

## After Cleaning Lubrication

There are some things you should do just after washing your CRF to help prevent rust and corrosion.

Once your CRF is clean and dry, you should protect any bare steel from rusting by applying a light coating of a rust-inhibitor. Lubricate the drive chain and drive sprocket after removing and thoroughly cleaning in solvent. Be sure the chain is wiped clean and is dry before applying the chain lube.

Follow the suggestions given in the pages of this manual for lubricating items such as the brake and clutch lever pivot points and footpeg pivot pins.

## Aluminum Frame Maintenance

Aluminum corrodes when it comes in contact with dust, mud and road salt.

To remove stains, use Scotch Brite Hand Pad #7447 (maroon) or an equivalent.

Wet the pad and polish the surface using strokes parallel to the length of the frame.

Clean the frame using a wet sponge and a mild detergent, then rinse well with clean water. Dry the frame with a soft clean cloth, using strokes parallel to the length of the frame.

### NOTICE

*Do not use steel wool to clean the frame as it could damage or discolor the frame surface.*

*Scotch Brite Hand Pad #7447-maroon is for removing stains on the non-coated aluminum frame only.*

## Titanium Fuel Tank Maintenance (CRF450R/RWE)

The fuel tank is made of titanium material.

To remove mud or dust, use a sponge or soft cloth and a stainless steel kitchen detergent, then rinse well with clean water.

After washing, rinse with plenty of water and dry with a clean cloth.

## Exhaust Pipe and Muffler Maintenance

The exhaust pipe and muffler are titanium (CRF450RWE only) and stainless steel but may become stained by mud or dust.

To remove mud or dust, use a wet sponge and a liquid kitchen abrasive, then rinse well with clean water. Dry with chamois or a soft towel.

If necessary, remove heat stains by using a commercially available fine texture compound. Then rinse by the same manner as removing mud or dust.