirt, dust, or water in the fuel tank.