

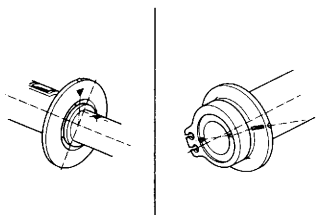
# General Competition Maintenance

## Handgrips

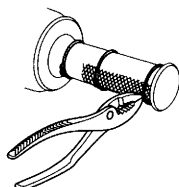
Always use Hand Grip Cement when replacing handgrips. Refer to the Shop Manual for installation instructions.

## Throttle Grip

Align the index mark on the throttle grip with the index mark of the throttle cable guide. Left handlebar grip: Align the "Δ" mark on the left handlebar grip with the paint mark on the handlebar.



For added security, you may choose to bind the hand grips to the handlebar and throttle pipe with safety wires to prevent the possibility of them loosening. Position the twisted wire ends away from your palms and be sure to bend the wire ends well into the handgrip rubber so they will not snag your glove.



## Throttle Control

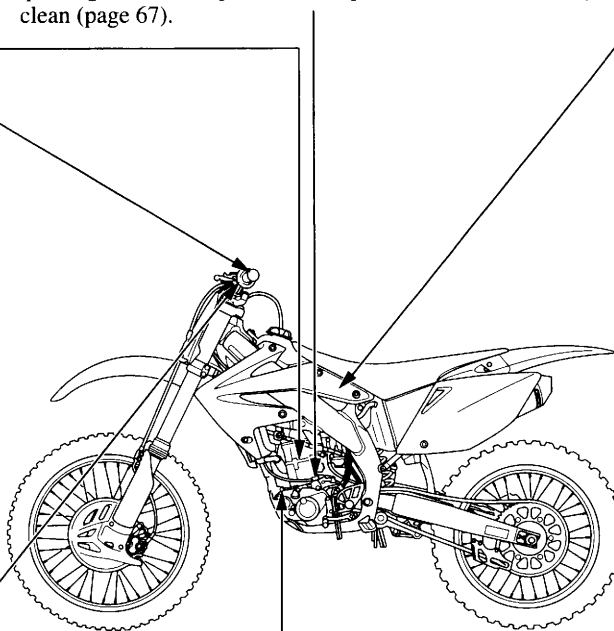
Remove the throttle control every few rides, clean the inside of the throttle pipe and handlebar thoroughly, and apply a light coating of oil. Inspect the cable carefully for kinks or other damage that may restrict throttle control in anyway. Move the handlebar from lock to lock to be sure there is no cable interference. Make certain the throttle operation is perfect after servicing and inspecting.

## Gaskets

Always use new gaskets when reassembling components.

## Cylinder

Put a little grease on the cylinder mounting dowels to prevent corrosion from dissimilar metals. The tolerances are quite tight, so it's important to keep these dowels absolutely clean (page 67).



## Engine Mounting Bolts and Nuts

Make sure the engine mounting bolts and nuts are tightened to the proper torque specification. For added peace of mind, remove the nuts, clean the threads, and apply Honda Thread Lock or an equivalent prior to torquing the nuts.

## Fuel Filter

Periodically drain the fuel from the fuel tank, remove and clean the fuel valve/filter. Replace the fuel valve O-ring if there are any signs of damage or deterioration (page 35).

## Fuel Contamination

Refer to *Fuel System* in your Owner's Manual, page 34. Check the fuel lines for deterioration, damage, or leakage. Replace the fuel lines, if necessary. Periodically drain the fuel from the fuel tank, remove and clean the fuel valve/filter. Replace the fuel valve O-ring if there are any signs of damage or deterioration (page 35). Loosen the carburetor drain screw and examine the fuel that flows out of the float bowl. If you notice anything in the fuel, such as water or dirt, remove the float bowl and inspect its contents (page 123). For maximum efficiency, drain and replace fuel that has remained in your fuel tank for more than a month.

## Electrical Connectors

Clean electrical connectors and wrap them with electrical tape to reduce the possibility of unwanted disconnections, water shorts or corrosion. Additional corrosion protection is offered by using Honda Dielectric Grease on all electrical connections.

