

Competitive riding can be tough on a motorcycle, so it's important to inspect your CRF and correct any problems you find before each ride. Check the following items (page numbers are at the right):

⚠ WARNING

Improperly maintaining this motorcycle or failing to correct a problem before riding can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

Pre-ride Inspection

Check the following before each ride:

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