





## GOLD WING WHAT LIES BEYOND?

What lies over the horizon? Beyond our town, our state? Beyond the predictable, the expected? And what's the best way to experience it? We ride motorcycles because they're such engaging, active, personal vehicles. Travel the same roads in a car and on a bike, eat at the same restaurants, see the same sights, and then tell us which trip is the most memorable.

Honda's 2018 Gold Wing® is an all-new motorcycle this year, designed to put you more in touch with the essential experience of riding. Changing a bike as good and as refined as a Gold Wing isn't something you undertake lightly. So we set out to improve the newest model in every category: Engineering. Handling. Technology. Comfort. Performance. The new Gold Wing is lighter, more powerful, more nimble, and more engaging. It's a better motorcycle in every way. What lies beyond? Ride there and find out.





## YEARS OF ADVENTURE.

THE FIRST GOLD WING—THE 1975 GL1000—WAS REVOLUTIONARY, A MOTORCYCLE THAT OFFERED SUPERBIKE-LEVEL POWER, INCREDIBLE SMOOTHNESS, LIQUID COOLING, SHAFT DRIVE, AND A HOST OF TECHNICAL INNOVATION UNMATCHED AT THE TIME IN THE MOTORCYCLING WORLD. RIDERS ACROSS THE GLOBE RECOGNIZED THE GENIUS IN THIS MACHINE, BUT ESPECIALLY RIDERS WHO WANTED TO COVER LONG DISTANCES. AND SO THE GOLD WING BECAME A TOURING ICON. OVER THE YEARS WE ADDED BODYWORK, SADDLEBAGS, AND INCREASED THE ENGINE SIZE. NOW IT'S TIME TO GO BACK TO OUR ROOTS, TO THE KIND OF PERFORMANCE AND HANDLING THAT MADE THOSE FIRST GOLD WINGS SUCH AWESOME BIKES. HANG ON, AND ENJOY THE RIDE!



## GOLD WING TOUR



### INTRODUCING THE NEW GOLD STANDARDS OF TOURING.

The Honda Gold Wing is probably the best-known bike in all of motorcycling, a machine that single-handedly defines what a touring bike should be. But now it's time to forget just about everything you thought you knew this bike was, because the new 2018 Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour are designed for the way we ride today. Maybe in high school

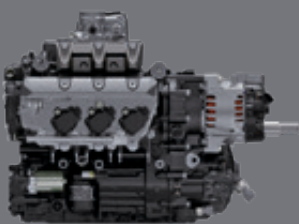
or college you had a coach who taught you something called the athletic stance. Poised, balanced, feet spread about shoulder's width apart, leaning forward slightly. It's the way you stood on a basketball court, on a football field, or ready to rush the net on a tennis court. It's the same with motorcycling. The new Gold Wing Tour and Gold Wing

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are designed to be more athletic, more engaging, to give you a greater sense of being one with your bike. The difference between the two? The Gold Wing Tour has a taller windscreen, a trunk, and a full complement of touring-bike features. The Gold Wing is lighter, uses a shorter windscreen, and features no-nonsense blacked-out styling.

Navigation is now a standard feature, and both the Gold Wing and the Gold Wing Tour also feature standard Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS) as well. We think you'll find that these are the best Gold Wings you've ever ridden. They're also the most engaging and fulfilling to ride. And the more you ride them, the better they're going to feel.



#### MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE.

When it came time to design the new Gold Wing engine, we had four goals. Make it lighter. Make it more compact. Make it more powerful. And make it more fun to ride. Along the way, we also gave the new bikes a new exhaust system—once you hear it, you'll know it was worth it. The bikes offer a level of performance that's immediately noticeable too—part of that's the engine's power, part of it is because the new Gold Wings are lighter and accelerate harder, and part of it's due to the compact center of mass compared to previous models.

## ENGINEERING

### AT THE HEART OF EVERY GREAT MOTORCYCLE BEATS A GREAT ENGINE.

The new 2018 Gold Wings still use a horizontally opposed six-cylinder engine, but that's where all similarity ends. The new bikes feature a new bore and stroke, and a displacement punched out to 1833cc. Even more important, they're the first Gold Wings to use four valves per cylinder, a design based off our high-performance Unicam® head design. The new engine also features aluminum cylinder sleeves and a shorter, stiffer crank. The engine is more compact front-to-back, and that lets you and your passenger move forward in the cockpit for more comfort, better handling, and a more connected feel with the bike's steering. Other innovations include integrating the starter and alternator into one unit. The overall effect is groundbreaking: a Gold Wing that's still a long-distance champion, but one that offers a degree of engaged, sporting performance that all motorcyclists live for.

### DOUBLE-WISHBONE FRONT SUSPENSION



One of the first things any rider will notice about the 2018 Gold Wings is the radical new double-wishbone front suspension. Gone is the familiar telescopic fork, replaced with a strong, twin-leg structure, a pair of "A" arms and a single shock and spring. Why? The innovative, Honda-engineered design changes the path the wheel follows through the suspension's travel, making it more of a vertical movement. That lets us move both the engine and the rider/passenger closer to the front wheel for improved handling.

### 7-SPEED AUTOMATIC DCT

### THE BEST SPORTS CARS IN THE WORLD USE THEM. AND NOW THE BEST BIKES DO, TOO.

This is huge news for 2018. For the first time ever, both the Gold Wing and the Gold Wing Tour are available with a brand new 7-Speed Automatic DCT. If you're not familiar with it, think of the paddle-shift gearboxes Formula 1 cars use.

DCT stands for Dual-Clutch Transmission. Inside, the transmission looks like a normal manual, with strong, efficient, constant-mesh steel gears. But there's no shift lever and no clutch lever—all your shifting is controlled by buttons on the handlebar. Or you can let the DCT function fully automatically, and the bike will upshift and downshift effortlessly. The twin clutch packs, one for odd gears, one for even, makes shifting quick and seamless. The DCT has been a big hit on many Honda motorcycles, and our Africa Twin® has proven it's tough enough for fully loaded off-road travel. But the 2018 Gold Wings have the best DCT we've ever offered, and the first with seven speeds. Even better, our DCT models offer a special low-speed "Walking" mode in addition to reverse (see our Models and Options chart for more information). It's a huge help when maneuvering into or out of parking spaces with a passenger on the back.

### 6-SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION

We know plenty of Gold Wing riders still prefer a traditional manual transmission. Fear not—we have you covered. You can opt for a conventional gearbox on both the Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour models. But we've gone ahead and made it even better for 2018, by adding a sixth speed. Closing up the gearbox ratios makes it easier to pick the perfect gear for sportier riding, yet the overdrive sixth still serves up relaxed top-gear cruising.



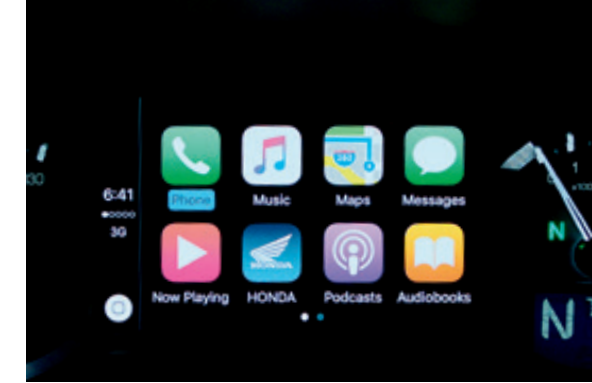
**COMPACT 4-VALVE ENGINE** / The new Gold Wing's engine is all about athletic performance. The horizontally opposed six-cylinder design is still super smooth, except now it makes even more power. Plus, nothing can match it when it comes to a low center of gravity—a key to superior handling and parking-lot maneuverability.

**COUNTER-ROTATING TRANSMISSION** / Mounting the Gold Wing's transmission below the crankshaft, and spinning it opposite the crank's rotation helps neutralize any engine torque reaction. Combining the alternator and starter into one integrated unit is one reason why the new Gold Wing's engine is over 13 pounds lighter!\*



## TECHNOLOGY / NAVIGATION

A hundred years ago, cars had hand-cranked engines, motorcycles had manual spark advances, and your telephone—if you had one—was a wooden box screwed to the wall. Who wants to go back to that? Technology is part of our lives today, and the smart motorcyclist embraces it. So do the new Gold Wings. They offer a suite of technologic/electronic features that make planning and riding easier, freeing you up to enjoy the parts of riding where you really want to pay attention. A large, bright seven-inch LCD/TFT display is front and center, giving you all the information you want.



**APPLE CARPLAY INTEGRATION /** A first for the motorcycle industry! Apple CarPlay™ seamlessly integrates your iPhone® into your new Gold Wing. That means you can use your iPhone to access Apple Maps, Apple Music® and other services. You'll have access to weather, playlists and telephone numbers while aboard. Available *Bluetooth*®-enabled wireless headsets let you communicate easily.\*\* And best of all, with more apps available every day, Apple CarPlay keeps your bike's technology on the cutting edge.

**HOMELINK /** Available as an optional feature, HomeLink® lets you integrate your new Gold Wing with other devices in your home. A typical example: you can open your home's garage door without any dedicated controller—just touch a switch on your bike's center console. No more fumbling, and no hassle.

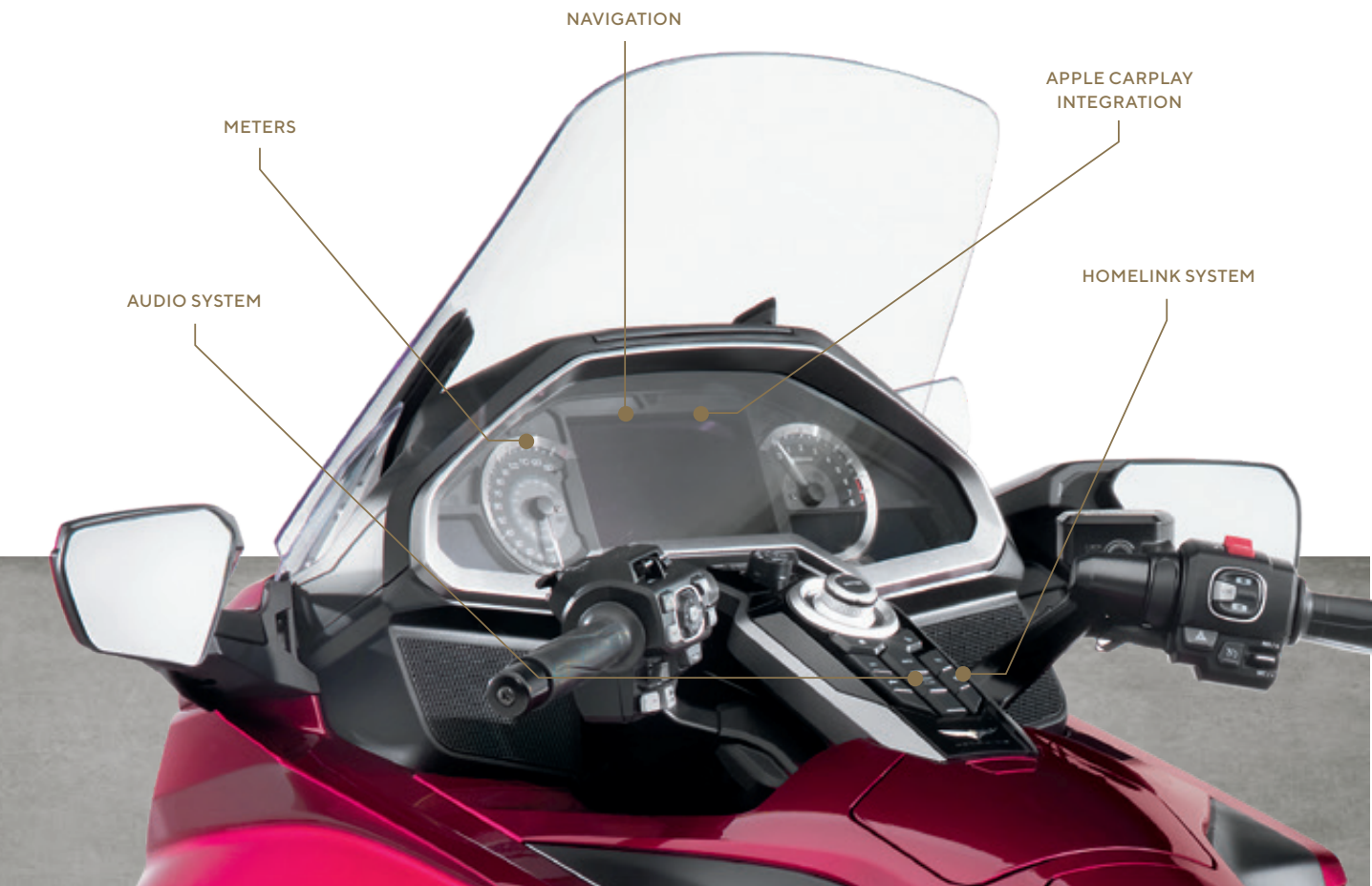
**METERS /** The new Gold Wing's cockpit meters are information central. In addition to the basics like vehicle and engine speed, fuel level, engine temperature and dual tripmeters, you can also monitor outside air temperature, cruise-control speed, heater levels, and more.



**AUDIO /** Your new Gold Wing's premium audio system is an excellent example of state-of-the-art electronic technology. In addition to listening to music, with an available *Bluetooth* headset you can make or answer phone calls without taking off your helmet. A dedicated port lets you plug in a USB flash drive. Options include a separate passenger audio control switch, high-output amplifier and speakers, a CB radio, and more.



**NAVIGATION /** Electronic navigation just keeps getting better and more convenient, and your Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour are right on the cutting edge. Both are equipped with an excellent, dedicated, GPS-based navigation system. It's a feature-rich, stand-alone system that's completely independent of the Apple CarPlay navigation. No phone or cell reception? No problem— your navi system doesn't need them.





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## IT'S ALL ABOUT CREATING SOLUTIONS.

Electronics can frustrate you, or they make your life easier. Some systems require you to scroll through layer after layer of non-intuitive commands, pushing a button once, twice, or three times—a recipe for getting lost. The new Gold Wings take a different path: we give you a series of dedicated, easy-to-use controls mounted on the handlebar or center console. Controls like these just make sense on a motorcycle; they're tactile, positive, and you can use them while wearing gloves. Best of all, they take the frustration level down to about zero. All your electronics should be so user friendly.

- 01 **THROTTLE BY WIRE** / The 2018 Gold Wing's throttle-by-wire system enables features like our exclusive Honda Selectable Torque Control (HSTC), which you'll find on all our Gold Wing Tour models.
- 02 **ELECTRONIC PRELOAD SUSPENSION** / The new Gold Wing Tour's suspension features four modes for varying loads. You can select (1) Rider, (2) Rider with loaded bags, (3) Rider and passenger, and (4) Rider and passenger with loaded bags.
- 03 **RIDE MODES** / Gold Wing engines offer a wide range of user-friendly power, but now you can even choose between four ride modes (Tour, Sport, Rain, and Economy). Each mode varies the bike's power delivery. On the Gold Wing Tour models, it also changes suspension damping, and on the DCT models, changing modes also alters your bike's shift points.
- 04 **HILL START ASSIST** / This feature momentarily holds your motorcycle's position on inclines when the brakes are released and before you apply the throttle, eliminating any roll-back drama. It's a great convenience when starting from a stop on a hill.
- 05 **SMART KEY** / Your new Gold Wing features an electronic smart key. When the key is in close proximity (say, in your jacket pocket), you can just hop on, press a button, and ride off. An "answer back" feature lets you find your bike in the dark or in crowded rally parking.
- 06 **SUSPENSION MODES** / When you select a riding mode (Touring, Sport, Rain, Economy), in addition to tailoring the engine's power character, the mode also changes your suspension's damping characteristics, automatically controlling the oil flow in the front and rear shocks. This helps optimize the bike's maneuverability and ride under changing road conditions.

## ELECTRIFYING INNOVATION.

Modern motorcycle electronics let the new Gold Wings offer a collection of features impossible to imagine just a few years ago, and the stuff of science-fiction movies when the first Gold Wing appeared. Some are convenience features, some rider aids. Together, they make your new Gold Wing more fun and more enjoyable to ride.



Shown with optional accessories.



## ATHLETIC COMFORT.

How you sit on a motorcycle determines how you'll perform. A well-designed office chair, or the pilot's seat in a fighter jet are designed to keep you alert, active, and engaged for an entire day. That's the philosophy behind the new 2018 Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour. And an added plus: you'll find your new Gold Wing is just as much fun for shorter, around-town rides as it is on long trips.



## BUILT FOR THE LONG HAUL.

Before the 1980 Gold Wing Interstate, if you wanted a touring bike, you had to add a windscreen and fairing yourself. This year we've radically rethought the Gold Wing's fairing and luggage. The bike still offers excellent wind- and weather protection for both rider and passenger, but it's trimmer now, with a lower windscreen and more of the frame exposed. It's narrower too, making it more fun to ride on twisty roads. The Gold Wing Tour comes with a standard travel trunk, while our second model removes the trunk, making the bike even lighter and more nimble. All the luggage opens remotely and features integral dampers.

**01 FAIRING** / The new Gold Wing's fairing offers excellent wind and weather protection, yet is trimmer and more aerodynamic than our previous models. It also flows more air through new ducting, helping keep you cooler on hot summer days.

**02 ELECTRIC WINDSCREEN** / You'll notice a couple of things about the new Gold Wing Tour's windscreen. First, it's electrically controlled, moving both up and down over a 4.9-inch range (4.1 inches for Gold Wing) as well as changing its angle as it raises and lowers. Plus, it automatically remembers the last setting.

**03 LUGGAGE** / All Gold Wings feature integrated saddlebags, designed to hold enough for most weekend trips. The bags open electrically with the push of a button, and lock and unlock remotely with the smart key. They're hydraulically damped for smooth operation, too. (Shown with optional accessory luggage bags)

**04 LED LIGHTING** / All 2018 Gold Wing models feature a complete LED lighting package. All illumination is LED: the headlights, the tail lights, the turn indicators, and every bit of instrumentation.

**05 SEATS** / The seats use a new material that makes it easier to move around for both rider and passenger, and the front portion of the rider's seat is narrower, making it easier to reach the ground. The rider can enjoy an optional backrest, and on our Gold Wing models without a trunk, there's also an optional backrest for the passenger.

**06 NANO-TECH PAINTS** / Even the new Gold Wing's paint is high tech, using BASF's nano technology. The darks look darker, and the lights look brighter. The paint itself has a luxurious wet appearance.





## MODELS AND OPTIONS

	GOLD WING TOUR DCT AIRBAG	GOLD WING TOUR DCT	GOLD WING TOUR	GOLD WING DCT	GOLD WING
1833cc Six-Cylinder Engine	X	X	X	X	X
Seven-Speed Automatic DCT Transmission	X	X		X	
Six-Speed Manual Transmission			X		X
Trunk	X	X	X		
Reverse	X	X	X	X	
Walking Mode	X	X		X	
Apple CarPlay	X	X	X	X	X
Electric Windscreen	X	X	X	X	X
Selectable Ride Modes	X	X	X	X	X
Cruise Control	X	X	X	X	X
Hill Start Assist	X	X	X	X	X
Honda Selectable Torque Control (HSTC)	X	X	X		
Heated Seats	X	X	X		
Heated Grips	X	X	X	X	X
Tire Pressure Monitoring System	X	X	X	X	X
Electronic Rear Suspension Preload	X	X	X		
Curb Weight <sup>o</sup>	842	833	833	800	787

<sup>o</sup> Includes all standard equipment, required fluids and a full tank of fuel—ready to ride

### Freedom of Choice.

One style, one size, one color is never a great fit. That's why we're offering five distinct Gold Wing models for 2018, and six color options. Which new Gold Wing model is the right one for you?

## GOLD WING SPECIFICATIONS

**ENGINE TYPE** 1833cc liquid-cooled horizontally opposed six-cylinder

**BORE AND STROKE** 73mm x 73mm

**INDUCTION** Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI)

**IGNITION** Computer-controlled digital with three-dimensional mapping

**COMPRESSION RATIO** 10.5:1

**VALVE TRAIN** SOHC Unicam; four valves per cylinder

**FINAL DRIVE** Shaft

**FRONT SUSPENSION** Double A-arm fork with single coil-over shock absorber; 4.3 inches of travel

**REAR SUSPENSION** Pro Arm® single-sided swingarm with Pro-Link® single shock; computer-controlled spring-preload adjustment with four presets; 4.1 inches of travel

**LUGGAGE CAPACITY** 110 liters (Gold Wing Tour) / 60 liters (Gold Wing)

**WHEELBASE** 66.7 inches

**TIRE SIZE** 130/70R-18 front; 200/55R-16 rear

**SEAT HEIGHT** 29.3 inches

**FUEL CAPACITY** 5.55 gallons

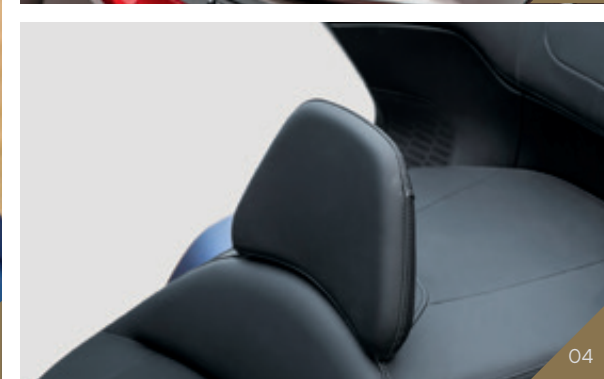
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## DRESS FOR SUCCESS.

Now that you have that brand-new Gold Wing parked in your garage, why not treat yourself to some new riding gear to go with it? Honda has teamed with premium manufacturers like Klim, Alpinestars and Arai to bring you a line of new apparel specifically tailored to the Gold Wing riding experience. And just as the new Gold Wing offers a fresh, new look, so does this new gear.



### GOLD WING ACCESSORIES:

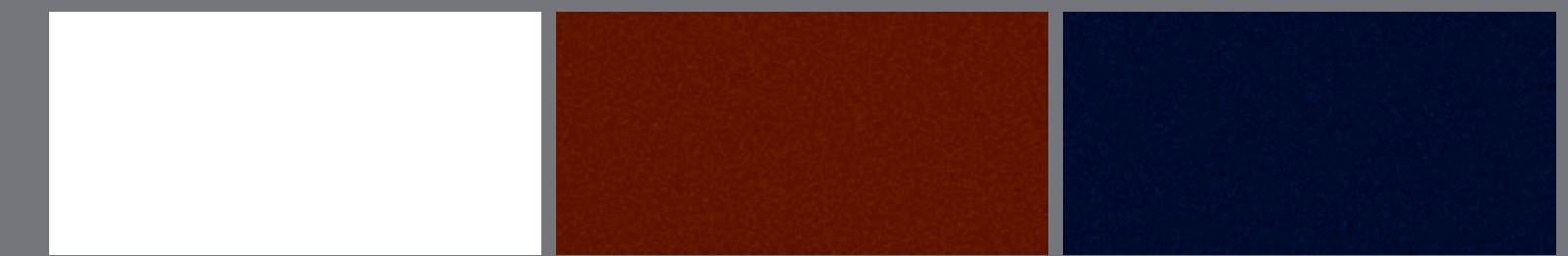
Gold Wing owners are famous for adding individual touches to their motorcycles. And here's some great news: Even though the 2018 Gold Wings are brand-new bikes, we already have a full line of accessories ready for you. Especially notable is the new available Trunk Add or Removal Kit.

- 01 LED BRAKE LIGHT & CHROME TRUNK RACK** / Functional, and great looking.
- 02 PASSENGER BACKREST** / This is sure to be a super-popular accessory on our no-trunk models.
- 03 HOMELINK** / Open your garage door and much more with the push of a button.
- 04 RIDER BACKREST** / Easy on and off, plus you'll appreciate the added comfort and support.
- 05 LED FOGLIGHTS** / A finishing touch that also adds an extra degree of visibility.

**Honda Accessories** We've shown a few here, but you can see the entire line at: [shop.powersports.honda.com](http://shop.powersports.honda.com)



CANDY ARDENT RED/BLACK    MATTE MAJESTIC SILVER    CANDY ARDENT RED



PEARL WHITE    PEARL STALLION BROWN    PEARL HAWKSEYE BLUE



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**BE A RESPONSIBLE RIDER** Riding a motorcycle is an exercise in responsibility—to yourself, to others, to the environment and to the sport. So remember, always wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing whenever you ride. Never ride after consuming drugs or alcohol and never use the street as a racetrack. Inspect your motorcycle before riding, and read your owner's manual. Log on to the Colton Rider Education website [powersports.honda.com/experience/colton.aspx](http://powersports.honda.com/experience/colton.aspx) for information concerning reimbursement through the Honda Rider's Club of America® for state-approved rider training. Obey the law, use common sense, respect the rights of others when you ride, and make sure you have a proper license when riding on public roads.

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