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# Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of a new Honda motorcycle. Your selection of a Honda makes you part of a worldwide family of satisfied customers who appreciate Honda's reputation for building quality into every product.

To ensure your safety and riding pleasure:

- Read this owner's manual carefully.
- Follow all recommendations and procedures contained in this manual.
- Pay close attention to safety messages contained in this manual and on the motorcycle.

- The following codes in this manual indicate each country.
- The illustrations here in are based on the VFR1200F ED type.

## Country Codes

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### Code Country

#### VFR1200F

E	UK
ED	European direct sales
F	France
U	Australia, New Zealand
KO	Korea

#### VFR1200FD

E	UK
ED	European direct sales
F	France
U	Australia, New Zealand
KO	Korea
BR	Brazil

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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. 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 safety 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 judgement.

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.

### **Other important information is provided under the following titles:**

**NOTICE** Information to help you avoid damage to your motorcycle, other property, or the environment.

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## Safety Guidelines

Follow these guidelines to enhance your safety:

- Perform all routine and regular inspections specified in this manual.
- Stop the engine and keep sparks and flame away before filling the fuel tank.
- Do not run the engine in enclosed or partly enclosed areas. Carbon monoxide in exhaust gases is toxic and can kill you.

### Always Wear a Helmet

It's a proven fact: helmets and protective apparel significantly reduce the number and severity of head and other injuries. So always wear an approved motorcycle helmet and protective apparel. ➤P.9

### Before Riding

Make sure that you are physically fit, mentally focused and free of alcohol and drugs. Check

that you and your passenger are both wearing an approved motorcycle helmet and protective apparel. Instruct your passenger on holding onto the grab rail or your waist, leaning with you in turns, and keeping their feet on the footpegs, even when the motorcycle is stopped.

### Take Time to Learn & Practice

Even if you have ridden other motorcycles, practice riding in a safe area to become familiar with how this motorcycle works and handles, and to become accustomed to the motorcycle's size and weight.

### Ride Defensively

Always pay attention to other vehicles around you, and do not assume that other drivers see you. Be prepared to stop quickly or perform an evasive maneuver.

## Safety Guidelines

### Make Yourself Easy to See

Make yourself more visible, especially at night, by wearing bright reflective clothing, positioning yourself so other drivers can see you, signaling before turning or changing lanes, and using your horn when necessary.

### Ride within Your Limits

Never ride beyond your personal abilities or faster than conditions warrant. Fatigue and inattention can impair your ability to use good judgement and ride safely.

### Don't Drink and Ride

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

### Keep Your Honda in Safe Condition

It's important to keep your motorcycle properly maintained and in safe riding condition. Inspect your motorcycle before every ride and perform all recommended maintenance. Never exceed load limits (➤P.13), and do not modify your motorcycle or install accessories that would make your motorcycle unsafe (➤P.12).

### If You are Involved in a Crash

Personal safety is your first priority. If you or anyone else has been injured, take time to assess the severity of the injuries and whether it is safe to continue riding. Call for emergency assistance if needed. Also follow applicable laws and regulations if another person or vehicle is involved in the crash.

If you decide to continue riding, first evaluate the condition of your motorcycle. If the engine is still running, turn it off. Inspect for fluid

leaks, check the tightness of critical nuts and bolts, and check the handlebar, control levers, brakes, and wheels. Ride slowly and cautiously. Your motorcycle may have suffered damage that is not immediately apparent. Have your motorcycle thoroughly checked at a qualified service facility as soon as possible.

### Carbon Monoxide Hazard

Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide, a colourless, odorless gas. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death.

If you run the engine in confined or even partly enclosed area, the air you breathe could contain a dangerous amount of carbon monoxide. Never run your motorcycle inside a garage or other enclosure.

## **WARNING**

Carbon monoxide gas is toxic. Breathing it can cause unconsciousness and even kill you. Avoid any areas or activities that expose you to carbon monoxide.

## Image Labels (Except BR, KO type)

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The following pages describe the label meanings. Some labels warn you of potential hazards that could cause serious injury. Others provide important safety information. Read this information carefully and don't remove the labels.

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

There is a specific symbol on each label. The meanings of each symbol and label are as follows.



Read instructions contained in Owner's Manual carefully.



Read instructions contained in Shop Manual carefully. In the interest of safety, take the motorcycle to be serviced only by your dealer.



#### **DANGER (with RED background)**

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

#### **WARNING (with ORANGE background)**

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

#### **CAUTION (with YELLOW background)**

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

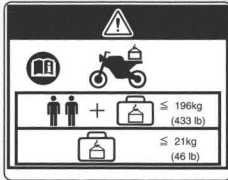


## RADIATOR CAP LABEL DANGER

NEVER OPEN WHEN HOT.

Hot coolant will scald you.

Relief pressure valve begins to open at **1.1 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>**.



## ACCESSORIES AND LOADING WARNING LABEL WARNING

ACCESSORIES AND LOADING

- The safety stability and handling of this motorcycle may be affected by the addition of accessories and luggage.
- Read carefully the instructions contained in user's manual and installation guide before installing any accessory.
- The total weight of accessories and luggage added to rider's and passenger's weight should not exceed **196 kg (433 lb)**, which is the maximum weight capacity.
- The luggage weight must not exceed **21 kg (46 lb)** under any circumstances.
- The fitting of large fork-mounted or large handlebar mounted fairing is not recommended.

## Image Labels (Except BR, KO type)

**REAR CUSHION LABEL**

GAS FILLED

Do not open. Do not heat.

**TYRE INFORMATION LABEL**

Cold tyre pressure:

[Driver only]

Front **250 kPa (2.50 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>, 36 psi)**Rear **290 kPa (2.90 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>, 42 psi)**

[Driver and passenger]

Front **250 kPa (2.50 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>, 36 psi)**Rear **290 kPa (2.90 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>, 42 psi)**

Tyre size:

Front **120/70ZR17M/C (58W)**Rear **190/55ZR17M/C (75W)**

Tyre brand: DUNLOP

Front **ROADSMART CQ K**Rear **ROADSMART K**

BRIDGESTONE

**BT021F N****BT021R N****SAFETY REMINDER LABEL**

For your protection, always wear helmet, protective apparel.

**FUEL LABEL**

Unleaded petrol only

High Octane Recommended

