

# Honda CG125 Owners Workshop Manual

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#### Models covered

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CG125 K1. 124cc. May 1978 to March 1981

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CG125-E. 124cc. November 1984 to April 1985

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# About this manual

The author of this manual has the conviction that the only way in which a meaningful and easy to follow text can be written is first to do the work himself, under conditions similar to those found in the average household. As a result, the hands seen in the photographs are those of the author. Even the machines are not new: examples that have covered a considerable mileage were selected so that the conditions encountered would be typical of those found by the average owner.

Unless specially mentioned, and therefore considered essential, Honda service tools have not been used. There is invariably some alternative means of slackening or removing some vital component when service tools are not available and risk of damage has to be avoided at all costs.

Each of the six Chapters is divided into numbered Sections. Within the Sections are numbered paragraphs. In consequence, cross reference throughout this manual is both straightforward and logical. When a reference is made 'See Section 5.12' it means Section 5, paragraph 12 in the same Chapter. If another Chapter were meant, the text would read 'See Chapter 2,

Section 5.12'. All photographs are captioned with a Section/paragraph number to which they refer and are always relevant to the Chapter text adjacent.

Figure numbers (usually line illustrations) appear in numerical order, within a given Chapter. Fig. 1.1 therefore refers to the first figure in Chapter 1. Left-hand and right-hand descriptions of the machines and their component parts refer to the right and left of a given machine when the rider is seated normally.

Motorcycle manufacturers continually make changes to specifications and recommendations, and these, when notified, are incorporated into our manuals at the earliest opportunity.

We take great pride in the accuracy of information given in this manual, but motorcycle manufacturers make alterations and design changes during the production run of a particular motorcycle of which they do not inform us. No liability can be accepted by the authors or publishers for loss, damage or injury caused by any errors in, or omissions from, the information given.

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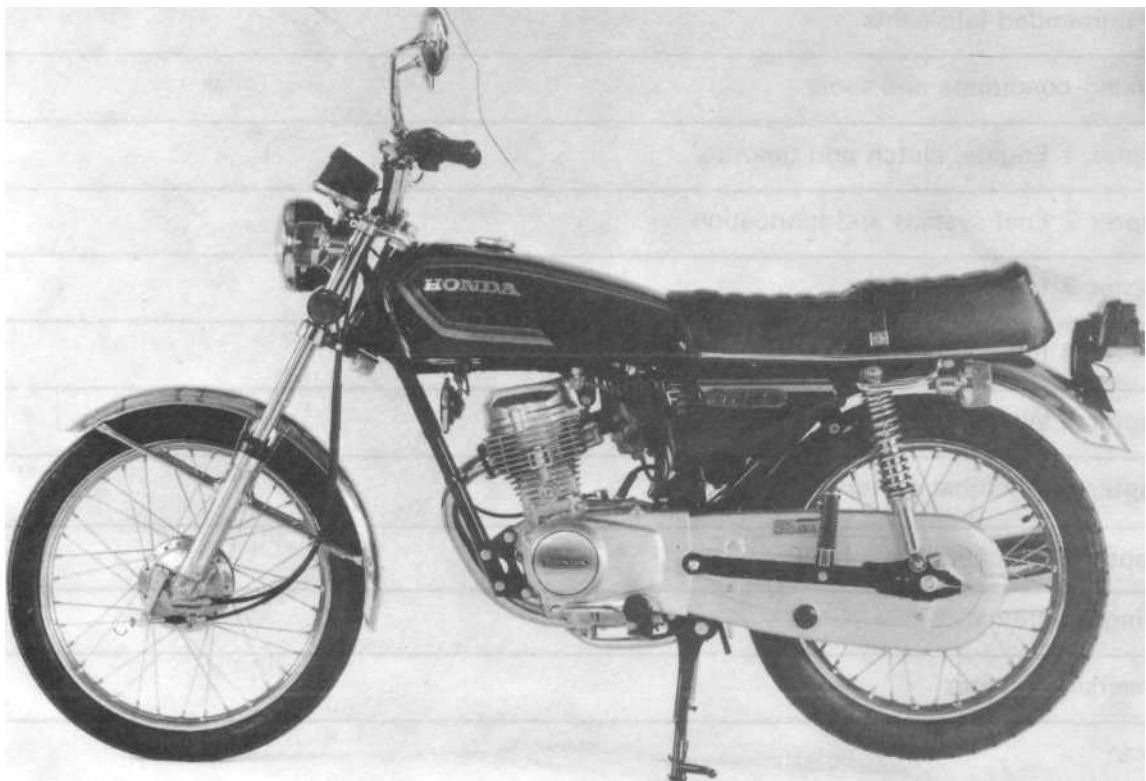
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The Honda CG125 model



The Honda CG125-C model

# Introduction to the Honda CG125

The CG125 model first appeared in the UK in June 1976. It can be regarded in many ways as a utility version of the popular CB125 with which it shares many features. The basic difference between the two models is the CG125's use of pushrod operated overhead valves in place of the more popular overhead camshaft arrangement. The unit provides surprisingly brisk performance coupled with good fuel economy. The machine in general is functional and sensibly equipped, and does not suffer the surfeit of gadgetry so often found on its contemporaries. Its inherent simplicity makes it an ideal learner's or commuter's mount, both in terms of ease of riding and in its ease of maintenance. A noteworthy feature is the adoption of a full rear chain enclosure. Although this is by no means a new idea, having appeared and disappeared many times over the years with the changing dictates of fashion, it is, nevertheless, an eminently sensible feature, greatly extending chain life.

Despite remaining basically unchanged, the CG125 has received several modifications and has been altered slightly in appearance to keep up with its rivals. Five distinct versions have appeared, with differences of varying significance, which are identified (where applicable) in this Manual by their Honda model code suffixes. Identification details, as available, are given below with the approximate dates of import; note that the latter need not necessarily coincide with the machine's date of registration.

The CG125 model (no identifying suffix) has the frame numbers CG125-1023061 to 1111090. Engine numbers are not available. Identified by its shrouded, external spring, front forks, this model was imported from June 1976 to May 1978.

The CG125 K1 model has the frame numbers CG125-1114636 to 1162518. Engine numbers not available. It differed most noticeably from the CG125 model in having front forks with internal springs and exposed stanchions, and was imported from May 1978 to March 1981.

The CG125-B model has the frame numbers CG125-1202755 to 1223689; its engine numbers start at CG125E-1374586. It can be distinguished from the K1 model only by its different paintwork and graphics and was imported from March 1981 to March 1982.

The CG125-C model has the frame numbers CG125-1272831 to 1286692; its engine numbers start at CG125E-1513928 on. Fitted with revised tail lamp, flashing indicator lamps, handlebar switches and the usual detail changes to paintwork and graphics. This model is also fitted with a higher compression engine and the (T)PFC carburettor for greater fuel economy. Note also that the ignition switch is combined in a new warning lamp cluster, mounted next to the speedometer. Imported from March 1982 to November 1984.

The CG125-E model has the frame number CG125-1288790 to 1293380 and the engine numbers CG125E-1689761 to 1694851. Identical to the C model except for detail changes to the graphics, this model was imported from November 1984 to April 1985.

All the aforementioned models are of Japanese manufacture and are covered in Chapters 1 to 6. Later models were manufactured in Brazil and known as the CG125(BR) models; refer to Chapter 7 for further information.

## Model dimensions and weight

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Overall length..... | 1840 mm (72.4 in) |
| Overall width.....  | 735 mm (28.9 in)  |
| Overall height..... | 1025 mm (40.4 in) |
| Wheelbase.....      | 1200 mm (47.2 in) |
| Seat height.....    | 755 mm (29.7 in)  |
| Ground clearance    | 135 mm (5.3 in)   |
| Dry weight.....     | 95 kg (209 lb)    |

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## Ordering spare parts

When ordering spare parts for the CG125 models, it is advisable to deal direct with an official Honda agent, who will be able to supply many of the items required ex-stock. It is advisable to get acquainted with the local Honda agent, and to rely on his advice when purchasing spares. He is in a better position to specify exactly the parts required and to identify the relevant spare part numbers so that there is less chance of the wrong part being supplied by the manufacturer due to a vague or incomplete description.

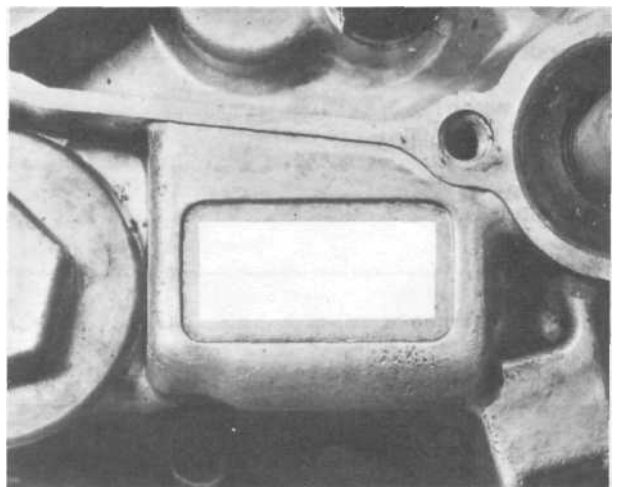
When ordering spares, always quote the frame and engine numbers in full, together with any prefixes or suffixes in the form of letters. The frame number is found stamped on the right-hand side of the steering head, in line with the forks. The engine number is stamped on the left-hand side of the crankcase, immediately behind the oil strainer cap.

Use only parts of genuine Honda manufacture. A few pattern parts are available, sometimes at a cheaper price, but there is no guarantee that they will give such good service as the originals they replace. Retain any worn or broken parts until the replacements have been obtained; they are sometimes needed as a pattern to help identify the correct replacement when design changes have been made during a production run.

Some of the more expendable parts such as spark plugs, bulbs, tyres, oils and greases etc., can be obtained from accessory shops and motor factors, who have convenient opening hours and can often be found not far from home. It is also possible to obtain them on a Mail Order basis from a number of specialists who advertise regularly in the motorcycle magazines.



Frame number location



Engine number location

# Safety first!

Professional motor mechanics are trained in safe working procedures. However enthusiastic you may be about getting on with the job in hand, do take the time to ensure that your safety is not put at risk. A moments lack of attention can result in an accident, as can failure to observe certain elementary precautions.

There will always be new ways of having accidents, and the following points do not pretend to be a comprehensive list of all dangers; they are intended rather to make you aware of the risks and to encourage a safety-conscious approach to all work you carry out on your vehicle.

## Essential DOs and DON'Ts

**DON'T** start the engine without first ascertaining that the transmission is in neutral.

**DON'T** suddenly remove the filler cap from a hot cooling system - cover it with a cloth and release the pressure gradually first, or you may get scalded by escaping coolant.

**DON'T** attempt to drain oil until you are sure it has cooled sufficiently to avoid scalding you.

**DON'T** grasp any part of the engine, exhaust or silencer without first ascertaining that it is sufficiently cool to avoid burning you.

**DON'T** allow brake fluid or antifreeze to contact the machine's paintwork or plastic components.

**DON'T** syphon toxic liquids such as fuel, brake fluid or antifreeze by mouth, or allow them to remain on your skin.

**DON'T** inhale dust - it may be injurious to health (see *Asbestos* heading).

**DON'T** allow any spilt oil or grease to remain on the floor - wipe it up straight away, before someone slips on it.

**DON'T** use ill-fitting spanners or other tools which may slip and cause injury.

**DON'T** attempt to lift a heavy component which may be beyond your capability - get assistance.

**DON'T** rush to finish a job, or take unverified short cuts.

**DON'T** allow children or animals in or around an unattended vehicle.

**DON'T** inflate a tyre to a pressure above the recommended maximum. Apart from overstressing the carcass and wheel rim, in extreme cases the tyre may blow off forcibly.

**DO** ensure that the machine is supported securely at all times. This is especially important when the machine is blocked up to aid wheel or fork removal.

**DO** take care when attempting to slacken a stubborn nut or bolt. It is generally better to pull on a spanner, rather than push, so that if slippage occurs you fall away from the machine rather than on to it.

**DO** wear eye protection when using power tools such as drill, sander, bench grinder etc.

**DO** use a barrier cream on your hands prior to undertaking dirty jobs - it will protect your skin from infection as well as making the dirt easier to remove afterwards; but make sure your hands aren't left slippery. Note that long-term contact with used engine oil can be a health hazard.

**DO** keep loose clothing (cuffs, tie etc) and long hair well out of the way of moving mechanical parts.

**DO** remove rings, wristwatch etc, before working on the vehicle - especially the electrical system.

**DO** keep your work area tidy - it is only too easy to fall over articles left lying around.

**DO** exercise caution when compressing springs for removal or installation. Ensure that the tension is applied and released in a controlled manner, using suitable tools which preclude the possibility of the spring escaping violently.

**DO** ensure that any lifting tackle used has a safe working load rating adequate for the job.

**DO** get someone to check periodically that all is well, when working alone on the vehicle.

**DO** carry out work in a logical sequence and check that everything is correctly assembled and tightened afterwards.

**DO** remember that your vehicle's safety affects that of yourself and others. If in doubt on any point, get specialist advice.

IF, in spite of following these precautions, you are unfortunate enough to injure yourself, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

## Asbestos

Certain friction, insulating, sealing, and other products - such as brake linings, clutch linings, gaskets, etc - contain asbestos. *Extreme care must be taken to avoid inhalation of dust from such products since it is hazardous to health.* If in doubt, assume that they do contain asbestos.

## Fire

Remember at all times that petrol (gasoline) is highly flammable. Never smoke, or have any kind of naked flame around, when working on the vehicle. But the risk does not end there - a spark caused by an electrical short-circuit, by two metal surfaces contacting each other, by careless use of tools, or even by static electricity built up in your body under certain conditions, can ignite petrol vapour, which in a confined space is highly explosive.

Always disconnect the battery earth (ground) terminal before working on any part of the fuel or electrical system, and never risk spilling fuel on to a hot engine or exhaust.

It is recommended that a fire extinguisher of a type suitable for fuel and electrical fires is kept handy in the garage or workplace at all times. Never try to extinguish a fuel or electrical fire with water.

**Note:** Any reference to a 'torch' appearing in this manual should always be taken to mean a hand-held battery-operated electric lamp or flashlight. It does **not** mean a welding/gas torch or blowlamp.

## Fumes

Certain fumes are highly toxic and can quickly cause unconsciousness and even death if inhaled to any extent. Petrol (gasoline) vapour comes into this category, as do the vapours from certain solvents such as trichloroethylene. Any draining or pouring of such volatile fluids should be done in a well ventilated area.

When using cleaning fluids and solvents, read the instructions carefully. Never use materials from unmarked containers - they may give off poisonous vapours.

Never run the engine of a motor vehicle in an enclosed space such as a garage. Exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide which is extremely poisonous; if you need to run the engine, always do so in the open air or at least have the rear of the vehicle outside the workplace.

## The battery

Never cause a spark, or allow a naked light, near the vehicle's battery. It will normally be giving off a certain amount of hydrogen gas, which is highly explosive.

Always disconnect the battery earth (ground) terminal before working on the fuel or electrical systems.

If possible, loosen the filler plugs or cover when charging the battery from an external source. Do not charge at an excessive rate or the battery may burst.

Take care when topping up and when carrying the battery. The acid electrolyte, even when diluted, is very corrosive and should not be allowed to contact the eyes or skin.

If you ever need to prepare electrolyte yourself, always add the acid slowly to the water, and never the other way round. Protect against splashes by wearing rubber gloves and goggles.

## Mains electricity and electrical equipment

When using an electric power tool, inspection light etc, always ensure that the appliance is correctly connected to its plug and that, where necessary, it is properly earthed (grounded). Do not use such appliances in damp conditions and, again, beware of creating a spark or applying excessive heat in the vicinity of fuel or fuel vapour. Also ensure that the appliances meet the relevant national safety standards.

## Ignition HT voltage

A severe electric shock can result from touching certain parts of the ignition system, such as the HT leads, when the engine is running or being cranked, particularly if components are damp or the insulation is defective. Where an electronic ignition system is fitted, the HT voltage is much higher and could prove fatal.

# Routine maintenance

Refer to Chapter 7 for information relating to the 1985 on Brazilian models

## Introduction

Periodic routine maintenance is a continuous process that commences immediately the machine is used. It must be carried out at specified mileage recordings, or on a calendar basis if the machine is not used frequently, whichever is the sooner. Maintenance should be regarded as an insurance policy, to help keep the machine in the peak of condition and to ensure long, trouble-free service. It has the additional benefit of giving early warning of any faults that may develop and will act as a regular safety check, to the obvious advantage of both rider and machine alike.

The various maintenance tasks are described under their respective mileage and calendar headings. Accompanying diagrams are provided, where necessary. It should be remembered that the interval between the various maintenance tasks serves only as a guide. As the machine gets older or is used under particularly adverse conditions, it would be advisable to reduce the period between each check.

For ease of reference each service operation is described in detail under the relevant heading. However, if further general information is required, it can be found within the manual under the pertinent section heading in the relevant Chapter.

In order that the routine maintenance tasks are carried out with as much ease as possible, it is essential that a good selection of general workshop tools is available.

Included in the kit must be a range of metric ring or combination spanners, a selection of crosshead screwdrivers and at least one pair of circlip pliers.

Additionally, owing to the extreme tightness of most casing screws on Japanese machines, an impact screwdriver, together with a choice of large and small crosshead screw bits, is absolutely indispensable. This is particularly so if the engine has not been dismantled since leaving the factory.

## Daily (pre-ride check)

It is recommended that the following items are checked whenever the machine is about to be used. This is important to



Rest dipstick in position to obtain correct reading

prevent the risk of unexpected failure of any component while riding the machine and, with experience, can be reduced to a simple checklist which will only take a few moments to complete. For those owners who are not inclined to check all items with such frequency, it is suggested that the best course is to carry out the checks in the form of a service which can be undertaken each week or before any long journey. It is essential that all items are checked and serviced with reasonable frequency.

### 1 Check the engine oil level

With the machine standing upright on its centre stand on level ground, start the engine and allow it to idle for a few seconds so that the oil can circulate, then stop the engine. Wait one or two minutes for the level to settle and unscrew the dipstick/filler plug from the rear of the crankcase right-hand cover. Wipe it clean and insert it into the filler orifice; **do not screw** it in, but allow it to rest. Withdraw the dipstick; the oil level should be between the maximum and minimum level lines, ie in the cross-hatched area.

If topping up is necessary use only good quality SAE 10W/40 engine oil of the specified type. Do not allow the level to rise above the top of the cross-hatched area on the dipstick, and never use the machine if the level is found to be in the plain area below the cross-hatching; top up immediately.

Tighten the dipstick securely and wash off any spilt oil.

### 2 Check the fuel level

Checking the petrol level may seem obvious, but it is all too easy to forget. Ensure that you have enough petrol to complete your journey, or at least to get you to the nearest petrol station.

### 3 Check the brakes

Check the front and rear brakes work effectively and without binding. Ensure that the cable or rod linkage is lubricated and properly adjusted.



Dipstick shows allowable oil level range



## Routine maintenance

### 4 Check the tyre pressures and tread wear

Check the tyre pressures with a gauge that is known to be accurate. It is worthwhile purchasing a pocket gauge for this purpose because the gauges on garage forecourt airlines are notoriously inaccurate. The pressures, which should be checked with the tyres cold, are specified at the end of Routine maintenance and in Chapter 5.

At the same time as the tyre pressures are checked, examine the tyres themselves. Check them for damage, especially splitting of the sidewalls. Remove any small stones or other road debris caught between the treads. When checking the tyres for damage, they should be examined for tread depth in view of both the legal and safety aspects. It is vital to keep the tread depth within the UK legal limits of 1 mm of depth over three-quarters of the tread breadth around the entire circumference with no bald patches. Many riders, however, consider nearer 2 mm to be the limit for secure roadholding, traction, and braking, especially in adverse weather conditions, and it should be noted that Honda recommend minimum tread depths of 1.5 mm (0.06 in) for the front tyre and 2.0 mm (0.08 in) for the rear; these measurements to be taken at the centre of the tread. Renew any tyre that is found to be damaged or excessively worn.

### 5 Safety check

Check that the front and rear suspension is operating correctly, that the chain is lubricated and adjusted correctly and that the battery is in good condition. Check the throttle and clutch cables and levers, the gear lever and the footrests and stand to ensure that they are adjusted correctly, functioning correctly, and that all nuts and bolts are securely fastened.

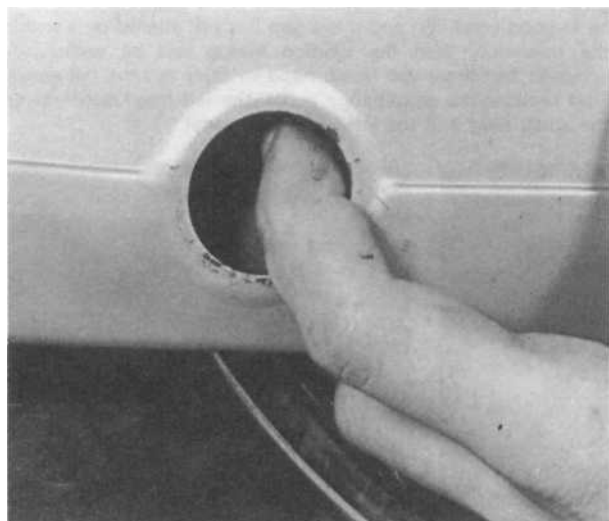
### 6 Legal check

Check that all lights, turn signals, horn and speedometer are working correctly to make sure that the machine complies with all legal requirements in this respect. Check also that the headlamp is correctly aimed to comply with local legislation.

## Monthly or every 600 miles (1000 km)

### 1 Check the battery

The battery should be checked regularly to ensure that the electrolyte level is maintained between the level lines on the casing, that the terminals are clean and securely fastened and that the vent tube is correctly routed and free from blockages. Refer to Chapter 6.5 for details.



Free play can be felt via the inspection hole

### 2 Check the final drive chain

Despite its full enclosure, the final drive chain requires regular attention to ensure maximum chain life. Remove the rubber plug from the chaincase inspection aperture to check the tension and carry out temporary lubrication. The best lubricant is commercial chain lubricant, contained in an aerosol can; engine oil or gear oil are better than nothing but are flung off too quickly to be of any real use. Best of all are the special chain greases described in Chapter 5.14.

Adjust the chain after lubrication, so that there is approximately 20 mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  in) slack in the middle of the lower run. Always check with the chain at the tightest point as a chain rarely wears evenly during service.

Adjustment is accomplished after placing the machine on the centre stand and slackening the spindle nut, so that the wheel can be drawn backwards by means of the drawbolt adjusters in the swinging arm fork ends.

The torque arm nut and the rear brake adjuster must also be slackened during this operation. Adjust the drawbolts an equal amount to preserve wheel alignment. The fork ends are clearly marked with a series of parallel lines above the adjusters, to provide a simple visual check.

### 3 Additional engine oil change

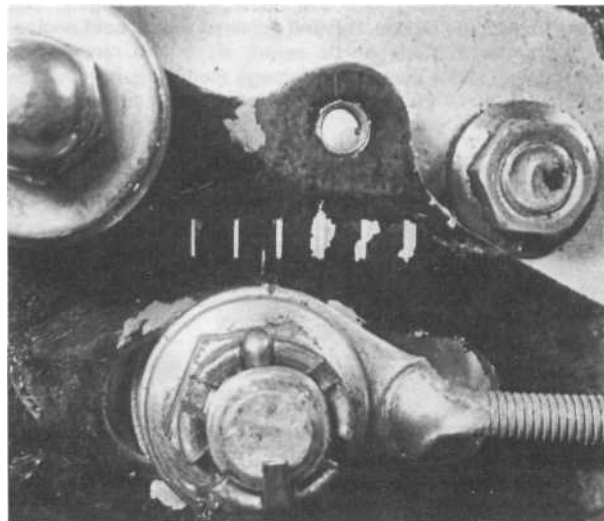
Since the engine relies so heavily on the quantity and quality of its oil, and since the oil in any motorcycle engine is worked far harder than in other vehicles, it is recommended that the engine oil is changed at more frequent intervals than those specified by the manufacturer. This is particularly important if the machine is used at very high speeds for long periods of time, and even more important if the machine is used only at very slow speed or for very short journeys. The oil should be changed at approximate intervals of every month or every 1000 miles, depending on usage. Honda specify that the oil should be changed at least once annually or every 1800 miles (3000 km), whichever comes first.

## Three-monthly, or every 1800 miles (3000 km)

### 1 Change the engine oil and clean the filter gauze

This is the specified interval at which the engine/gearbox oil should be changed; in normal use it should be regarded as the maximum permissible.

It is recommended that the oil be changed after a run to ensure that the engine is warm. This helps the oil to drain thoroughly. Obtain a container of at least 1 litre (1.76 pints)



Move each adjuster by an equal amount

capacity and place it beneath the engine unit to catch the old oil. Unscrew the drain plug on the underside of the crankcase and allow the oil to drain.

Remove the large hexagon-headed plug which is located just below the left-hand engine casing. Remove the plug, followed by the spring and gauze element, and then wash all these components carefully in a suitable solvent. Wipe out any residual oil from the housing with a clean lint-free rag prior to reassembly. Refit the drain plug, tightening it to a torque setting of 2.0 - 3.5 kgf m (14.5 - 25 lbf ft), and refill the engine with the correct quantity and grade of oil.

**Six-monthly, or every 3600 miles (6000 km)**

Repeat all service operations listed under previous headings, then carry out the following:

*1 Clean the air filter*

Pull off the right-hand side panel and remove the two nuts which secure the air filter cover. Withdraw the cover, checking that the sealing gasket is in good condition, pull out the retaining spring and withdraw the element assembly. Peel off the inner and outer foam sleeves. Wash all components in white spirit (Stoddard solvent) or in warm water and detergent and dry them thoroughly. Soak the foam sleeves in the specified oil, then squeeze them gently (do not wring them out or they will be damaged) to expel all surplus oil. Refit the sleeves to the element frame. On reassembly ensure that all components are correctly fitted so that unfiltered air cannot bypass the element.

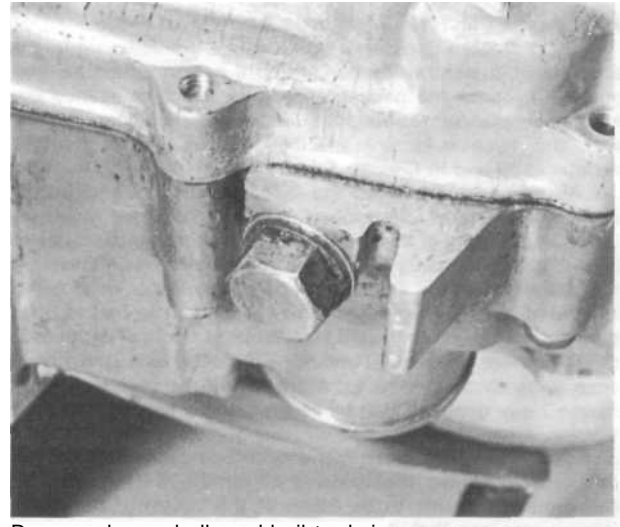
*2 Check the spark plug*

Remove the spark plug cap, unscrew the plug and check its condition, comparing it with the photographs on page 65. If it is badly worn or fouled it must be renewed. If it is fit for further service check the gap and reset it if necessary, as described in Chapter 3.8.

*3 Check the valve clearances*

It is important that the correct valve clearance is maintained. A small amount of free play is designed into the valve train to allow for expansion of the various components. If the setting deviates greatly from that specified, a marked drop in performance will be evident. In the case of the clearance becoming too great, it will be found that valve operation will be noisy, and performance will drop off as a result of the valves not opening fully. If on the other hand, the clearance is too small the valves may not close completely. This will not only cause loss of compression, but will also cause the valves to burn out very quickly. In extreme cases, a valve head may strike the piston crown, causing extensive damage to the engine. The clearances should be checked and adjusted with a **cold** engine.

Place the machine on its centre stand and remove the rocker cover, taking care not to damage the O ring. Remove the gearchange pedal and the left-hand outer cover to expose the generator rotor.



Remove plug and allow old oil to drain

Remove the spark plug, then slowly rotate the engine anti-clockwise by way of the generator rotor, watching the inlet valve. When it has opened and closed again (sunk down and risen up to its original position), rotate the engine further until the T mark on the rotor periphery aligns exactly with the raised index mark which is positioned between 12 and 1 o'clock (from the crankshaft) on the generator stator. The engine will then be in the correct position for checking the valve clearances, namely at Top Dead Centre (TDC) on the compression stroke; check that there is free play at both rockers.

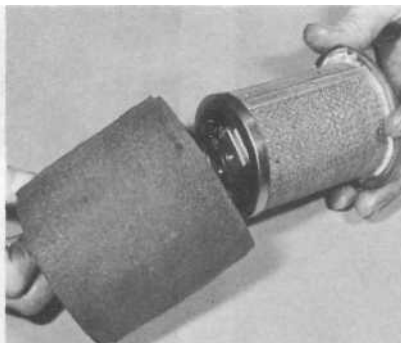
Using a 0.08 mm (0.003 in) feeler gauge, check the clearance between the top of each valve stem and its corresponding rocker. The feeler gauge must be a light sliding fit, with the rocker and valve stem **just** nipping it. If necessary, slacken the locknut, and turn the small square-headed adjuster to obtain the correct setting. Tighten the locknut, holding the adjuster at the same time to prevent it from moving. Finally, recheck the setting and then repeat the procedure on the other rocker.

*4 Check the contact breaker points and ignition timing*

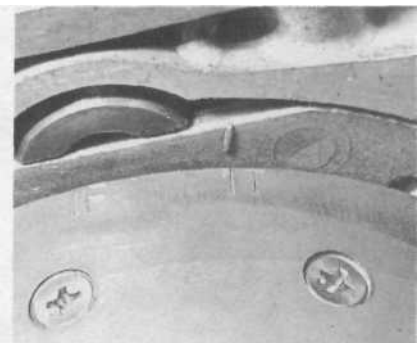
**Note:** since the generator stator plate is located by its countersunk retaining screws, the ignition timing can only be altered by opening or closing the contact breaker gap; therefore both operations are described as one. The full procedure is given here for ease of reference, but if the points are found to be in good condition and if the gap has not altered or is within the tolerance, then the ignition timing will be sufficiently accurate and there will be no need to carry out the full check. First remove the gearchange pedal, the left-hand outer cover, the spark plug and the left-hand side panel.



Strainer is easily removed for cleaning



Dismantle the element for cleaning and lubrication



"T" mark should align as shown

**Checking the condition of the contact breaker points**

The contact breaker assembly can be viewed through one of the generator rotor slots; turn the rotor until the points open. Use a small screwdriver to push the moving point open against its spring. Examine the point contact faces. If they are burnt or pitted, remove the points for cleaning or renewal, see Chapter 3.4. Light surface deposits can be removed with crocus paper or a piece of stiff card.

If the contact faces are badly burnt or pitted, or if the moving contact fibre heel shows signs of wear or damage, renew the assembly. It is essential that the points are in good condition if the ignition timing is to be correct; use only genuine Honda parts when renewing. If the faces are only mildly marked, clean them using an oilstone or fine emery but be careful to keep them square. If it is necessary to separate the moving contact from the fixed one, carefully remove the circlip fitted to the pivot post and note carefully the arrangement of washers at both the pivot post and spring blade fixing. On reassembly, the moving contact must be able to move freely; apply a smear of grease to the pivot post. Note also that the low tension lead terminal and the moving contact spring blade must be connected to each other via the small bolt, but that both must be completely insulated from the fixed contact. *The engine will not run if a short-circuit occurs at this point.*

Refit the points to the stator plate and the rotor to the crankshaft. Tighten the rotor nut to a torque setting of 4.0 - 5.0 kgf m (29 - 36 lbf ft), then apply a few drops of oil to the cam lubricating wick.

**Checking the ignition timing**

Disconnect the generator wiring at the connector block joining it to the main wiring loom and identify the black or black/white wire leading to the points. The best way of establishing exactly when the points open is to use either a multimeter set to its most sensitive resistance scale, or a battery and bulb test circuit; refer to Chapter 3 for details. The meter needle will flicker to indicate increased resistance as the points open, or the bulb (which will be lit when the points are closed) will glow dimmer; note that a high-wattage bulb must be used to make this more obvious to the eye.

Turn the rotor anticlockwise until the meter needle deflects (or the bulb dims); at this point the rotor 'F' mark should align exactly with the raised index mark on the stator plate.

The setting is adjusted by opening or closing the points gap to advance or retard respectively the ignition timing. Repeat the procedure to check that the timing is now correct.

When the timing is correct, measure very carefully the points gap, to ensure that the dwell angle is correct for the maximum spark intensity. If the gap is found to be outside the permitted tolerance the contact breaker points are excessively worn and must be renewed.

Fit a new set of contact breaker points; note that it is essential that only genuine Honda points are used. Refit the rotor and set the points gap to exactly 0.35 mm (0.014 in), then

repeat the procedure given above. The ignition timing should be correct.

**Note:** The above procedure is described in full as it is the most accurate means of setting the ignition timing. In practice there is no need to repeat the full procedure at every service interval. Instead it is sufficient to check that the points gap is within tolerances.

If a strobe timing light is available the ATU's performance can be checked. Connect the light following its manufacturer's instructions, then start the engine and allow it to idle. At idle speed the 'F' mark should align with the raised index mark; at just above idle speed the mark should appear to move as the advance begins until at 3000 rpm the two parallel lines of the full advance mark are aligned with the index mark. If the movement is stiff and jerky, or if the advance range is restricted, the rotor must be removed so that the ATU can be dismantled for cleaning and greasing.

**5 General checks and lubrication**

At regular intervals the control cables must be thoroughly lubricated, using light machine oil. This can be done by either disconnecting the cable upper end and fitting a proprietary cable oiler to pump oil through, or by removing the cable from the machine and hanging it up overnight so that oil can drain through the cable from a small funnel attached to its upper end. Ensure that the cables are correctly routed and adjusted on refitting. Grease the speedometer drive cable as described in Chapter 4.17.

Check all pivots and control levers, cleaning and lubricating them to prevent wear or corrosion. Where necessary, dismantle and clean any moving part which may have become stiff in operation. Similarly clean, check and grease the stand pivots and ensure that the return spring holds the stand securely.

Check around the machine, looking for loose nuts, bolts or screws, retightening them as necessary.

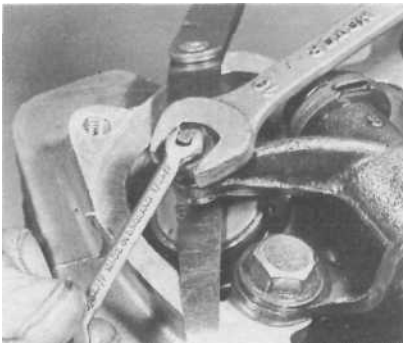
It is advisable to lubricate the handlebar switches and stop lamp switches with WD40 or a similar water dispersant lubricant.

**6 Check the fuel system**

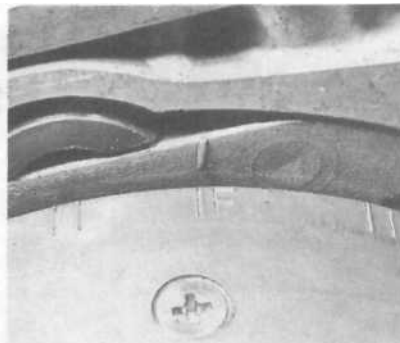
Referring to the relevant Sections of Chapter 2 (or of Chapter 7 for (T)PFC carburettors) for full details check that the petrol tank, tap, and feed pipe are in good condition and securely fastened with no leaks. Check also that the choke operates correctly. If rough running of the engine has developed, some adjustment of the carburettor pilot setting and tickover speed may be required. Do not make these adjustments unless they are obviously required; there is little to be gained by unwarranted attention to the carburettor.

Switch on the petrol tap and unscrew the float bowl drain plug, allowing a small quantity of petrol to flush through. If large amounts of dirt or water are found in the petrol, the system components must be drained and cleaned out.

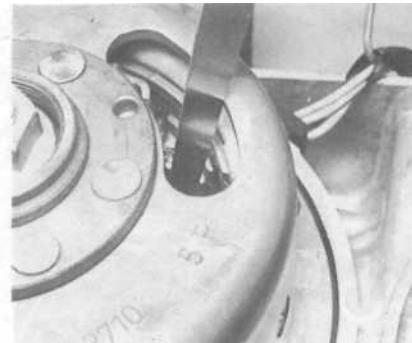
Once the carburettor has been checked and reset if necessary, the throttle cable free play can be checked. Open



Set clearance so that the feeler gauge is a sliding fit



"F" mark should align just as points separate



Contact breaker gap is measured via aperture

and close the throttle several times, allowing it to snap shut under its own pressure. Ensure that it is able to shut off quickly and fully at all handlebar positions, then check that there is 2 — 6 mm (0.08 - 0.24 in) of cable free play, measured in terms of twistgrip rotation. If adjustment is necessary, use first the adjuster which is set below the twistgrip. If there is an insufficient range of adjustment the surplus free play can be eliminated by peeling back the rubber cover and by using the adjuster on the carburettor top.

### 7 Check the clutch adjustment

Fine adjustment is provided on the handlebar lever by way of a threaded adjuster and lockring. Should this prove insufficient, a second adjuster nut and locknut can be found at the cable lower end. These should be set to give 10-20 mm (0.4 — 0.8 in) movement at the lever end before the clutch begins to lift.

### 8 Check the brakes

The brakes are adjusted by a nut at the end of the brake cable or rod, as appropriate, with the front brake having an additional fine adjuster at the cable handlebar end. To adjust the brakes place the machine on its centre stand with the wheel to be adjusted clear of the ground. Spin the wheel and tighten the adjusting nut until a rubbing sound is heard as the shoes begin to contact the drum, then unscrew the nut by  $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 turn until the sound ceases. Spin the wheel hard and apply the brake firmly to settle all components, then re-check the setting. This procedure should give the specified setting of 20 –30 mm (0.8 - 1.2 in) free play, measured at the lever or pedal tip. Check that the stop lamp rear switch is set so that the lamp lights just as pedal free play is taken up and the brake is beginning to engage.

At regular intervals the wheels should be removed so that each brake assembly can be cleaned and checked for wear. Renew any worn components and apply a smear of grease to the camshaft bearing surfaces on reassembly. See Chapter 5.4.

### 9 Check the wheels

Referring to Chapter 5.2 check the wheel rims for runout, the spokes for straightness, security and even tension, and the bearings for signs of free play. Any faults found must be rectified immediately.

### 10 Check the suspension and steering

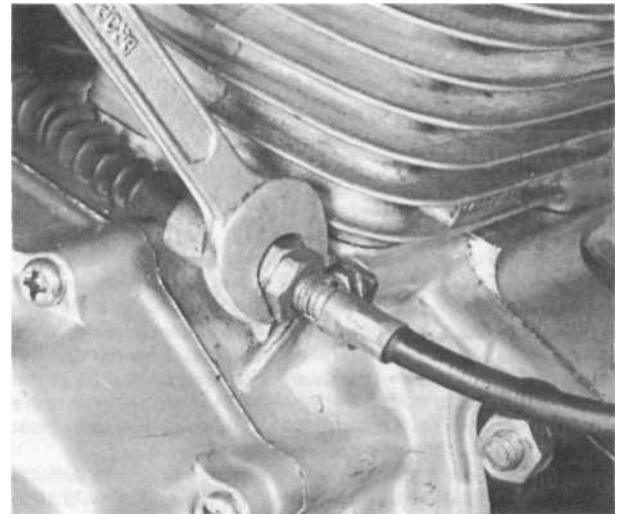
Support the machine so that it is secure with the front wheel clear of the ground, then grasp the front fork legs near the wheel spindle and push and pull firmly in a fore and aft direction. If play is evident between the top and bottom fork yokes and the steering head, the steering head bearings are in need of adjustment. Imprecise handling or a tendency for the front forks to judder may be caused by this fault.

Bearing adjustment is correct when the lockring is tightened until resistance to movement is felt and then loosened by  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a turn. The lockring should be rotated by means of a C-spanner after slackening the steering stem nut.

Take great care not to overtighten the lockring. It is possible to place a pressure of several tons on the head bearings by over-tightening even though the handlebars may seem to turn quite freely. Overtight bearings will cause the machine to roll at low speeds and give imprecise steering. Adjustment is correct if there is no play in the bearings and the handlebars swing to full lock either side when the machine is supported with the front wheel clear of the ground. Only a light tap on each end should cause the handlebars to swing. Secure the lockring by tightening the steering stem nut to a torque setting of 6.0 - 9.0 kgf m (43 –65 lbf ft) then check that the setting has not altered.

Examine closely the front and rear suspension. Ensure that the front forks work smoothly and progressively by pumping them up and down whilst the front brake is held on. Any faults revealed by this check should be investigated further. Check carefully for signs of leaks around the front fork oil seals. If any damage is found, it must be repaired immediately as described in the relevant Sections of Chapter 4.

To check the swinging arm place the machine on its centre stand then pull and push horizontally at the rear end of the swinging arm; there should be no discernible play at the pivot.



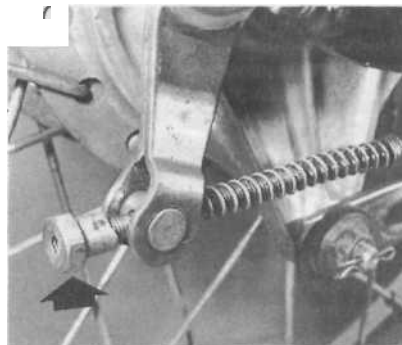
Main clutch cable adjuster is at lower end of cable

### Annually, or every 7200 miles (12 000 km)

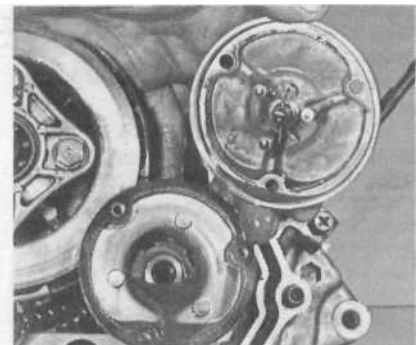
Repeat all service operations listed under previous headings, then carry out the following:

#### 7 Renew the spark plug

The spark plug should be renewed at this interval, regardless of its apparent condition.



Front brake adjuster nut



Rear brake adjuster nut

Clean out accumulated sediment from housing

**2 Clean the centrifugal oil filter**

Remove the crankcase right-hand cover, as described in Chapter 1.10, then remove its three retaining screws and withdraw the filter cover; note the gasket. Carefully clean out the deposits which will have accumulated around the inner edge of the unit, noting that these may have become quite compacted and may need scraping off. Wash each part out using a lint-free rag soaked in solvent, then dry them off before refitting the cover. Refit the crankcase cover and refill the engine to the correct level with the specified oil.

**3 Change the front fork oil**

Place the machine on the centre stand then remove the fork top bolts. Unscrew the drain plug from each fork lower leg and allow the oil to drain into a suitable container. This is accomplished most easily if the legs are attended to in turn. Take care not to spill any oil onto the brake or tyre. The forks may be pumped up and down to expel any remaining oil. Refit and tighten the drain plugs to a torque setting of 0.3 - 0.6 kgf m (2 - 4 lbf ft). Refill each fork leg with the specified oil. Refit and tighten the fork top bolts to a torque setting of 3.0 - 4.0 kgf m (22 - 29 lbf ft).

## Quick glance maintenance data

**Oil capacity**

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Engine/gearbox unit approx. . . . . | .10 litre (1.76 Imp pint)                            |
| Front forks — at oil change         |  |
| CG125. . . . .                      | .120 - 130 cc (4.22 - 4.58 Imp fl oz)                |
| CG125 K1, B, C, E. . . . .          | .130 - <b>140</b> cc (4.58 - 4.93 Imp fl <b>oz</b> ) |

**Valve clearances - inlet and exhaust, cold engine.** . . . . . 0.08 mm (0.003 in)

**Contact breaker gap**

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Nominal. . . . .                        | 0.35 mm (0.014 in)                |
| Tolerance —for ignition timing. . . . . | 0.30 - 0.40 mm (0.012 - 0.016 in) |

**Spark plug gap.** . . . . . 0.6 - 0.7 mm (0.024 - 0.028 in)

**Tyre pressures - solo, tyres cold**

|                 |                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Front . . . . . | 25 psi (1.75 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Rear. . . . .   | 28 psi (2.00 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |

## Recommended lubricants

- Petrol.** . . . . . Either leaded ~~three-~~ or four-star (minimum octane rating of 91) or unleaded premium
- Engine/gearbox unit.** . . . . . Good quality SAE10W/40 engine oil, API class SE or SF
- Front forks.** . . . . . Automatic transmission fluid (ATF) or equivalent fork oil
- Air cleaner.** . . . . . SAE80 or 90 gear oil - SAE30 engine oil if gear oil not available
- Final drive chain.** . . . . . Commercial chain lubricant
- Brake camshafts, wheel bearings and speedometer drive.** . . . . High melting-point grease
- All other greasing points.** . . . . . General purpose grease
- Control cables.** . . . . . Engine oil or light machine oil

# Working conditions and tools

When a major overhaul is contemplated, it is important that a clean, well-lit working space is available, equipped with a workbench and vice, and with space for laying out or storing the dismantled assemblies in an orderly manner where they are unlikely to be disturbed. The use of a good workshop will give the satisfaction of work done in comfort and without haste, where there is little chance of the machine being dismantled and reassembled in anything other than clean surroundings. Unfortunately, these ideal working conditions are not always practicable and under these latter circumstances when improvisation is called for, extra care and time will be needed.

The other essential requirement is a comprehensive set of good quality tools. Quality is of prime importance since cheap tools will prove expensive in the long run if they slip or break when in use, causing personal injury or expensive damage to the component being worked on. A good quality tool will last a long time, and more than justify the cost.

For practically all tools, a tool factor is the best source since he will have a very comprehensive range compared with the average garage or accessory shop. Having said that, accessory shops often offer excellent quality tools at discount prices, so it pays to shop around. There are plenty of tools around at reasonable prices, but always aim to purchase items which meet the relevant national safety standards. If in doubt, seek the advice of the shop proprietor or manager before making a purchase.

The basis of any tool kit is a set of open-ended spanners, which can be used on almost any part of the machine to which there is reasonable access. A set of ring spanners makes a useful addition, since they can be used on nuts that are very tight or where access is restricted. Where the cost has to be kept within reasonable bounds, a compromise can be effected with a set of combination spanners - open-ended at one end and having a ring of the same size on the other end. Socket spanners may also be considered a good investment, a basic  $\frac{3}{8}$  in or  $\frac{1}{2}$  in drive kit comprising a ratchet handle and a small number of socket heads, if money is limited. Additional sockets can be purchased, as and when they are required. Provided they are slim in profile, sockets will reach nuts or bolts that are deeply recessed. When purchasing spanners of any kind, make sure the correct size standard is purchased. Almost all machines manufactured outside the UK and the USA have metric nuts and bolts, whilst those produced in Britain have BSF or BSW sizes. The standard used in USA is AF, which is also found on some of the later British machines. Other tools that should be included in the kit are a range of crosshead screwdrivers, a pair of pliers and a hammer.

When considering the purchase of tools, it should be remembered that by carrying out the work oneself, a large proportion of the normal repair cost, made up by labour charges, will be saved. The economy made on even a minor overhaul will go a long way towards the improvement of a toolkit.

In addition to the basic tool kit, certain additional tools can prove invaluable when they are close to hand, to help speed up a multitude of repetitive jobs. For example, an impact screwdriver will ease the removal of screws that have been tightened by a similar tool, during assembly. Without a risk of damaging the screw heads. And, of course, it can be used again to retighten the screws, to ensure an oil or airtight seal results. Circlip pliers have their uses too, since gear pinions, shafts and similar components are frequently retained by circlips that are not too easily displaced by a screwdriver. There are two types of circlip pliers, one for internal and one for external circlips. They may also have straight or right-angled jaws.

One of the most useful of all tools is the torque wrench, a form of spanner that can be adjusted to slip when a measured amount of force is applied to any bolt or nut. Torque wrench settings are given in almost every modern workshop or service manual, where the extent to which a complex component, such as a cylinder head, can be tightened without fear of distortion or leakage. The tightening of bearing caps is yet another example. Overtightening will stretch or even break bolts, necessitating extra work to extract the broken portions.

As may be expected, the more sophisticated the machine, the greater is the number of tools likely to be required if it is to be kept in first class condition by the home mechanic. Unfortunately there are certain jobs which cannot be accomplished successfully without the correct equipment and although there is invariably a specialist who will undertake the work for a fee, the home mechanic will have to dig more deeply in his pocket for the purchase of similar equipment if he does not wish to employ the services of others. Here a word of caution is necessary, since some of these jobs are best left to the expert. Although an electrical multimeter of the AVO type will prove helpful in tracing electrical faults, in inexperienced hands it may irrevocably damage some of the electrical components if a test current is passed through them in the wrong direction. This can apply to the synchronisation of twin or multiple carburettors too, where a certain amount of expertise is needed when setting them up with vacuum gauges. These are, however, exceptions. Some instruments, such as a strobe lamp, are virtually essential when checking the timing of a machine powered by CDI ignition system. In short, do not purchase any of these special items unless you have the experience to use them correctly.

Although this manual shows how components can be removed and replaced without the use of special service tools (unless absolutely essential), it is worthwhile giving consideration to the purchase of the more commonly used tools if the machine is regarded as a long term purchase. Whilst the alternative methods suggested will remove and replace parts without risk of damage, the use of the special tools recommended and sold by the manufacturer will invariably save time.

# Chapter 1 Engine, clutch and gearbox

Refer to Chapter 7 for information relating to the 1985 on Brazilian models

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## Specifications

### Engine (general)

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Type . . . . .              | Air cooled, single cylinder, four stroke |
| Bore . . . . .              | 56.5 mm (2.224 in)                       |
| Stroke . . . . .            | 49.5 mm (1.949 in)                       |
| Capacity . . . . .          | 124 cc (7.56 cu in)                      |
| Compression ratio           |  |
| CG125 CG125 K1, B . . . . . | 9.0:1                                    |
| CG125-C, E . . . . .        | 9.2:1                                    |

### Piston

|                               |                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Type . . . . .                | Forged aluminium alloy                |
| Skirt OD . . . . .            | 56.45 - 56.48 mm (2.2224 - 2.2236 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .          | 56.35 mm (2.2185 in)                  |
| Gudgeon pin OD . . . . .      | 14.99 - 15.00 mm (0.5902 - 0.5906 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .          | 14.96 mm (0.5890 in)                  |
| Gudgeon pin bore ID . . . . . | 15.00 - 15.01 mm (0.5906 - 0.5909 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .          | 15.04 mm (0.5921 in)                  |

**Piston rings** : 2 compression, 1 oil scraper

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Ring to groove clearance                    |                                     |
| Top . . . . .                               | 0.03 – 0.05 mm (0.0012 – 0.0020 in) |
| 2nd . . . . .                               | 0.02 – 0.05 mm (0.0008 – 0.0020 in) |
| Wear limit (both) . . . . .                 | 0.10 mm (0.0039 in)                 |
| End gap (Top and 2nd) – installed . . . . . | 0.15 – 0.35 mm (0.0059 – 0.0138 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .                        | 0.60 mm (0.0236 in)                 |
| Thickness (Top and 2nd) . . . . .           | 1.50 – 1.52 mm (0.0591 – 0.0598 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .                        | 1.45 mm (0.0571 in)                 |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Cylinder bore diameter</b> . . . . .                               | 56.50 – 56.51 mm (2.2244 – 2.2248 in) nominal  |
| Wear limit . . . . .  | 56.60 mm (2.2283 in)                           |
| Cylinder compression pressure - throttle open, engine fully warmed up |  |
| CG125, CG125 K1, B. . . . .   | 10.0 – 12.0 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> (142 – 171 psi) |
| CG125-C, E. . . . .   | 11.5 – 14.5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> (164 – 206 psi) |

**Valves**

|   |  |                     |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Valve timing  |  |                     |
| Inlet valve opens at . . . . .                              | TDC                                    |                     |
| Inlet valve closes at . . . . .                             | 30° ABDC                               |                     |
| Exhaust valve opens at . . . . .                            | 30° BBDC                               |                     |
| Exhaust valve closes at . . . . .                           | TDC                                    |                     |
| Valve clearances - inlet and exhaust, cold engine . . . . . | 0.08 mm (0.003 in)                     |                     |
|   | <b>Standard</b>                        | <b>Wear limit</b>   |
| Valve spring free length                                    |  |                     |
| Inner . . . . .   | 33.5 mm (1.3189 in)                    | 30.0 mm (1.1811 in) |
| Outer . . . . .   | 40.9 mm (1.6102 in)                    | 39.8 mm (1.5669 in) |
| Valve seat width . . . . .                                  | 1.2 – 1.5 mm<br>(0.0472 – 0.0591 in)   | 2.0 mm (0.0787 in)  |
| Valve stem diameter   |  |                     |
| Inlet . . . . .   | 5.45 – 5.46 mm<br>(0.2146 – 0.2150 in) | 5.42 mm (0.2134 in) |
| Exhaust . . . . .   | 5.43 – 5.44 mm<br>(0.2138 – 0.2142 in) | 5.40 mm (0.2126 in) |
| Valve guide bore diameter . . . . .                         | 5.47 – 5.48 mm<br>(0.2154 – 0.2157 in) | 5.50 mm (0.2165 in) |
| Valve stem to guide clearance                               |  |                     |
| Inlet . . . . .   | 0.01 – 0.03 mm<br>(0.0004 – 0.0012 in) | 0.12 mm (0.0047 in) |
| Exhaust . . . . .   | 0.03 – 0.05 mm<br>(0.0012 – 0.0020 in) | 0.14 mm (0.0055 in) |

**Pushrods**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Length . . . . .     | 141.15 – 141.45 mm (5.5571 – 5.5689 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . . | 141.00 mm (5.5512 in)                   |

**Cam and followers**

|                                       |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Cam follower bore diameter . . . . .  | 12.00 – 12.02 mm (0.4724 – 0.4732 in)      |  |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | 12.05 mm (0.4744 in)                       |  |
| Cam follower shaft diameter . . . . . | 11.976 – 11.994 mm (0.4715 – 0.4722 in)    |  |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | 11.950 mm (0.4705 in)                      |  |
| Cam lobe height . . . . .             | 32.768 – 32.928 mm (1.2901 – 1.2964 in)    |  |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | 32.628 mm (1.2846 in)                      |  |
|                                       | <b>Up to eng. no. 1486212</b>              | <b>From eng. no. 1486212</b>               |
| Cam gear shaft diameter . . . . .     | 11.970 – 11.980 mm<br>(0.4713 – 0.4717 in) | 13.996 – 13.984 mm<br>(0.5498 – 0.5506 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | N/Av                                       | 13.946 mm (0.5491 in)                      |
| Cam gear bore diameter . . . . .      | 12.000 – 12.020 mm<br>(0.4724 – 0.4732 in) | 14.060 – 14.078 mm<br>(0.5535 – 0.5543 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | N/Av                                       | 14.098 mm (0.5550 in)                      |
| Gear to shaft clearance . . . . .     | 0.020 – 0.050 mm<br>(0.0008 – 0.0020 in)   | 0.076 – 0.112 mm<br>(0.0030 – 0.0044 in)   |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | 0.060 mm (0.0024 in)                       | 0.120 mm (0.0047 in)                       |

**Clutch**

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Type . . . . .                         | Wet, multiplate                     |
| Number of plates                       |                                     |
| Plain . . . . .                        | 4                                   |
| Friction . . . . .                     | 5                                   |
| Plate maximum warpage . . . . .        | 0.20 mm (0.0079 in)                 |
| Spring free length . . . . .           | 35.50 mm (1.3976 in)                |
| Wear limit . . . . .                   | 34.20 mm (1.3465 in)                |
| Compressed length . . . . .            | 23.00 mm (0.9055 in)                |
| Spring pressure (compressed) . . . . . | 23.8 kg (52.5 lbs)                  |
| Wear limit . . . . .                   | 21.8 kg (48.1 lbs)                  |
| Friction plate thickness . . . . .     | 2.90 – 3.00 mm (0.1142 – 0.1181 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .                   | 2.60 mm (0.1024 in)                 |



**Gearbox**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Reduction ratios . . . . .            |   |
| Primary drive . . . . .               | 4.055:1 (18/73T)                        |
| 1st . . . . .                         | 2.769:1 (13/36T)                        |
| 2nd . . . . .                         | 1.882:1 (17/32T)                        |
| 3rd . . . . .                         | 1.450:1 (20/29T)                        |
| 4th . . . . .                         | 1.174:1 (23/27T)                        |
| 5th . . . . .                         | 1.000:1 (25/25T)                        |
| Final drive . . . . .                 | 2.267:1 (15/34T)                        |
| Selector fork claw end thickness ...  | 4.93 - 5.00 mm (0.1941 - 0.1969 in)     |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | <b>4.70</b> mm (0.1850 in)              |
| Selector fork bore diameter. . . . .  | 12.00 - 12.02 mm (0.4724 - 0.4732 in)   |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | 12.05 mm (0.4744 in)                    |
| Selector fork shaft diameter. . . . . | 1 1.98 - 1 1.99 mm (0.4717 - 0.4721 in) |
| Wear limit                            | 1 1.96 mm (0.4709 in)                   |
| Kickstart shaft diameter - at pinion  |   |
| Up to engine number 1020010           | N/Av                                    |
| Engine number 1020011 on ...          | 19.959 - 19.980 mm (0.7858 - 0.7866 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | 19.900 mm (0.7835 in)                   |
| Kickstart pinion bore diameter        |   |
| Up to engine number 1020010           | 24.900 - 24.920 mm (0.9803 - 0.9811 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | 24.940 mm (0.9819 in)                   |
| Engine number 1020011 on ...          | 20.000 - 20.021 mm (0.7874 - 0.7882 in) |
| Wear limit . . . . .                  | 20.050 mm (0.7894 in)                   |

**1 General description**

The engine unit employed in the Honda CG125 models is of the single cylinder air cooled four stroke type. Unlike most other machines in the Honda range, the CG125 utilises a pushrod operated valve arrangement.

The unit is of all-alloy construction, employing vertically split crankcases which house both the crankshaft assembly and the gear clusters. The cylinder head and cylinder barrel are also of light alloy, the latter incorporating a steel liner in which the cylinder bore is machined.

Lubrication is provided by a small trochoidal oil pump feeding the major engine components. The lubricating oil is contained in the lower portion of the crankcase which forms a combined sump and an oil bath for the gearbox components.

**2 Operations with the engine unit in the frame**

It is not necessary to remove the engine unit from the frame unless the crankshaft assembly and/or the gearbox internals require attention. Most operations can be accomplished with the engine in place, such as:

- 1 Removal and replacement of the cylinder head.
- 2 Removal and replacement of the cylinder barrel and piston.
- 3 Removal and replacement of the camshaft.
- 4 Removal and replacement of the generator.
- 5 Removal and replacement of the contact breaker assembly.
- 6 Removal and replacement of the clutch assembly.
- 7 Removal and replacement of the centrifugal oil filter.
- 8 Removal and replacement of the oil pump.

When several operations need to be undertaken simultaneously, it will probably be advantageous to remove the complete engine unit from the frame, an operation that should take approximately one hour, working at a leisurely pace. This will give the advantage of better access and more working space.

**3 Operations with engine removed**

- 1 Removal and replacement of the crankshaft assembly.
- 2 Removal and replacement of the gear cluster, selectors and gearbox main bearings.

**4 Method of engine/gearbox removal**

As mentioned previously, the engine and gearbox are of unit construction, and it is necessary to remove the unit complete, in order to gain access to the internal components. Separation and reassembly are only possible with the engine unit removed from the frame. It is recommended that the procedure detailed below is adhered to, as in certain instances, components are much easier to remove whilst the unit is supported by the frame.

**5 Removing the engine/gearbox unit**

1 Place the machine securely on its centre stand, ensuring that there is no likelihood of it falling over during engine removal. Engine removal can be made much easier if the machine is raised about two feet by means of a stand. A stout table can be modified for this purpose, or alternatively, a few substantial planks and some concrete blocks will suffice. This procedure is by no means essential, but will greatly ease the discomfort of squatting or kneeling down to work.

2 Place a container of at least one litre beneath the engine unit, then remove the drain plug and leave the oil to drain while further dismantling is carried out. Turn the fuel tap to the off position and prise off the fuel pipe from the stub at the base of the tap. A small screwdriver can be used to ease the pipe off without straining it.

3 Release the seat mounting bolts, which are located immediately above the rear indicator lamps, and lift the seat away from the frame. Disengage the rear of the petrol tank from the rubber block which retains it. The tank can then be pulled upwards and back to release the front mounting blocks.

4 Slacken off the clutch cable adjuster nuts, and release the cable from the actuating arm on the top of the engine casing. Disengage the cable and lodge it clear of the engine. The spark plug lead should also be detached and placed out of the way on the top frame tube.

5 Unscrew the carburettor top and withdraw the throttle valve assembly. There is no need to disconnect the cable, but the assembly should be positioned where it will not get damaged during engine removal. Disconnect the rubber intake hose, then remove the two nuts which hold the carburettor flange to the cylinder head. The carburettor body should be lifted away, together with the heat shield and spacer or inlet stub. Pull off the crankcase breather pipe.

6 Remove the two nuts which retain the exhaust pipe to the cylinder head, sliding the flange clear and removing the two

packing pieces behind it. The exhaust is secured by two nuts to its mounting bracket, which is secured to the frame by a bolt and by the swinging arm pivot bolt retaining nut. These should be removed and the complete system withdrawn. The footrest assembly should be removed after unscrewing the four bolts which hold it to the underside of the crankcase.

7 Remove the gearchange pedal pinch bolt and slide the pedal off its splines. Remove the left-hand outer cover, and place it to one side to await reassembly. The gearbox sprocket is retained by a locking plate which in turn is held in position by two bolts. Remove the bolts, to allow the plate to be turned slightly and drawn off the splined shaft.

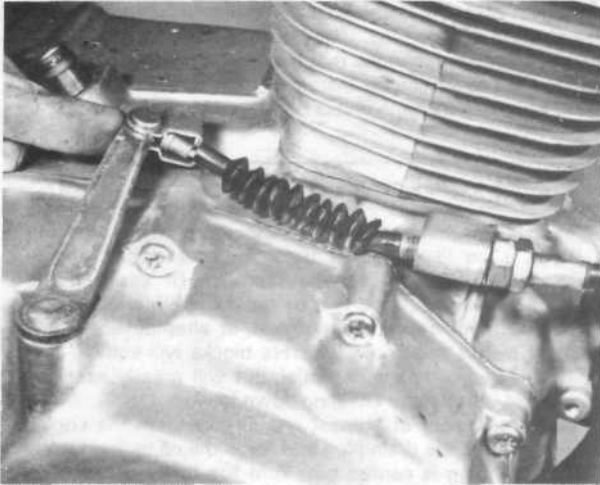
8 Remove the left-hand side panel which is a push fit in the frame lugs. It is also worth removing the right-hand panel to avoid any risk of damage to the paint finish. Remove the screw from the battery negative (-) terminal and release the two green leads to isolate the battery from the electrical system. Separate the white multiple connector block to disconnect the generator; this will be found adjacent to the battery.

9 The engine is now held only by the five mounting bolts. Remove the two front bolts and place them to one side. It is worthwhile removing the entire engine plate to gain the maximum amount of manoeuvring room. Remove the lower rear mounting bolt, noting that the nut may be difficult to reach if the exhaust mounting bracket has not been removed, followed by the upper bolt which passes through a lug in the cylinder head. Finally, release the remaining rear mounting bolt, disengaging the generator harness from its clip. As the bolt is withdrawn, the unit will drop free, and it is advisable to have an

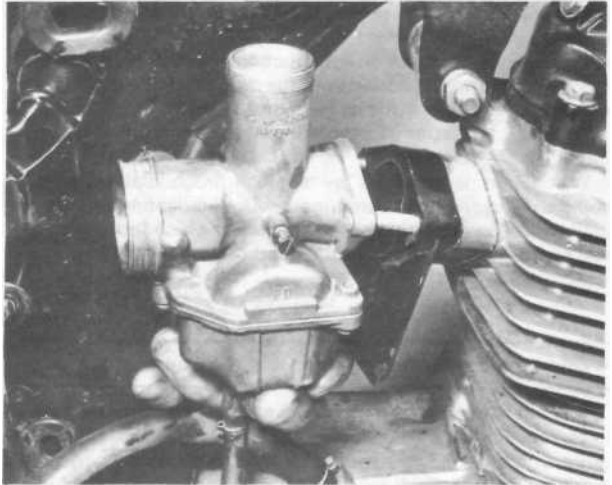
assistant to hand to help with these final stages. Note that whilst not strictly necessary, it was found helpful to remove the left-hand head steady plate to provide better clearance. The unit is not heavy, and can easily be lifted clear of the frame by one person.



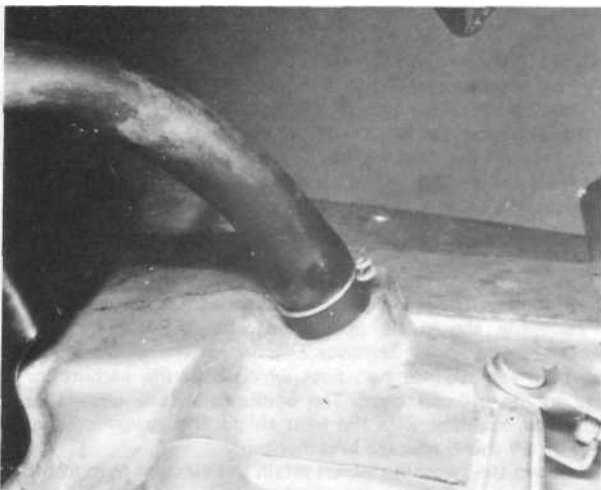
5.3 Seat is retained by two bolts at rear



5.4 Slacken off and remove the clutch cable



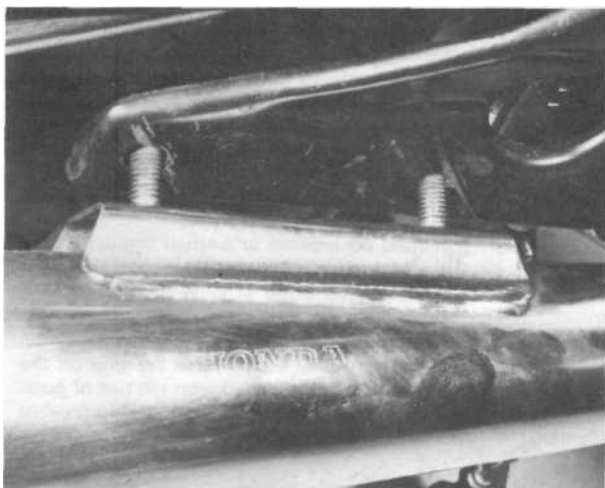
5.5a Remove the carburettor, heatshield and spacer (early models)



5.5b Pull off the crankcase breather pipe



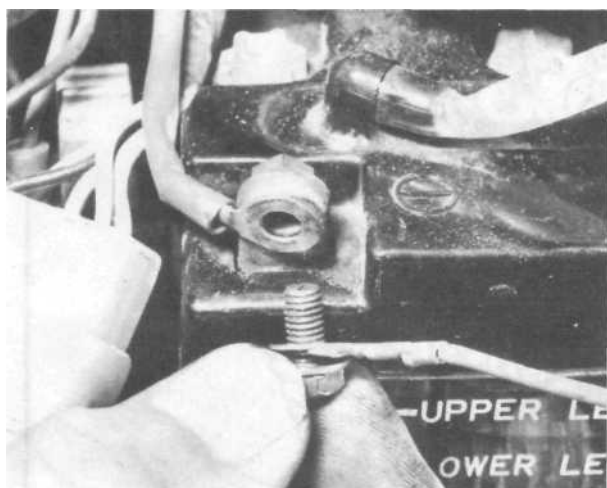
5.6a Remove exhaust pipe flange followed by .



5.6b ... rear mounting nuts to release complete exhaust system



5.7 Release the locking plate to permit sprocket removal



5.8a Disconnect the battery to isolate the electrical system



5.8b ... then separate the generator output lead connector

## 6 Dismantling the engine and gearbox unit: general

1 Before commencing work on the engine unit, the external surfaces should be cleaned thoroughly. A motor cycle engine has very little protection from road grit and other foreign matter, which will find its way into the dismantled engine if this simple precaution is not taken. One of the proprietary cleaning compounds, such as 'Gunk' or 'Jizer' can be used to good effect, particularly if the compound is permitted to work into the film of oil and grease before it is washed away. Special care is necessary, when washing down to prevent water from entering the now exposed parts of the engine unit.

2 Never use undue force to remove any stubborn part unless specific mention is made of this requirement. There is invariably good reason why a part is difficult to remove, often because the dismantling operation has been tackled in the wrong sequence.

3 Mention has already been made of the benefits of owning an impact driver. Most of these tools are equipped with a standard  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch drive and an adaptor which can take a variety of screwdriver bits. It will be found that most engine casing screws will need jarring free due to both the effects of assembly by power tools and an inherent tendency for screws to become pinched in alloy castings.

4 A cursory glance over many machines of only a few years

use, will almost invariably reveal an array of well-chewed screw heads. Not only is this unsightly, it can also make emergency repairs impossible. It should also be borne in mind that there are a number of types of crosshead screwdrivers which differ in the angle and design of the driving tangs. To this end, it is always advisable to ensure that the correct tool is available to suit a particular screw.

5 In addition to the above points, it is worth noting before any dismantling work is undertaken that it is desirable to have two service tools available. The first, and most important, is a flywheel puller, Honda part number 07933-0010000 or a cheaper pattern version, and secondly, a special peg spanner for releasing the centrifugal oil filter housing, Honda part number 07916-6390001. The latter can be fabricated from a piece of tubing, if necessary, but it is much less easy to make do without the flywheel extractor as the flywheel proved to be a very tight fit.

## 7 Dismantling the engine and gearbox unit: removing the cylinder head, barrel and piston

1 If the cylinder head is to be removed with the engine unit in the frame, start by removing the carburettor and heat shield, the

spark plug lead, the exhaust pipe and the cylinder head steady bolt, as described in Section 5 of this Chapter.

2 Slacken and remove the three rocker cover mounting bolts, and lift the cover away, taking care not to damage the rubber sealing ring. The rocker arms may be removed as a unit together with their common support bracket. This is retained by a single bolt at each end, and a central bolt. Lift out the pushrods and push them through holes in a piece of card which has been marked to denote inlet and exhaust. Although the pushrods are identical, it is preferable to replace them in their original positions.

3 The cylinder head is retained by four large sleeve bolts, one of which is recessed into the large diameter oil passage. An additional special bolt passes down into the end of the cam follower shaft, and this should also be removed. Note that the pushrod guide bracket will be released as the two left-hand cylinder head sleeve bolts are removed. The cylinder head can now be lifted away and placed to one side to await further attention. Make a note of the position and sizes of the dowels fitted over three of the four studs. One of these is fitted with an

0 ring and acts as an oil feed passage.

4 The cylinder barrel is retained by two bolts passing through a flange on the left-hand side. Once these have been removed, the barrel can be slid upwards off its mounting studs. As soon as the bottom of the barrel is clear of the crankcase mouth, the latter should be packed with clean rag to obviate any risk of pieces of broken piston ring or other foreign matter falling into the crankcase. Be careful not to twist the barrel as it is removed, or the cam follower feet may be scratched on the sharp cam gear teeth.

5 Use a pair of pointed nose pliers or a small screwdriver to dislodge the circlips, which should then be discarded. Note that new circlips should always be fitted in view of the risk of a displaced circlip causing engine damage. If the gudgeon pin should prove to be a particularly tight fit, the piston should be warmed first, to expand the alloy and release the grip on the steel pin. If it is necessary to tap the gudgeon pin out of position, make sure that the connecting rod is supported to prevent distortion. On no account use excess force.

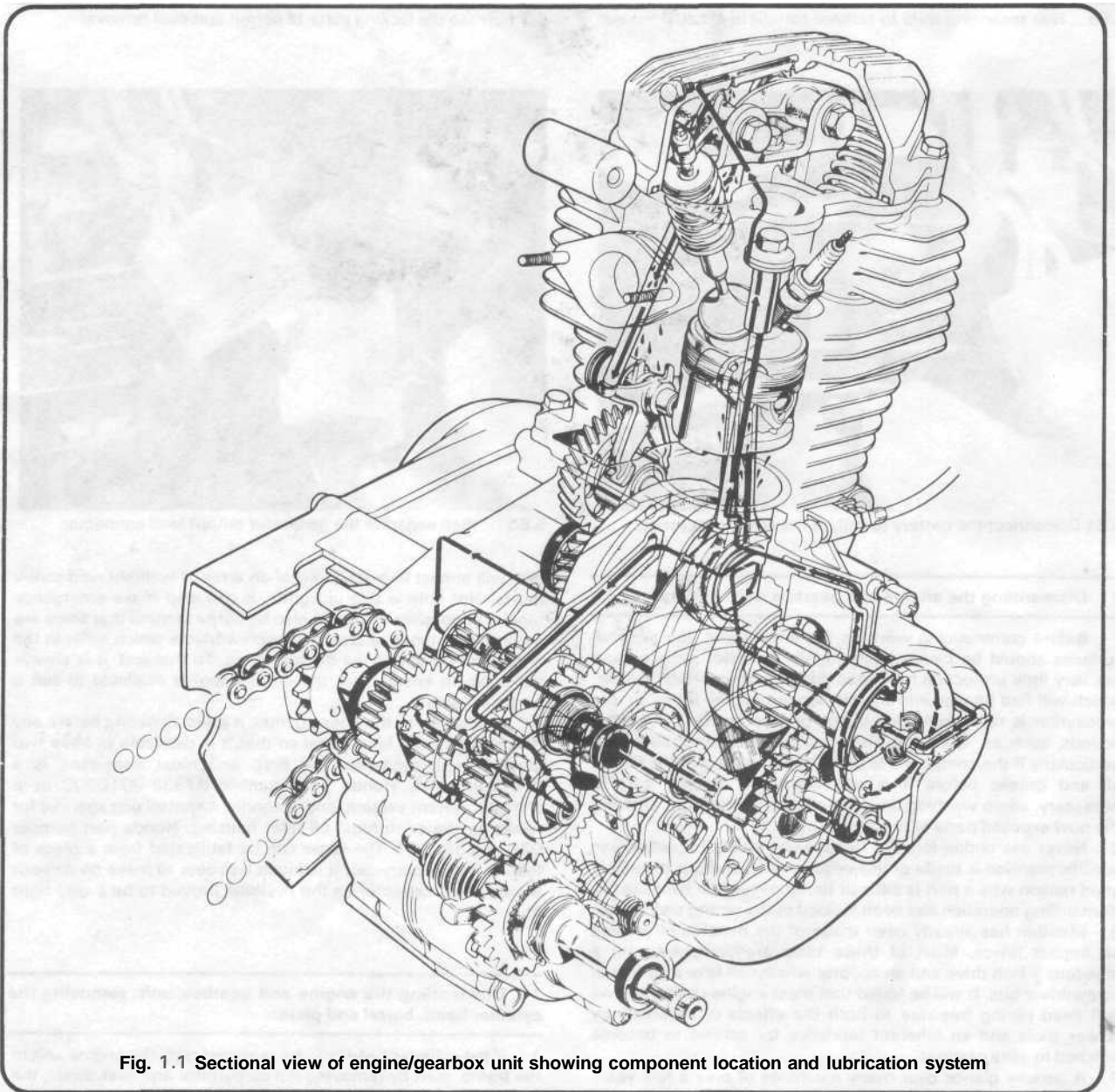


Fig. 1.1 Sectional view of engine/gearbox unit showing component location and lubrication system

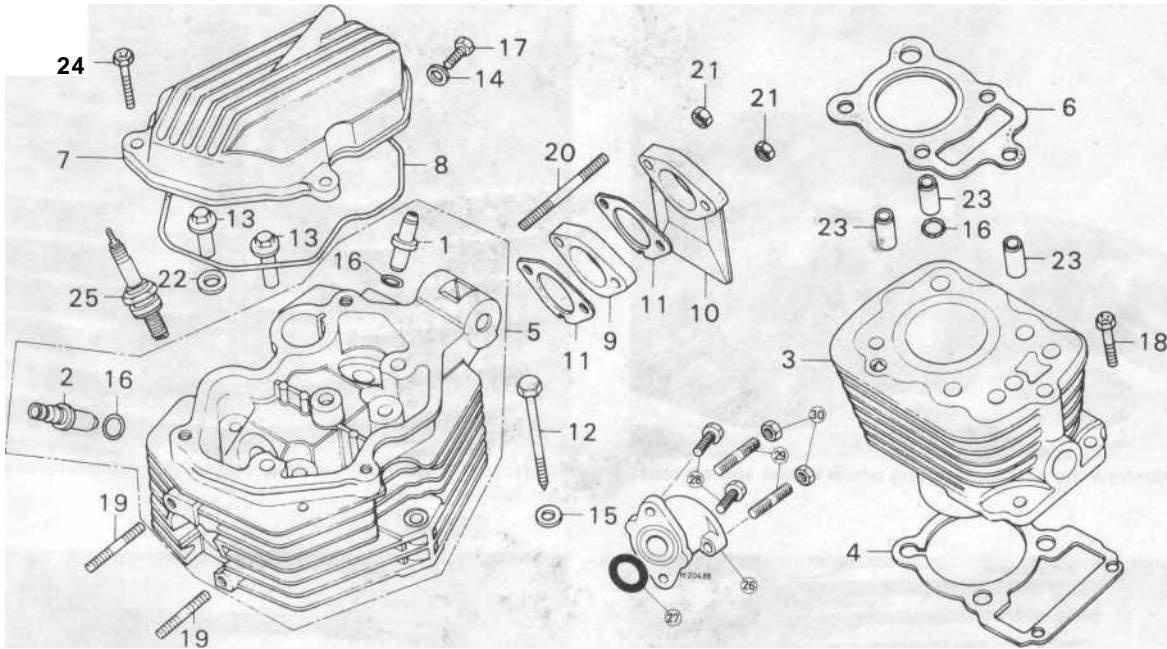


Fig. 1.2 Cylinder head and barrel - component parts

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Inlet valve guide      | 7 Gasket - 2 off <     | 21 Nut - 2 off    |
| 2 Exhaust valve guide    | 12 Special bolt        | 22 Washer - 2 off |
| 3 Cylinder barrel        | 13 Sleeve bolt - 4 off | 23 Dowel - 3 off  |
| 4 Cylinder base gasket   | 14 Sealing washer      | 24 Bolt - 3 off   |
| 5 Cylinder head complete | 15 Sealing washer      | 25 Sparking plug  |
| 6 Cylinder head gasket   | 16 O-ring - 3 off      | 26 Inlet stub ◀   |
| 7 Cylinder head cover    | 17 Plug                | 27 O-ring ◀       |
| 8 Rubber seal            | 18 Bolt - 2 off <      | 28 Bolt - 2 off < |
| 9 Spacer <               | 19 Stud - 2 off        | 29 Stud - 2 off ◀ |
| 10 Heat shield <         | 20 Stud - 2 off        | 30 Nut - 2 off ◀  |

◀ early models

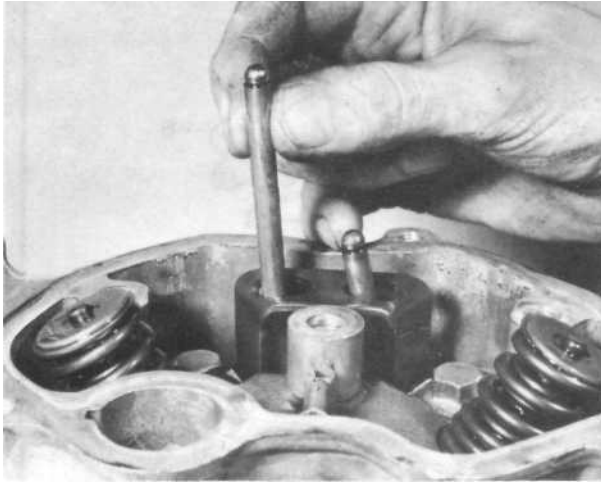
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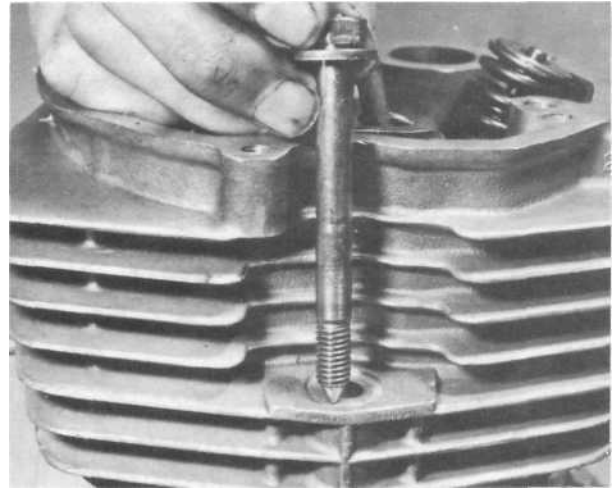
7.2a Remove the cylinder head cover to expose the valve gear



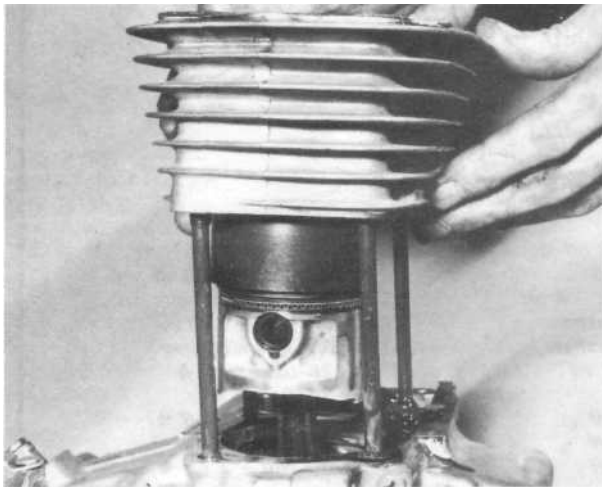
7.2b Release the three mounting bolts, and lift rocker assembly away as a unit



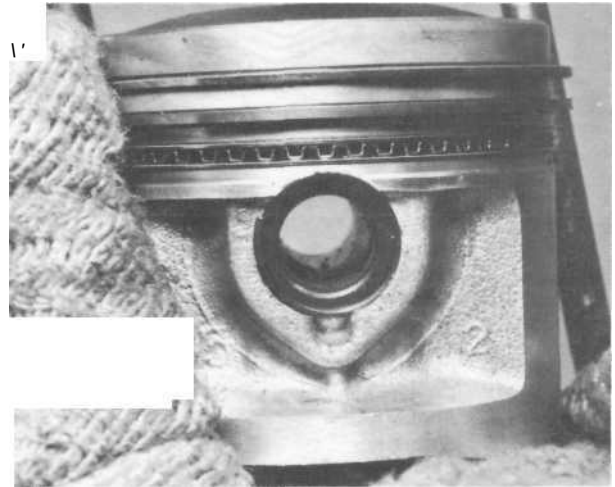
7.2c Withdraw the pushrods, noting which is inlet and exhaust



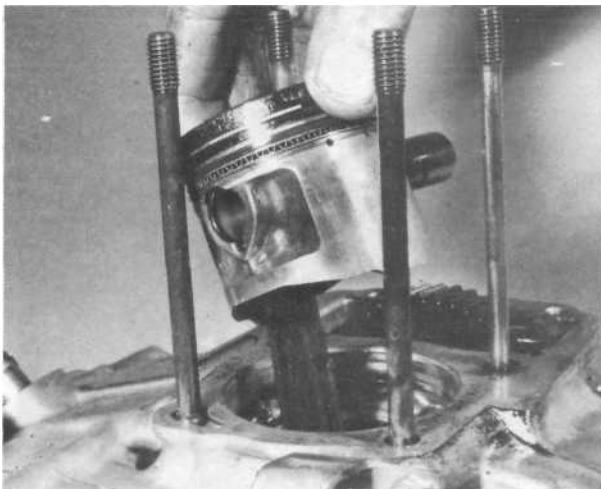
7.3 Note the additional, special bolt, which retains head and cam follower shaft



7.4a Slide barrel carefully off its studs



7.4b Pack the crankcase mouth with rag if the crankcase is not to be separated



7.5 Remove piston, discarding the used circlips

## 8 Dismantling the engine and gearbox unit: removing the generator assembly

1 As mentioned earlier, it is recommended that the Honda flywheel puller, part number: 07933-0010000 or a cheaper pattern version is used to draw the flywheel/rotor off its taper. Whilst it is possible to use a conventional legged puller, it should be noted that the flywheel can prove exceedingly stubborn. It is also necessary to lock the flywheel/rotor while the centre nut is removed. If the cylinder head and barrel have already been removed, a bar can be passed through the small end eye and rested on a wooden block placed at each side of the crankcase mouth (**never** directly on the jointing face) to prevent crankshaft rotation. If the rotor is to be removed whilst the engine is in the frame, crankshaft rotation can be prevented by selecting top gear and applying the rear brake. The nut can now be removed.

2 Screw the puller boss into the threaded rotor centre, then gradually tighten the T handle to place pressure on the crankshaft end. If the rotor proves stubborn, tap the end of the shaft to jar the rotor off its taper. On no account strike the rotor itself, as this can easily damage the unit. If the correct tool is not available, it is possible to use a conventional two-legged puller, providing that great care is taken not to damage any of the

generator components. The central retaining nut should be temporarily refitted so that it is flush with the shaft end. **Do not** place undue strain on the assembly using this method. If removal proves difficult, abandon the attempt and obtain the proper service tool.

3 With the flywheel/rotor removed as described above, release the three countersunk screws which secure the generator stator. It will also be necessary to release the output leads from beneath the guide before lifting the assembly clear. There is no need to mark the stator position as this is not variable.

### 9 Dismantling the engine/gearbox unit: removing the cam gear and shaft

1 If this job is being tackled with the engine in the frame, it is first necessary to remove the cylinder head and pushrods, the cylinder barrel and cam followers and the generator assembly. Refer to the preceding Sections in this Chapter for details.

2 The cam gear takes the form of a skew-cut gear driven by the crankshaft and producing rotation at half engine speed. The cam lobe is retained on the gear by a circlip, and the assembly runs on a special shaft which is retained by the generator stator. When the latter is removed, the small thrust spring in the end of the shaft will probably fall away. A screwdriver can be used to lever the head of the shaft gently outwards against the resistance of the O ring seal. The gear and cam assembly will be freed as the shaft is withdrawn, and can be lifted out through the aperture adjacent to the crankcase mouth.

### 10 Dismantling the engine/gearbox unit: removing the centrifugal oil filter

1 If the engine is in the frame the oil must be drained, the clutch cable must be disconnected and the exhaust system and footrest assembly must be removed first. Remove its pinch bolt and pull the kickstart pedal off its shaft, then remove all the screws around the outer edge of the crankcase right-hand

cover. Tap the cover smartly with a soft-faced mallet to break the seal and withdraw the cover, noting the two locating dowels in the mating surface, also the pushrod in the centre of the clutch. Peel off the cover gasket.

2 Slacken and remove the three screws which secure the oil filter cover. As the cover is lifted away, place some rag beneath the unit to catch the residual oil which will be caught inside the filter assembly.

3 The inner half of the filter housing is retained by a slotted nut which will require the use of a peg spanner to release it. This tool is available as a Honda service tool, part number: 07916-6390001. If this is not available, it is possible to fabricate a suitable tool from a length of thick-walled tubing. Refer to the accompanying photograph for details, cutting away the segments shown with a hacksaw to leave four tangs. If the machine is to be regarded as a long term purchase, it may be considered worthwhile spending some time with a file to obtain a good fit. The end can then be heated to a cherry red colour and quenched in oil to harden the tangs. An axial hole can be drilled to accept a tommy bar.

4 Lock the crankshaft either by selecting top gear and applying the rear brake (engine in frame) or by passing a bar through the small end eye and resting the ends on a wooden block placed each side of the crankcase mouth. The securing nut can then be removed, and the inner housing pulled off the crankshaft. Note that the special washer, fitted behind the nut, is marked 'outside' for reference during reassembly.

### 11 Dismantling the engine/gearbox unit: removing the oil pump

1 The oil pump is retained by two screws which pass through the inner pinion casing into the crankcase. It will be noted that the front half of the pinion casing has two holes in it. A screwdriver can be passed through these, and the corresponding holes in the pinion in order to release the retaining screw. The pump can then be lifted away as an assembly.

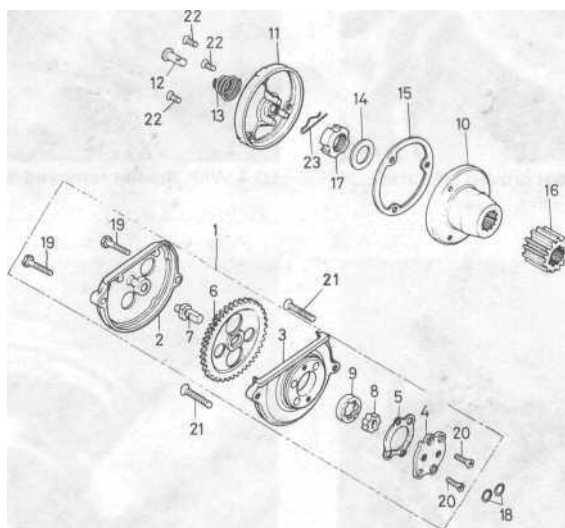
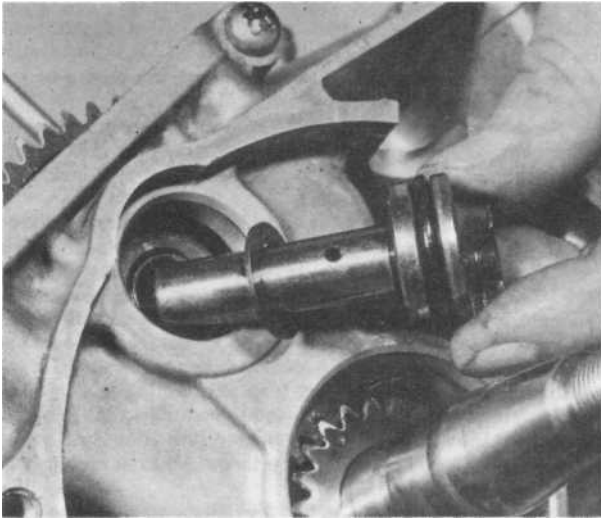
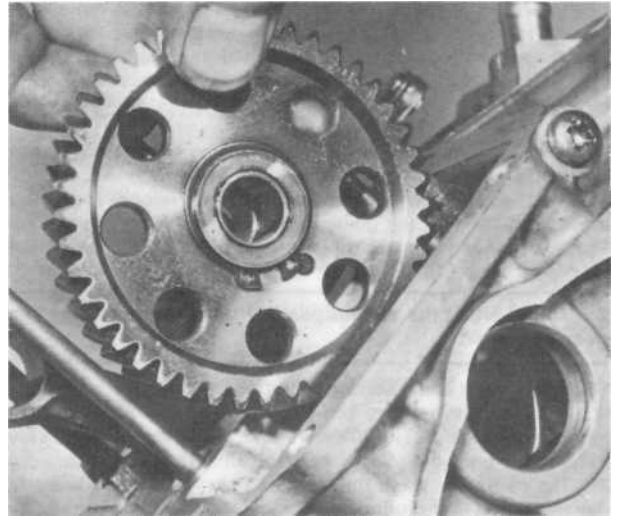


Fig. 1.3 Oil pump and centrifugal filter - component parts

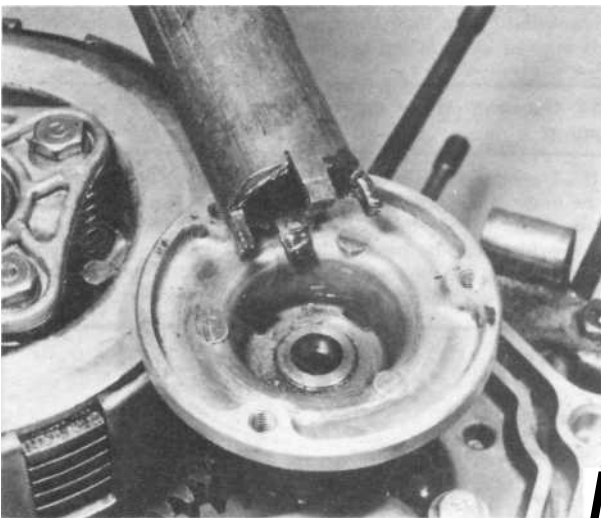
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| 1 Oil pump assembly | 7 Pump spindle   | 13 Spring         | 19 Bolt - 2 off  |
| 2 Pinion casing     | 8 Inner rotor    | 14 Special washer | 20 Screw - 2 off |
| 3 Inner casing half | 9 Outer rotor    | 15 Gasket         | 21 Screw - 2 off |
| 4 Backplate         | 10 Inner housing | 16 Primary gear   | 22 Screw - 3 off |
| 5 Gasket            | 11 Cover         | 17 Nut            | 23 R pin         |
| 6 Drive pinion      | 12 Plunger       | 18 O ring - 2 off |                  |



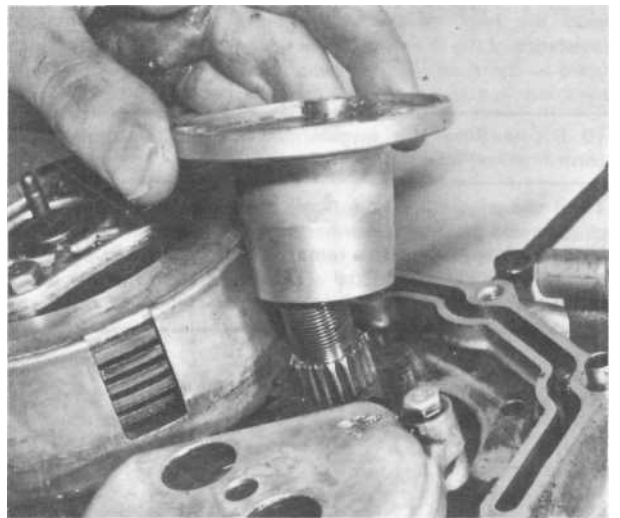
9.2a Note thrust washer when removing cam gear shaft



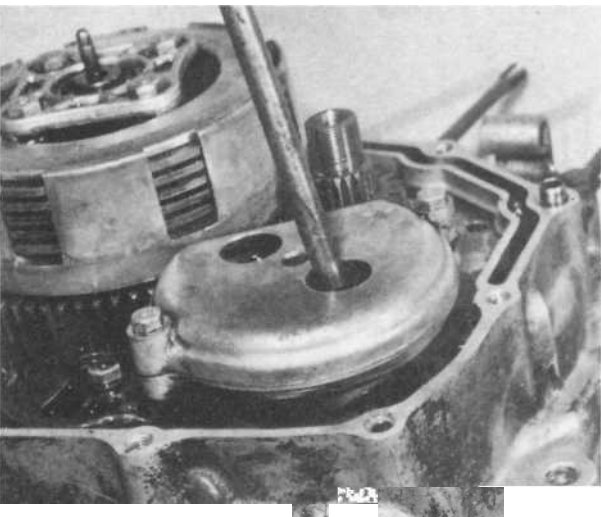
9.2b Lift out the cam gear/cam unit



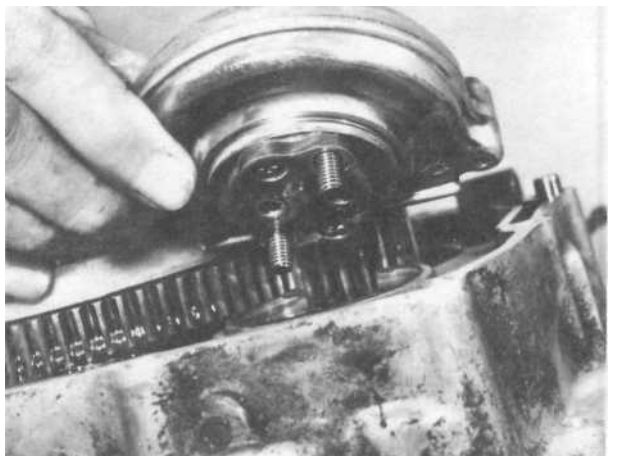
10.3 Home-made peg spanner is crude but proved effective



10.4 With the nut removed, slide inner housing off its splines



11.1a Pass screwdriver through holes in pump to release mounting screws



11.1b Pump can be lifted away as a unit



### 12 Dismantling the engine/gearbox unit: removing the clutch assembly and crankshaft pinion

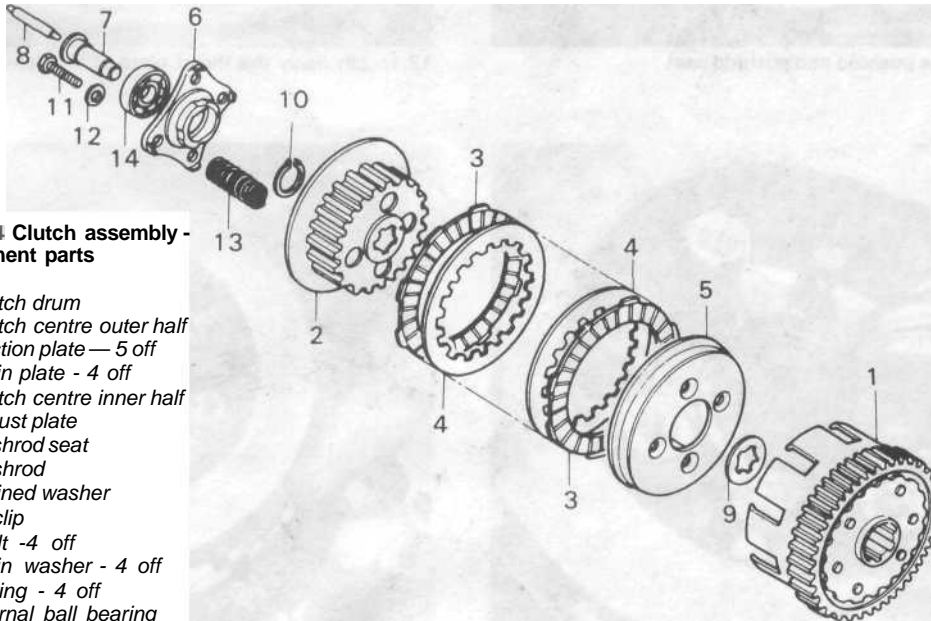
1 Lift out the clutch pushrod together with the cup in which it seats, then remove the four bolts which secure the clutch thrust plate, unscrewing them in a diagonal sequence until the clutch spring pressure is released. Lift off the thrust plate and the four clutch springs and place them to one side.

2 Remove the circlip which retains the outer half of the clutch centre, then remove it, followed by the clutch plain and friction plates. The inner half of the clutch centre can now be lifted off followed by the clutch drum, noting the special thrust washer interposed between the two. The crankshaft pinion can simply be slid off its splines once the filter has been removed.

### 13 Dismantling the engine/gearbox unit: removing the gearchange shaft and mechanism

1 The gearchange shaft runs in a bore through the crankcase, emerging on the left-hand side of the engine. The complete unit can be withdrawn from the right-hand side of the unit, the quadrant centring spring disengaging from its locating lug.

2 Unscrew the detent roller arm retaining bolt and carefully release the detent spring pressure before withdrawing the bolt, arm and spring. Note how the arm rotates against spring pressure on the shouldered portion of the bolt's shank. Remove the camplate retaining bolt from the end of the selector drum and withdraw the camplate, noting that it is located by a small pin which should be removed to prevent its loss.

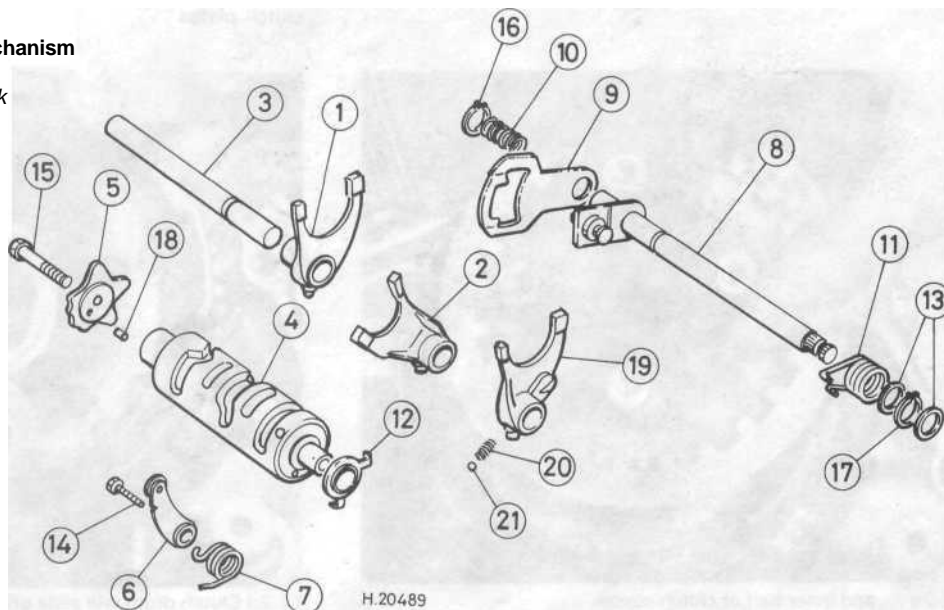


**Fig. 1.4 Clutch assembly - component parts**

- 1 Clutch drum
- 2 Clutch centre outer half
- 3 Friction plate— 5 off
- 4 Plain plate - 4 off
- 5 Clutch centre inner half
- 6 Thrust plate
- 7 Pushrod seat
- 8 Pushrod
- 9 Splined washer
- 10 Circlip
- 11 Bolt -4 off
- 12 Plain washer - 4 off
- 13 Spring - 4 off
- 14 Journal ball bearing

**Fig. 1.5 Gear selector mechanism**

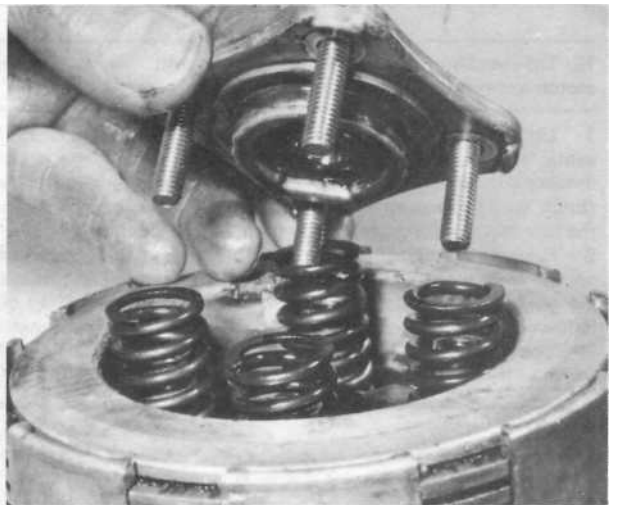
- 1 Right hand selector fork
- 2 Centre selector fork
- 3 Selector fork shaft
- 4 Selector drum
- 5 Cam/ate
- 6 Detent roller arm
- 7 Detent spring
- 8 Gearchange shaft
- 9 Selector plate
- 10 Spring
- 11 Centring spring
- 12 Neutral switch contact
- 13 Thrust washer - 2 off
- 14 Bolt
- 15 Bolt
- 16 Circlip
- 17 Circlip
- 18 Dowel pin
- 19 Left hand selector fork
- 20 Spring
- 21 Steel ball



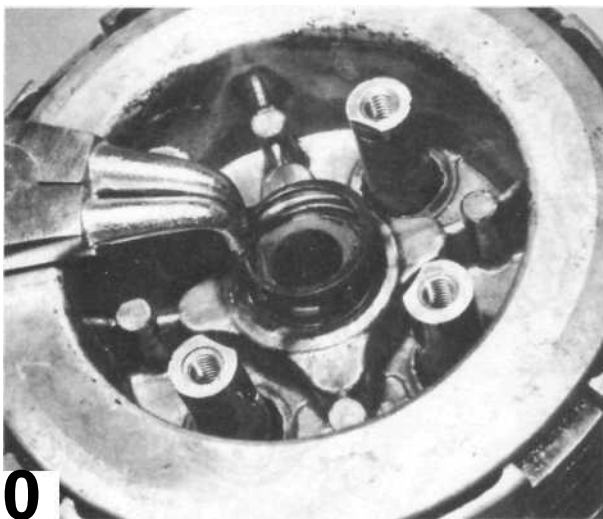
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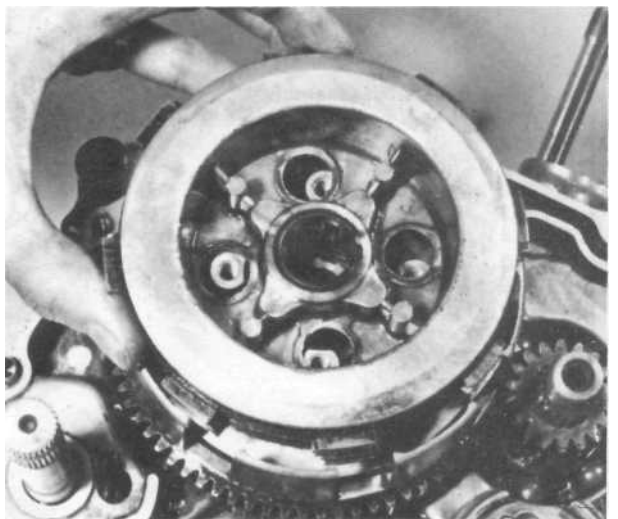
12.1a Remove the pushrod and pushrod seat



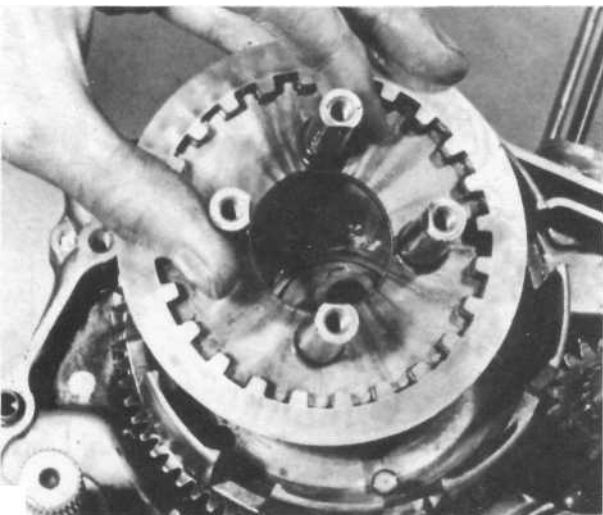
12.1b Lift away the thrust plate after releasing bolts



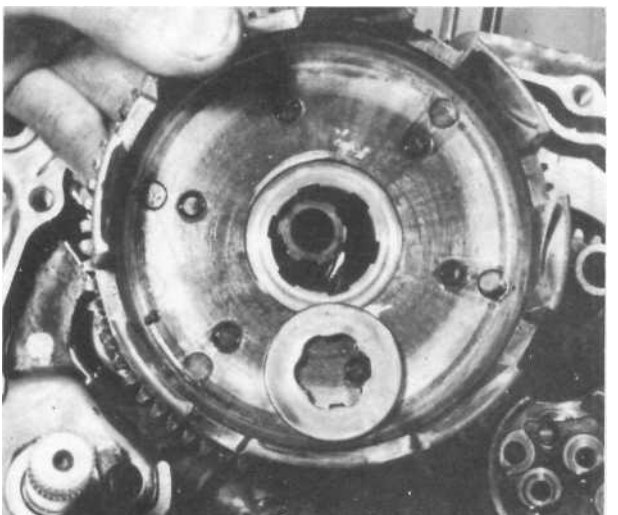
12.2a Remove the circlip to allow ...



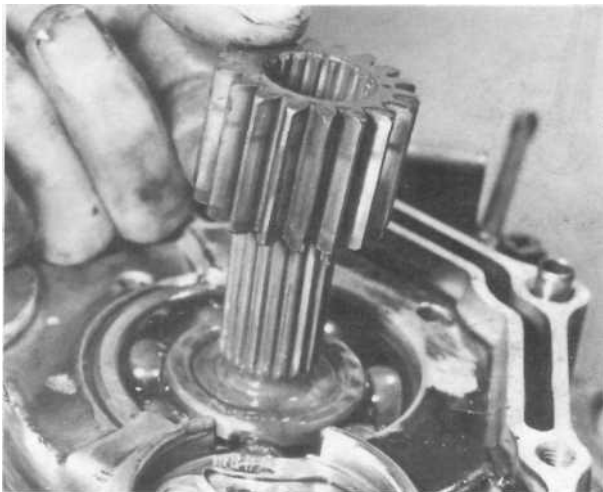
12.2b ... outer half of clutch centre to be removed, followed by clutch plates . . .



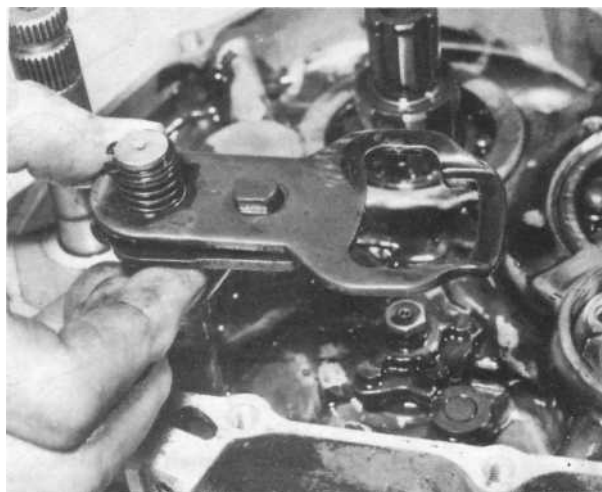
12.2c ... and inner half of clutch centre



12.2d Clutch drum will slide off, complete with slotted washer



1 2.2e Crankshaft pinion can be slid off splined crankshaft end



13.1 Disengage gearchange shaft and withdraw from casing

#### 14 Dismantling the engine/gearbox unit: removing the end-float plunger and neutral switch

1 Although the above mentioned components will not prevent crankcase separation, it is advisable to remove them as this will need to be done prior to reassembly. The plunger assembly is retained by a single fixing bolt, and can be withdrawn from the crankcase after this has been released.

2 The neutral indicator switch is normally retained by a rubber pad on the inside of the outer casing. After this has been removed, the switch body can be withdrawn from the crankcase.

#### 15 Dismantling the engine/gearbox unit: separating the crankcase halves

1 Slacken and remove the crankcase retaining screws from each side of the unit. Note that the bolt which retains the clutch cable guide must be removed if this has not been done already. It is recommended that an impact driver is used to loosen and tighten these screws as it is likely that the heads will be damaged if an ordinary screwdriver is employed. The screws will probably prove to be very tight, as they are machine-assembled in the factory. It is worth noting that it is possible to obtain sets of Allen screws to replace all the crossheaded screws on the engine. These are usually far more durable and better looking than the original fitments and do not require the use of an impact driver.

2 Check that all the casing screws are removed, then lay the unit on its side, right-hand casing half uppermost, and support it on suitable wooden blocks. The right-hand casing half will probably lift away quite easily, but should it prove stubborn it can be tapped off using a **soft headed** mallet. Make sure that all the components remain in the left-hand casing half. Place the right-hand casing half to one side while the crankcase components are removed.

#### 16 Dismantling the engine/gearbox unit: removing the kick-start mechanism, crankshaft assembly and gearbox components

1 With the left-hand casing half still in position on the blocks,

the kickstart mechanism may be lifted out of the casing, having first lifted the ratchet to release spring tension.

The crankshaft assembly can be lifted out of position. The use of steel inserts in each crankcase half means that the main bearings are a light sliding fit, and offer little resistance during removal. They will remain in position on the crankshaft.

2 Lift the selector fork shaft slightly, so that the selector drum can be pulled out of the casing. The selector fork assembly can be eased out of position, noting that it may be necessary to lift the gear cluster and then tip the fork assembly away from it. **Do not** withdraw the selector fork shaft from the forks, as the lower fork contains a spring loaded locating ball which is easily lost.

3 The gear clusters together with the shafts can now be lifted out of the case, noting the shim(s) fitted to the shaft end. If the gearbox assembly is not to be dismantled, it is advisable to assemble the gear clusters, selector forks and the selector drum in their correct relative positions, and to secure the assembled unit with elastic bands before placing it to one side to await reassembly.

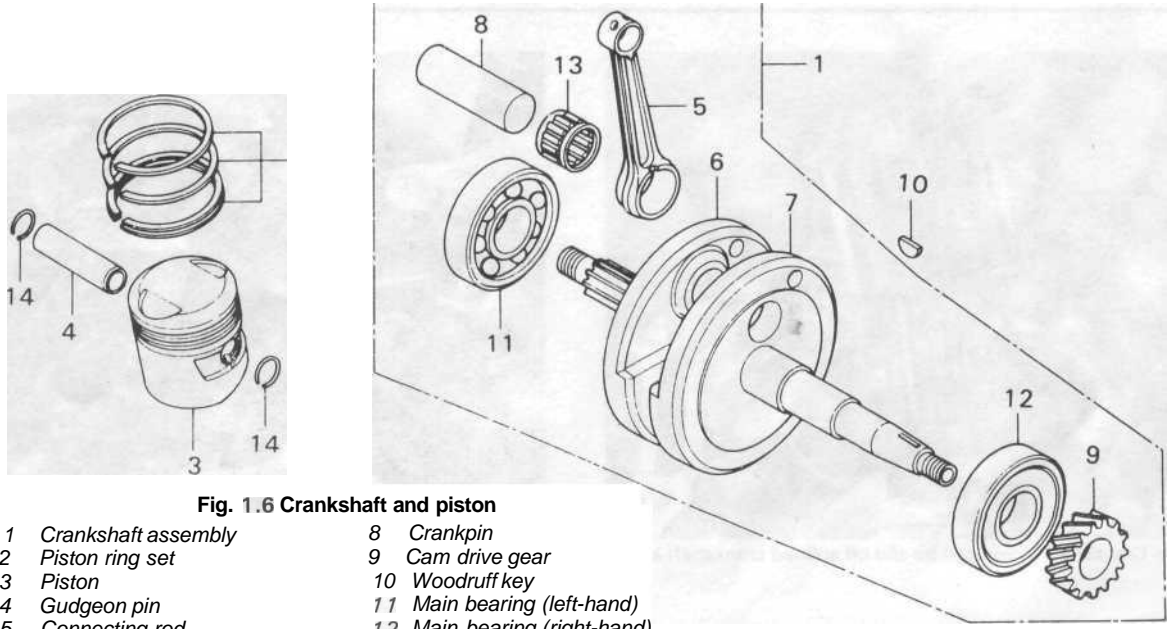
#### 17 Examination and renovation: general

1 Before examining the component parts of the dismantled engine/gear unit for wear, it is essential that they should be cleaned thoroughly. Use a paraffin/petrol mix to remove all traces of oil and sludge which may have accumulated within the engine.

2 Examine the crankcase castings for cracks or other signs of damage. If a crack is discovered, it will require professional attention, or in an extreme case, renewal of the casting. The machine dismantled for the photographic sequences proved to have sustained damage to one of the crankcase lugs due to the kickstart mechanism breaking away part of its stop. (See photograph). This necessitated the renewal of the damaged casing.

3 Examine carefully each part to determine the extent of wear. If in doubt, check with the tolerance figures whenever they are quoted in the text or specifications. The following sections will indicate what type of wear can be expected and in many cases, the acceptable limits.

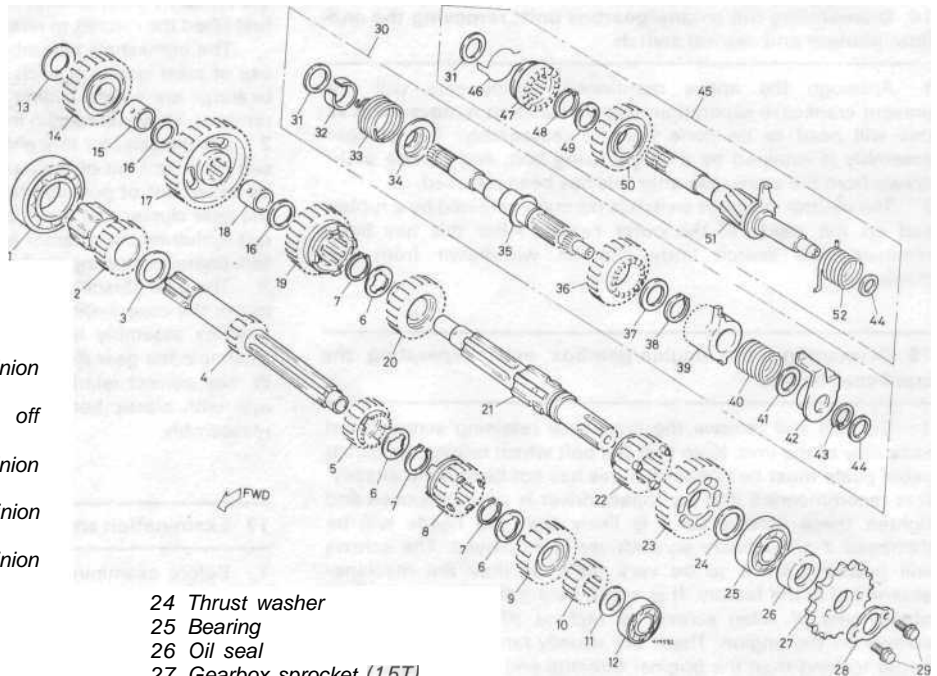
4 Use clean, lint-free rags for cleaning and drying the various components, otherwise there is a risk of small particles obstructing the internal oilways.



**Fig. 1.6 Crankshaft and piston**

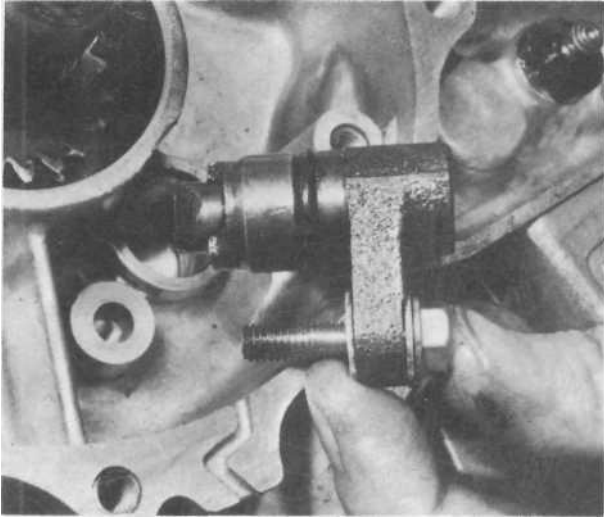
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| 1 Crankshaft assembly | 8 Crankpin                   |
| 2 Piston ring set     | 9 Cam drive gear             |
| 3 Piston              | 10 Woodruff key              |
| 4 Gudgeon pin         | 11 Main bearing (left-hand)  |
| 5 Connecting rod      | 12 Main bearing (right-hand) |
| 6 RH flywheel         | 13 Small end bearing         |
| 7 LH flywheel         | 14 Circlip - 2 off           |

**Fig. 1.7 Gearbox housing**

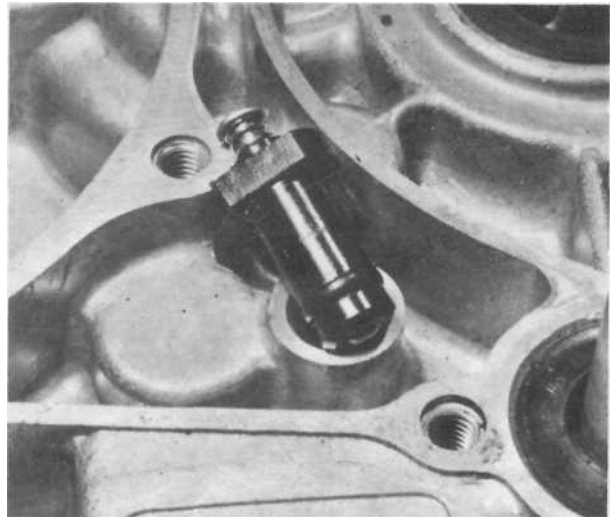


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| 7 Bearing                          | 24 Thrust washer                           | 41 Thrust washer                           |
| 2 Kickstart sleeve gear            | 25 Bearing                                 | 42 Ratchet guide plate                     |
| 3 Thrust washer                    | 26 Oil seal                                | 43 Circlip                                 |
| 4 Mainshaft (13T)                  | 27 Gearbox sprocket (15T)                  | 44 Thrust washer                           |
| 5 Mainshaft 3rd gear pinion (20T)  | 28 Locking plate                           | 45 Kickstart shaft assembly - early models |
| 6 Splined thrust washer -3 off     | 29 Bolt - 2 off                            | 46 Friction clip                           |
| 7 Circlip - 3 off                  | 30 Kickstart shaft assembly - later models | 47 Kickstart ratchet                       |
| 8 Mainshaft 4th gear pinion (23T)  | 31 Thrust washer                           | 48 Circlip                                 |
| 9 Mainshaft 5th gear pinion (25T)  | 32 Spring guide                            | 49 Thrust washer                           |
| 10 Mainshaft 2nd gear pinion (17T) | 33 Kickstart spring                        | 50 Kickstart pinion (29T)                  |
| 11 Thrust washer                   | 34 Spring seat                             | 51 Kickstart shaft                         |
| 12 Bearing                         | 35 Kickstart shaft                         | 52 Kickstart spring                        |
| 13 Thrust washer                   | 36 Kickstart pinion (29T)                  |  |
| 14 Kickstart idler pinion          | 37 Thrust washer                           |  |
| 15 Bush — later models             | 38 Circlip                                 |  |
| 16 Thrust washer - 2 off*          | 39 Kickstart ratchet                       |  |
| 17 Layshaft 1st gear pinion (36T)  | 40 Coil spring                             |  |
| 18 Bush — later models             |  |  |
| 19 Layshaft 3rd gear pinion (29T)  |  |  |
| 20 Layshaft 4th gear pinion (27T)  |  |  |
| 21 Layshaft                        |  |  |
| 22 Layshaft 5th gear pinion (25T)  |  |  |
| 23 Layshaft 2nd gear pinion (32T)  |  |  |

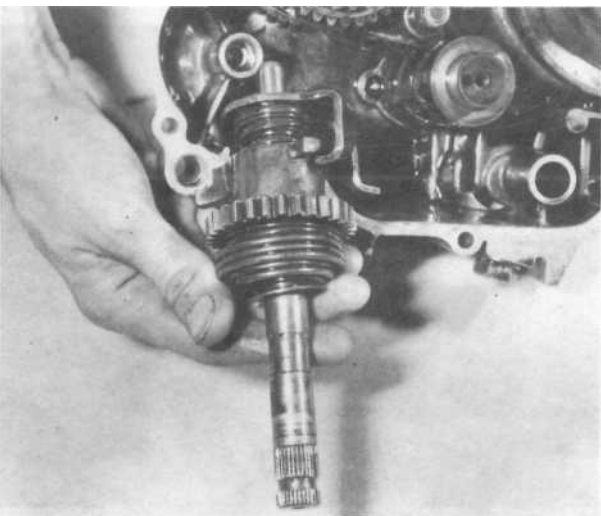
\*item 16 located between items 18 and 19 fitted to CG125 K1 on models. Note - items 2, 14 and 50 only available as a set for early CG125 models.



14.1 End-float plunger is retained by a single bolt



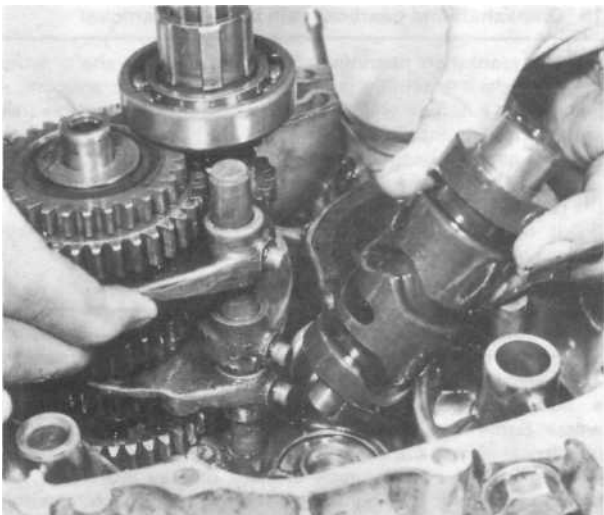
14.2 Neutral indicator switch is easily withdrawn



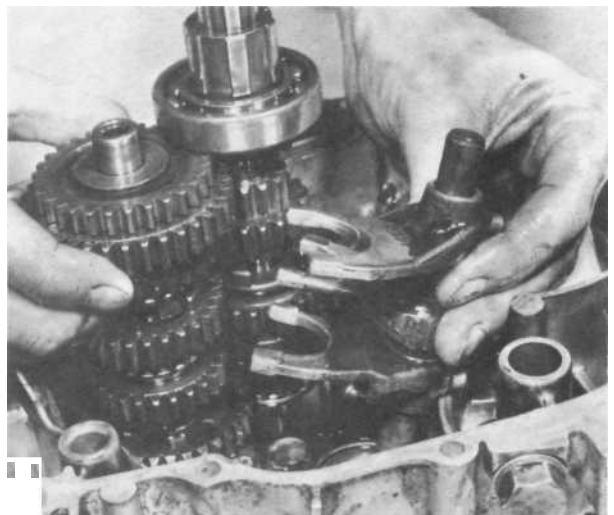
16.1a Disengage and remove the kickstart mechanism



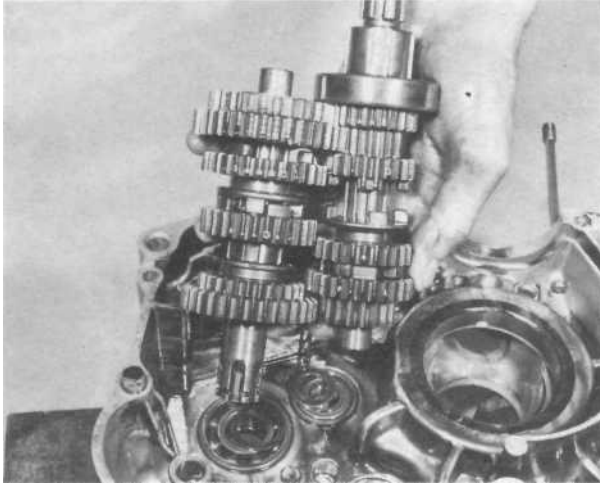
16.1b Crankshaft assembly lifts easily out of case



16.2a Lift selector fork assembly slightly to allow selector drum to be withdrawn



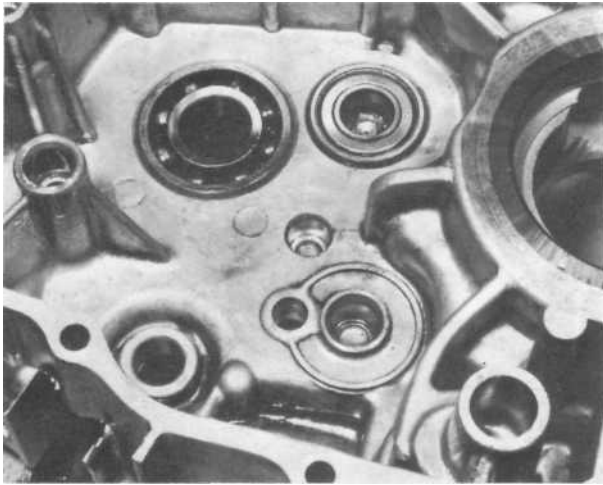
16.2b Remove the selector **forks** and pin as an **assembly** - **Do not dismantle**



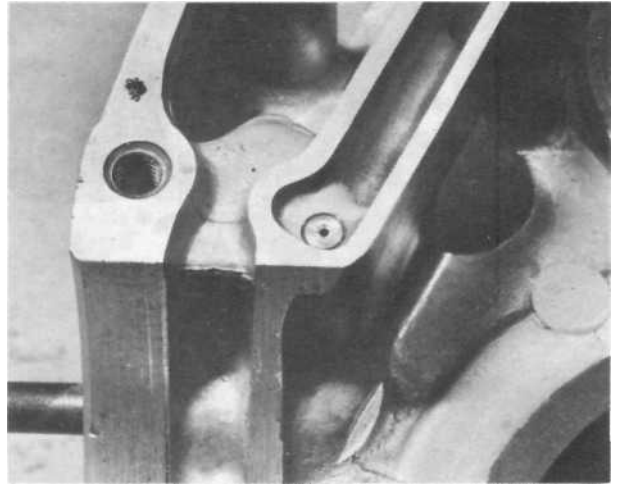
1 6.3a Lift out mainshaft and layshaft clusters complete



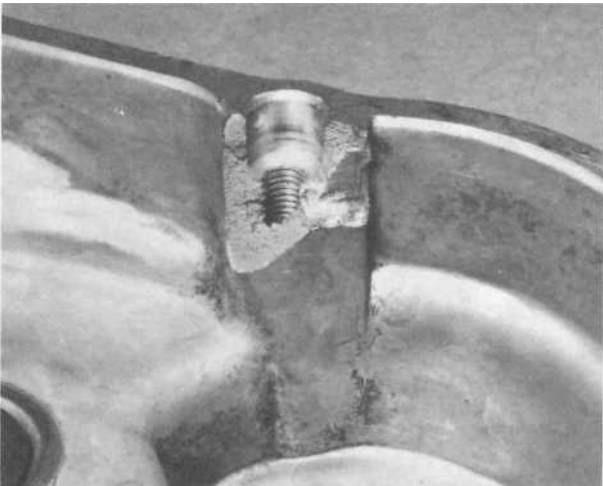
1 6.3b Do not lose these shims which may remain in case



17.1a Clean cases thoroughly and check bearings etc



17.1b Ensure that oilways are kept clear



17.2 This casing has been damaged by the kickstart mechanism; it required renewal

### 18 Crankshaft and gearbox main bearings: removal

- 1 The crankshaft bearings will remain on their shafts when the crankshaft assembly is withdrawn from the crankcase. A puller or an extractor will be necessary for their removal as they are a tight fit on the shafts.
- 2 The gearbox bearings are a light press fit in the crankcase castings. They can be drifted out of position, using a mandrel of the correct size and a hammer.
- 3 If necessary, warm the crankcases slightly, to aid the release of the bearings.

### 19 Examination and renovation: Big-end and main bearings

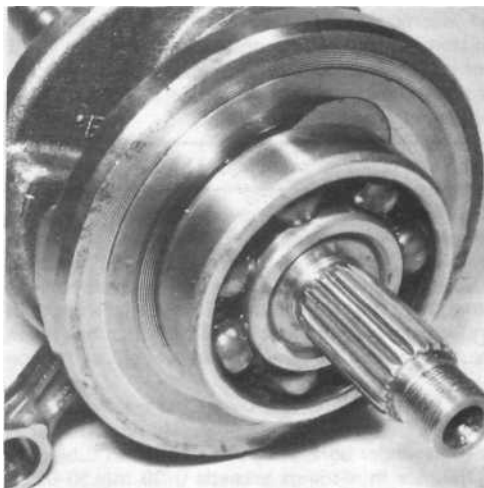
- 1 Failure of the big-end bearing is invariably accompanied by a knock from within the crankcase that progressively becomes worse. Some vibration will also be experienced. There should be no vertical play in the big-end bearing after the old oil has been washed out. If even a small amount of play is evident, the bearing is due for replacement. Do not run the machine with a worn big-end bearing, otherwise there is risk of breaking the connecting rod or crankshaft.

A certain amount of side play is intentional, and should be between 0.05 - 0.30 mm (0.002 - 0.012 in) on a new crankshaft. The maximum allowable side play is 0.80 mm (0.032 in) and can be checked with a feeler gauge between the flywheel face and the edge of the connecting rod.

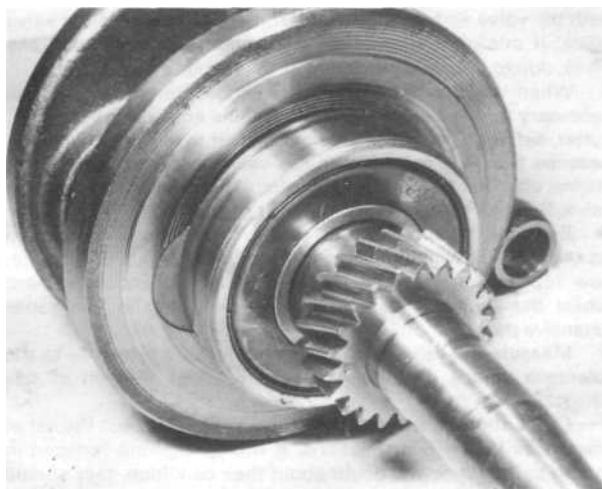
2 It is not possible to separate the flywheel assembly in order to replace the bearing because the parallel sided crankpin is pressed into the flywheels. Big-end repair should be entrusted to a Honda agent, who will have the necessary repair or replacement facilities.

3 Failure of the main bearings is usually evident in the form of an audible rumble from the bottom end of the engine, accompanied by vibration. The vibration will be most noticeable through the footrests.

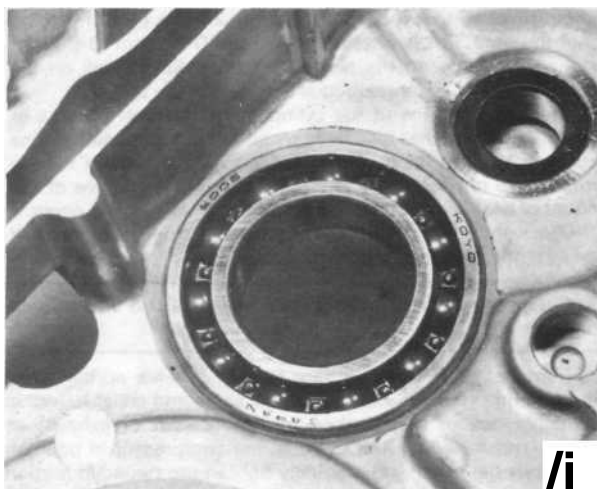
4 The crankshaft main bearings are of the journal ball type. If wear is evident in the form of play or if the bearings feel rough as they are rotated, replacement is necessary. To remove the main bearings if the appropriate service tool is not available, insert two thin steel wedges, one on each side of the bearing, and with these clamped in a vice hit the end of the crankshaft squarely with a rawhide mallet in an attempt to drive the crankshaft through the bearing. When the bearing has moved the initial amount, it should be possible to insert a conventional two or three legged sprocket puller, to complete the drawing-off action.



18.1a Use steel wedges and a puller to remove worn main bearings



18.1b Mark pinion relative to shaft before withdrawing pinion



18.2 Bearings can be tapped out of the cases using large drift

## 20 Examination and renovation: gudgeon pin, small end and piston bosses

1 The fit of the gudgeon pin in both the small end eye of the connecting rod, and in the piston bosses should be checked. In the case of the small end eye, slide the pin into position and check for wear by moving the pin up and down. The pin should be a light sliding fit with no discernible radial play. If play is detected, it will almost certainly be the small end eye which has worn rather than the gudgeon pin, although in extreme cases, the latter may also have become worn. The connecting rod is not fitted with a bush type of small end bearing, and consequently a new connecting rod will have to be fitted if worn. This is not a simple job, as the flywheels must be parted to fit the new component, and is a job for a Honda Service Agent. It should be borne in mind that if the small end has worn, it is likely that the big-end bearing will require attention.

2 Check the fit of the gudgeon pin in the piston. This is normally a fairly tight fit, and it is not unusual for the piston to have to be warmed slightly to allow the pin to be inserted and removed. After considerable mileages have been covered, it is possible that the bosses will have become enlarged. If this proves to be the case, it will be necessary to renew the piston to effect a cure. It is worth noting, as an aid to diagnosis, that wear

in the above areas is characterised by a metallic rattle when the engine is running.

## 21 Examination and renovation: piston and piston rings

1 If a rebore is necessary, the existing piston and rings can be disregarded because they will be replaced with their oversize equivalents as a matter of course.

2 Remove all traces of carbon from the piston crown, using a soft scraper to ensure the surface is not marked. Finish off by polishing the crown, with metal polish, so that carbon does not adhere so easily in the future. Never use emery cloth.

3 Piston wear usually occurs at the skirt or lower end of the piston and takes the form of vertical streaks or score marks on the thrust side. There may also be some variation in the thickness of the skirt. Measure the piston skirt outside diameter at right angles to the gudgeon pin axis and at a point 10 mm (0.4 in) above the base of the skirt; renew the piston if it is found to be scored, damaged or worn to the specified wear limit or beyond.

4 The piston ring grooves may also become enlarged in use, allowing the piston rings to have greater side float. If the clearance exceeds 0.10 mm (0.004 in) for the two compression rings, the piston is due for renewal. It is unusual for this amount of wear to occur on its own.

5 Piston ring wear is measured by removing the rings from the piston and inserting them in the cylinder bore using the crown of the piston to locate them approximately 25 mm (1 in) from the top of the bore. Make sure they rest square with the bore. Measure the end gap with a feeler gauge; if it exceeds 0.6 mm (0.024 in) the rings require renewal.

## 22 Examination and renovation: cylinder barrel

1 The usual indications of a badly worn cylinder barrel and piston are excessive oil consumption and piston slap, a metallic rattle that occurs when there is little or no load on the engine. If the top of the bore of the cylinder barrel is examined carefully, it will be found that there is a ridge on the thrust side, the depth of which will vary according to the amount of wear that has taken place. This marks the limit of travel of the uppermost piston ring.

2 Measure the bore diameter just below the ridge, using an internal micrometer. Compare this reading with the diameter at the bottom of the cylinder bore, which has not been subject to wear. If the difference in readings exceeds 0.09 mm (0.0035 in) it is necessary to have the cylinder rebored and to fit an over-size piston and rings.

3 If an internal micrometer is not available, the amount of cylinder bore wear can be measured by inserting the piston without rings so that it is approximately 20 mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  in) from the top of the bore. If it is possible to insert a 0.10 mm (0.004 in) feeler gauge between the piston and the cylinder wall on the thrust side of the piston, remedial action must be taken.

4 Check the surface of the cylinder bore for score marks or any other damage that may have resulted from an earlier engine seizure or displacement of the gudgeon pin. A rebore will be necessary to remove any deep indentations, irrespective of the amount of bore wear, otherwise a compression leak will occur.

5 Check the external cooling fins are not clogged with oil or road dirt; otherwise the engine will overheat.

## 23 Cylinder head: valve removal, examination and renovation

1 Remove each valve in turn, using a valve spring compressor, and place the valves, springs, seats and collet halves in a suitable box or bag marked to denote inlet or exhaust as appropriate. Assemble the valve spring compressor in position on the cylinder head, and gradually tighten the threaded portion to place pressure on the upper spring seat. Do not exert undue

force to compress the springs, the tool should be placed under slight load, and then tapped on the end to jar the collet halves free. Continue to compress the springs until the collet halves can be dislodged using a small screwdriver. Note that the valve springs exert considerable force, and care should be taken to avoid the compressed assembly flying apart. To this end, a small magnet is invaluable for retrieving the collet halves, being more delicate than fingers.

2 After cleaning the valves to remove all traces of carbon, examine the heads for signs of pitting and burning. Examine also the valve seats in the cylinder head. The exhaust valve and its seat will probably require the most attention because these are the hotter running of the two. If the pitting is slight, the marks can be removed by grinding the seats and valves together, using fine valve grinding compound.

3 Valve grinding is a simple task, carried out as follows: Smear a trace of fine valve grinding compound (carborundum paste) on the seat face and apply a suction grinding tool to the head of the valve. With a semi-rotary motion, grind in the valve head to its seat. It is advisable to lift the valve occasionally, to distribute the grinding compound evenly. Repeat this operation until an unbroken ring of light grey matt finish is obtained on both valve and seat. This denotes the grinding operation is complete. Before passing to the next operation, make quite sure that all traces of the grinding compound have been removed from both the valve and its seat and that none has entered the valve guide. If this precaution is not observed, rapid wear will take place, due to the abrasive nature of the carborundum base.

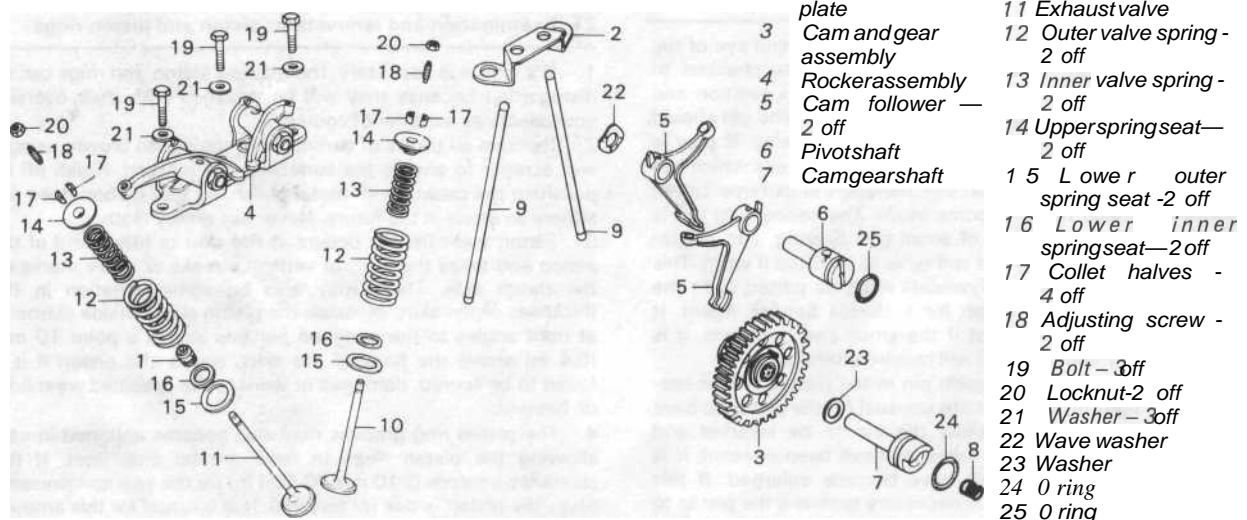
4 When deeper pit marks are encountered, it will be necessary to use a valve refacing machine and also a valve seat cutter, set to an angle of 45°. Never resort to excessive grinding because this will only pocket the valve and lead to reduced engine efficiency. If there is any doubt about the condition of a valve, fit a new replacement.

5 Examine the condition of the valve collets and the groove on the valve in which they seat. If there is any sign of damage, new replacements should be fitted. If the collets work loose whilst the engine is running, a valve will drop in and cause extensive damage.

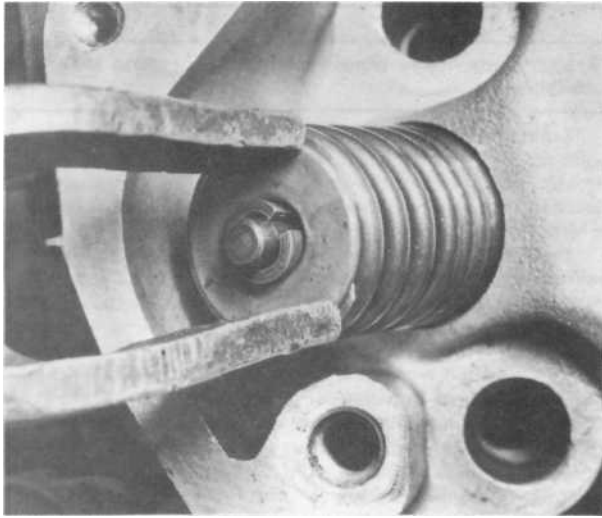
6 Measure the valve stems for wear, making reference to the tolerance values given in the Specifications Section of this Chapter.

7 Check the free length of the valve springs against the list of tolerances in the Specifications. If the springs are reduced in length or if there is any doubt about their condition, they should be renewed.

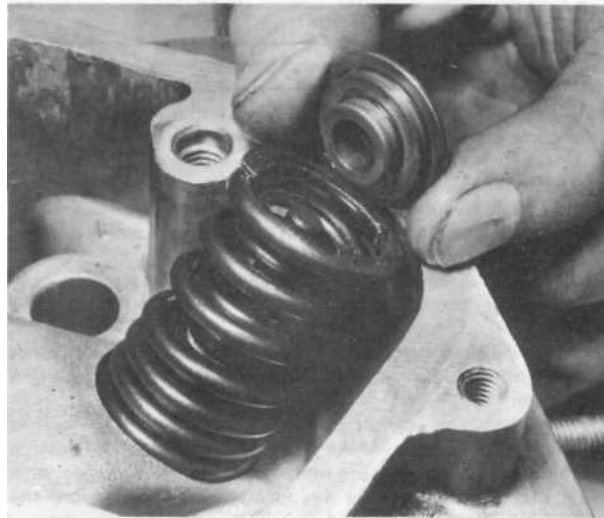
Fig. 1.8 Valve gear - component parts



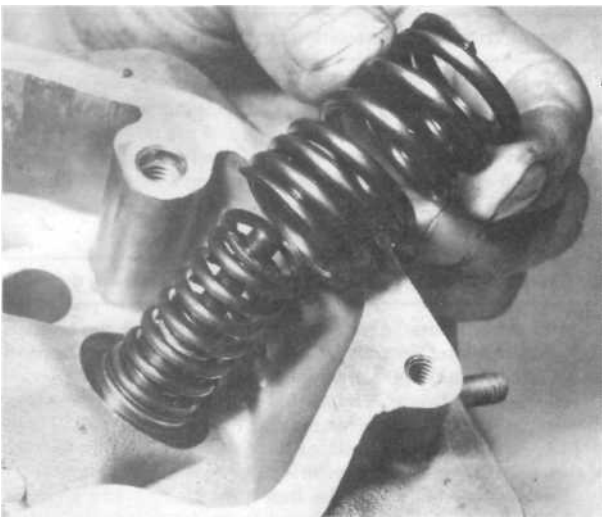




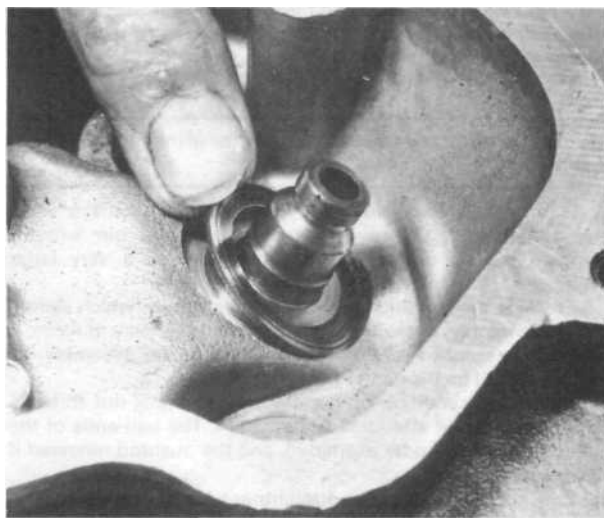
23.1a Compress springs and prise out collet halves, to release ...



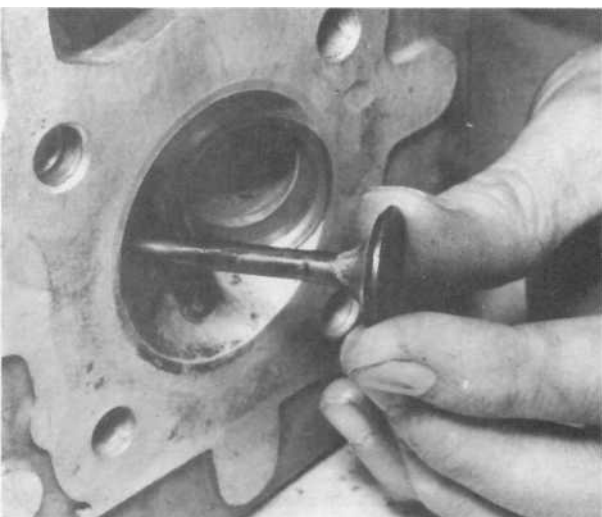
23.1b ... the top spring seat .



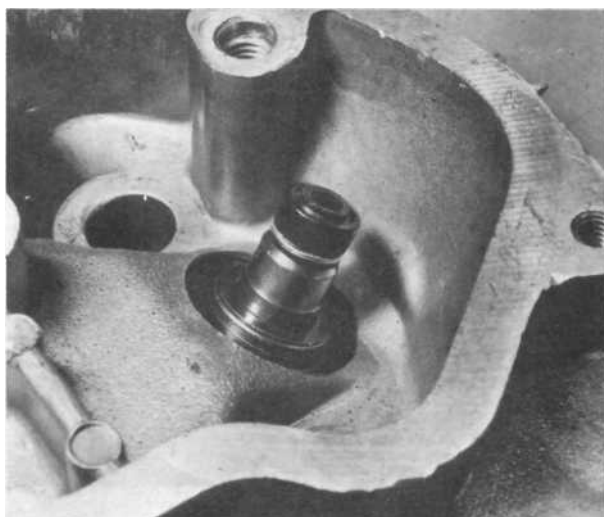
23.1 c ... and valve springs



23.1d Note lower outer spring seat around valve guide



23.1 e Valve can be withdrawn for cleaning and examination



23.1f Seal (on exhaust valve only) should be renewed

#### 24 Examination and decarbonisation: cylinder head

1 Remove all traces of carbon from the cylinder head and valve ports, using a soft scraper. Extreme care should be taken to ensure the combustion chamber and valve seats are not marked in any way, otherwise hot spots and leakages may occur. Finish by polishing the combustion chamber so that carbon does not adhere so easily in the future. Use metal polish and NOT emery cloth.

2 Check to make sure the valve guide bores are free from carbon or any other foreign matter that may cause the valves to stick.

3 Make sure the cylinder head fins are not clogged with oil or road dirt, otherwise the engine will overheat. If necessary, use a wire brush.

4 Reassemble the valves, using a valve spring compressor to compress the springs. Make sure the valve stems have a coating of oil before they are replaced in the valve guides. Also check that the split collets are located positively before the spring compressor is released. A misplaced collet can cause a valve to drop in whilst the engine is running and cause serious damage. To ensure that the collets are firmly located, tap the top of each valve stem sharply with a hammer, taking care to strike squarely on the stem and not on the seat. Note that the outer springs must be positioned with the closely wound coils nearest the head.

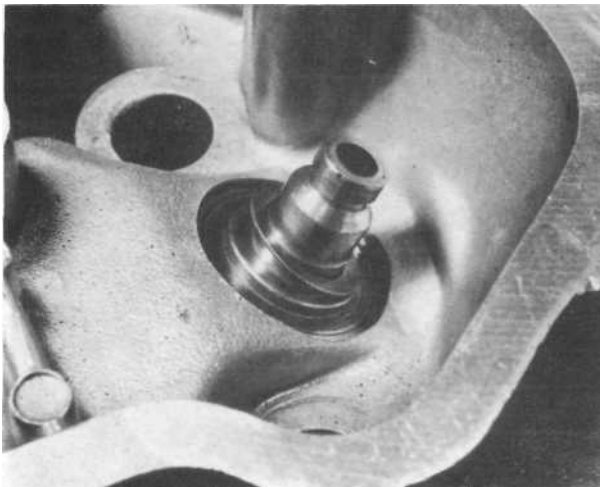
#### 25 Examination and renovation: rocker arms, adjusters and pushrods

1 It is unlikely that excessive wear will occur on the valve gear components unless the engine has been run without changing the oil or the machine has covered a very large mileage.

2 Examine the condition of the rocker assembly, which should operate smoothly, but without discernible radial play. If worn, it will be necessary to renew the complete rocker assembly, as the unit cannot be dismantled.

3 Check the condition of the adjuster and lock nut threads, and renew these if stretched or damaged. The ball-ends of the pushrods should also be examined, and the pushrod renewed if they are worn or cracked.

4 Check the pushrods for straightness by rolling them on a flat surface. If they are bent, this is often a sign that the engine has been over-revved on some previous occasion. It is better to fit replacements than attempt to straighten the originals.



24.4 Do not omit inner spring seat

#### 26 Examination and renovation: cam gear and lobe, and cam followers

1 Examine the condition of the cam gear teeth, looking for signs of chipping and wear. At the same time, examine the corresponding teeth of the driving gear on the crankshaft. The camshaft gear can be separated from the cam lobe, if desired, by removing the circlip which retains it.

2 The cam lobe itself is unlikely to exhibit any great degree of wear due to its wide profile, but after extended mileage a flat may begin to appear at the top of the lobe. This can be checked by measuring the lobe across its widest point. The nominal size is 32.768 - 32.928 mm (1.2901 - 1.2964 in). The cam will require renewal if worn to less than 32.628 mm (1.2846 in).

3 The clearance between the cam gear and the shaft on which it is carried should not exceed the specified amount. The condition of the cam followers should also be checked, especially if the cam lobe is worn. The clearance between the cam follower bores and the pivot shaft must not exceed 0.1 mm (0.004 in). The rubbing face of each cam follower should be examined for signs of scuffing or scores, indicating wear due to poor lubrication.

#### 27 Examination and renovation: trochoidal oil pump

The trochoidal oil pump is removed as a sub assembly as described earlier in this Chapter. Dismantling and renovation are covered in Chapter 2. The condition of the pump should be checked as a matter of course if the engine is being overhauled, especially if signs of scuffing are evident on the various shafts and bushes.

#### 28 Examination and renovation: clutch and primary drive

1 After a considerable mileage has been covered, the bonded linings of the clutch friction plates will wear down to or beyond the specified wear limit, allowing the clutch to slip.

2 The degree of wear is measured across the faces of the friction material, the nominal or new size being 2.9 - 3.0 mm (0.114 - 0.118 in). If the plates have worn to 2.6 mm (0.102 in) they should be renewed, even if slipping is not yet apparent.

3 The plain plates should be free from scoring and signs of overheating, which will be apparent in the form of blueing. The plates should also be flat. If more than 0.20 mm (0.0079 in) out of true, judder or snatch may result.



26.3 Check fit of followers on pivot shaft — note thrust washer

4 Measure the uncompressed length of the clutch springs which should be 35.5 mm (1.398 in) when new. Should any spring have settled to the specified service limit or shorter, all four springs should be renewed as a set.

5 Check the condition of the thrust bearing assembly and pushrod, which are located in the clutch centre. Excessive play or wear will cause noise and erratic operation.

6 Check the condition of the slots in the outer surface of the clutch centre and the inner surfaces of the outer drum. In an extreme case, clutch chatter may have caused the tongues of the inserted plates to make indentations in the slots of the outer drum, or the tongues of the plain plates to indent the slots of the clutch centre. These indentations will trap the clutch plates as they are freed, and impair clutch action. If the damage is only slight the indentations can be removed by careful work with a file and the burrs removed from the tongues of the clutch plates in a similar fashion. More extensive damage will necessitate renewal of the parts concerned.

7 The clutch release mechanism attached to the inside of the crankcase right-hand cover takes the form of a vertical spindle with a cam on the lower end. A light return spring ensures that pressure is taken off the end of the pushrod once the handlebar lever has been released. No attention is normally required, other than greasing prior to reassembly.

8 The primary drive is by means of a crankshaft-mounted gear driving the clutch by way of teeth on the outer drum. The two gears should be examined for signs of wear or chipped teeth, and replaced as necessary, preferably as a pair.

### 29 Examination and renovation: gearbox components

1 Examine each of the gear pinions to ensure that there are no chipped or broken teeth and that the dogs on the end of the pinions are not rounded. Gear pinions with these defects must be renewed; there is no satisfactory method of reclaiming them.

2 Examine the selector forks carefully, ensuring that there is no scoring or wear where they engage in the gears, and that they are not bent. Damage and wear rarely occur in a gearbox which has been properly used and correctly lubricated, unless very high mileages have been covered.

3 The tracks in the selector drum, which co-ordinate the movement of the selector forks, should not show signs of undue wear. Check also that the detent arm spring has not weakened, and that no play has developed in the gear selector linkages.

4 Unless the unit has shown signs of wear or malfunctioning, it is unnecessary to dismantle the kickstart assembly. It is however, a very simple unit to deal with.

5 Check the movement of the gear on the spiral which brings it into engagement with the coupling gear. Look for chipped or broken teeth and excessive wear, replacing the gear if necessary.

### 30 Engine casings and covers: examination and repair

1 The aluminium alloy casings and covers are unlikely to suffer damage through ordinary use. However, damage can occur if the machine is dropped, or if sudden mechanical breakages occur, such as the rear chain breaking.

2 Small cracks or holes may be repaired with an epoxy resin adhesive, such as Araldite, as a temporary expedient. Permanent repairs can only be effected by argon-arc welding, and a specialist in this process is in a position to advise on the viability of proposed repair. Often it may be cheaper to buy a new replacement.

3 Damaged threads can be economically reclaimed by using a diamond section wire insert, of the Helicoil type, which is easily fitted after drilling and re-tapping the affected thread. The process is quick and inexpensive, and does not require as much preparation and work as the older method of fitting brass, or

similar inserts. Most motorcycle dealers and small engineering firms offer a service of this kind.

4 Sheared studs or screws can usually be removed with screw extractors, which consist of tapered, left-hand thread screws, of very hard steel. These are inserted by screwing anti-clockwise, into a pre-drilled hole in the stud, and usually succeed in dislodging the most stubborn stud or screw. The only alternative to this is spark erosion, but as this is a very limited, specialised facility, it will probably be unavailable to most owners. It is wise, however, to consult a professional engineering firm before condemning an otherwise sound casing. Many of these firms advertise regularly in the motorcycle papers.

### 31 Engine reassembly: general

1 Before reassembly of the engine/gear unit is commenced, the various component parts should be cleaned thoroughly and placed on a sheet of clean paper, close to the working area.

2 Make sure all traces of old gaskets have been removed and that the mating surfaces are clean and undamaged. One of the best ways to remove old gasket cement is to apply a rag soaked in methylated spirit. This acts as a solvent and will ensure that the cement is removed without resort to scraping and the consequent risk of damage.

3 Gather together all the necessary tools and have available an oil can filled with clean engine oil. Make sure all the new gaskets and oil seals are to hand, also all replacement parts required. Nothing is more frustrating than having to stop in the middle of a reassembly sequence because a vital gasket or replacement has been overlooked.

4 Make sure that the reassembly area is clean and that there is adequate working space. Many of the smaller bolts are easily sheared if over-tightened. Always use the correct size screwdriver bit for the crosshead screws and never an ordinary screwdriver or punch. If the existing screws show evidence of maltreatment in the past, it is advisable to renew them as a complete set.

5 If the purchase of a replacement set of screws is being contemplated, it is worthwhile considering a set of socket or Allen screws. These are invariably much more robust than the originals, and can be obtained in sets for most machines, in either black or nickel plated finishes. The manufacturers of these screw sets advertise regularly in the motorcycle press.

### 32 Engine reassembly: gear clusters and selector mechanism reassembly and replacement

1 Having examined and renewed the gearbox components as necessary, the clusters can be built up and assembled as a complete unit for installation in the engine/gearbox casings.

2 Study the line drawing carefully (Fig. 1.7) and assemble the layshaft components in the exact order shown, ensuring that the thrust washers and circlips are correctly positioned. The gearbox mainshaft (input shaft) should be tackled in a similar manner. See also the accompanying photographic sequence.

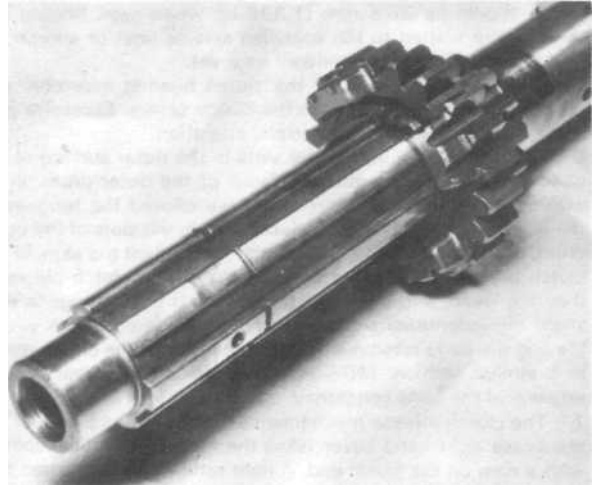
### 33 Engine reassembly: replacing the crankcase components

1 Place the larger, left-hand, crankcase half on blocks on the workbench, checking that a reasonable amount of room is allowed for the shafts to protrude when fitted. The gearbox mainshaft and layshaft clusters should be placed into position first, ensuring that the shim fitted on the mainshaft end is not omitted. The selector forks, having previously been fitted to their pivot shaft, can now be placed in position. This operation calls for a certain amount of patience, as the three forks must be eased into their respective grooves before the pivot shaft will locate correctly.

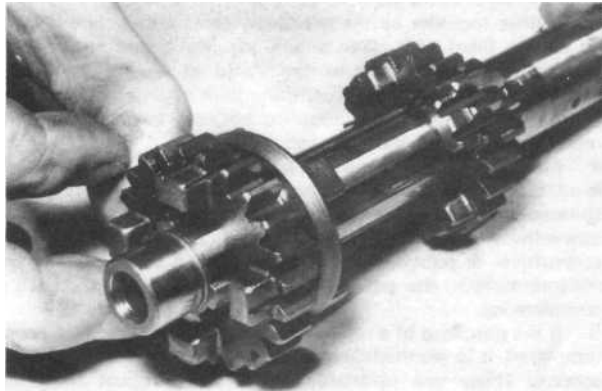
2 Fit the neutral switch contact to the end of the selector drum, and then lower it, contact downwards, into the crankcase half, so that the contact aligns with the neutral switch. It will be necessary to lift the selector fork assembly slightly, so that the selector fork pins can be engaged in their tracks in the selector drum. When the assembly has been installed correctly, lubricate it with engine oil, and check gearbox operation by turning the selector drum.

3 Lubricate the crankshaft big end and main bearings with clean engine oil, then lower the assembly into position in the crankcase. The main bearing bosses will not require heating in order that the bearings may be fitted, as they are fitted with steel inserts which mean that a simple, sliding, fit is possible.

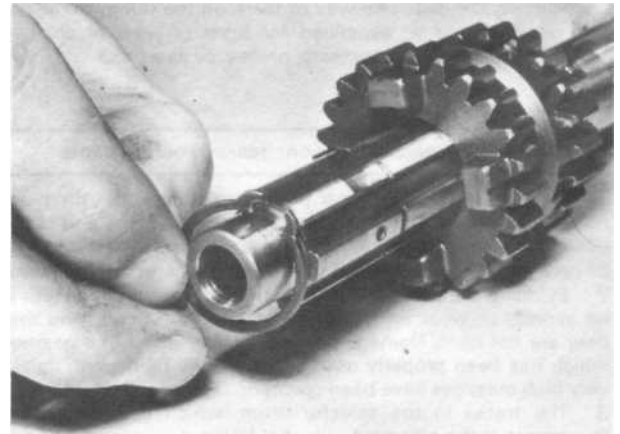
4 The assembled kickstart mechanism should now be installed in the right-hand crankcase half; slide the assembly into position, ensuring that the return spring engages in its hole in the casing. The upper half of the ratchet should be pulled upwards, the assembly twisted clockwise, and then pushed inwards to engage the stop. The assembly will now be retained by the pressure of the return spring.



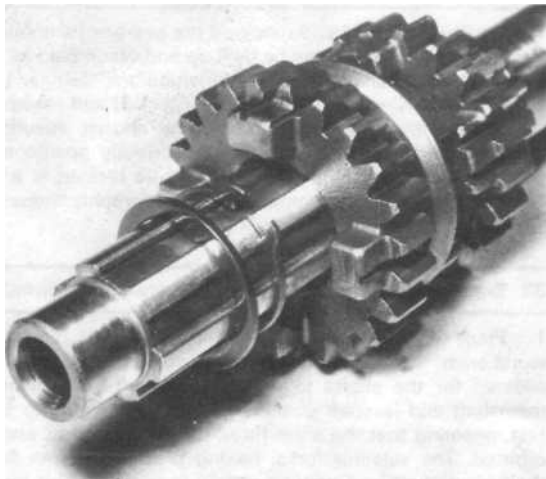
32.2a Slide 3rd gear pinion (20T) onto mainshaft, fit washer and circlip, then ...



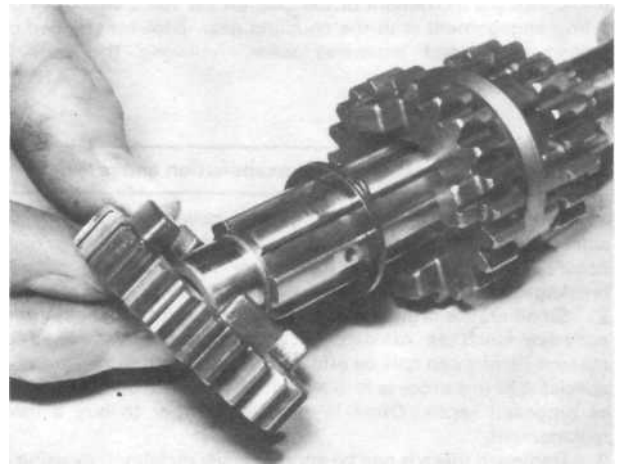
32.2b ... fit 4th gear pinion (23T), washer and circlip



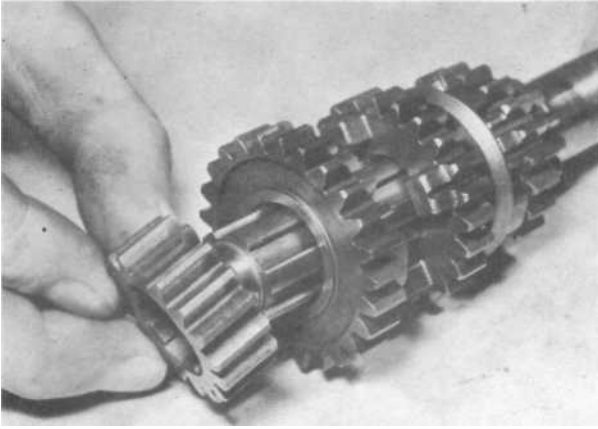
32.2c Fit circlip, followed by ...



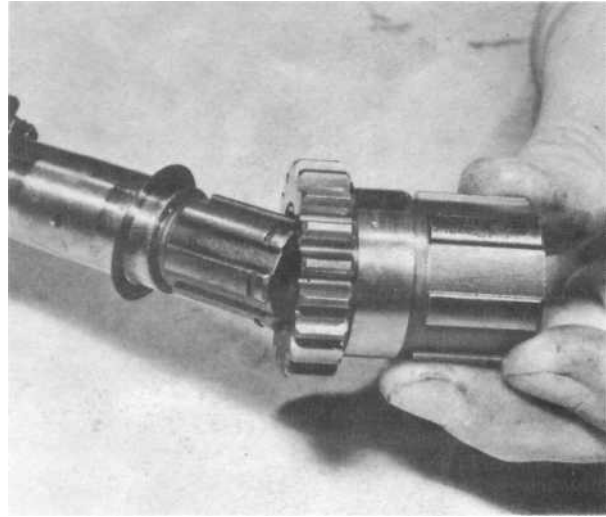
32.2d ... slotted washer and



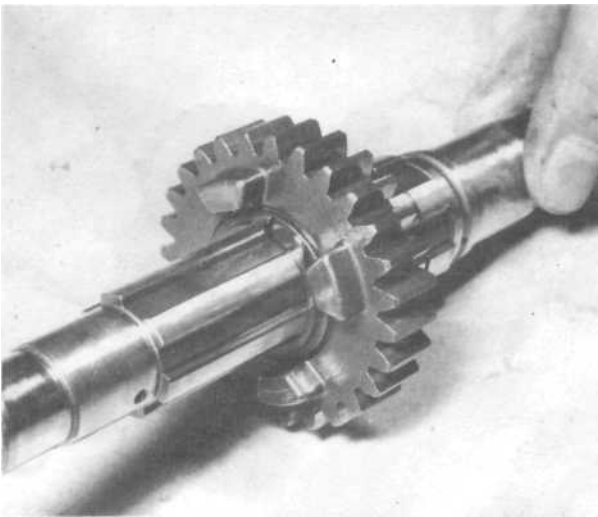
32.2e ... 5th gear pinion (25T), dogs inwards



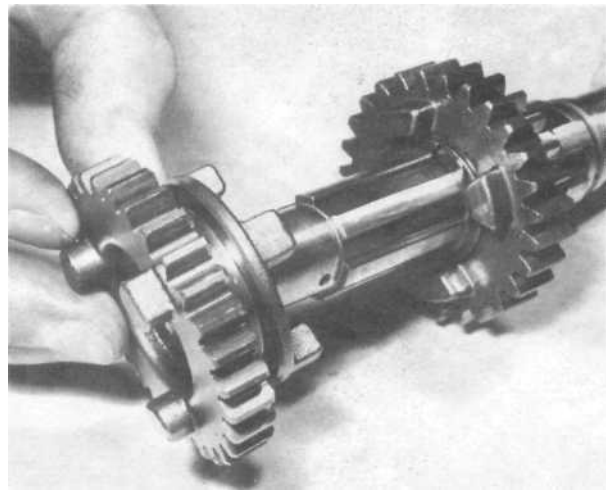
32.2f Slide 2nd gear pinion (17T) into position



32.2g Slide shim and sleeve gear onto other end of shaft



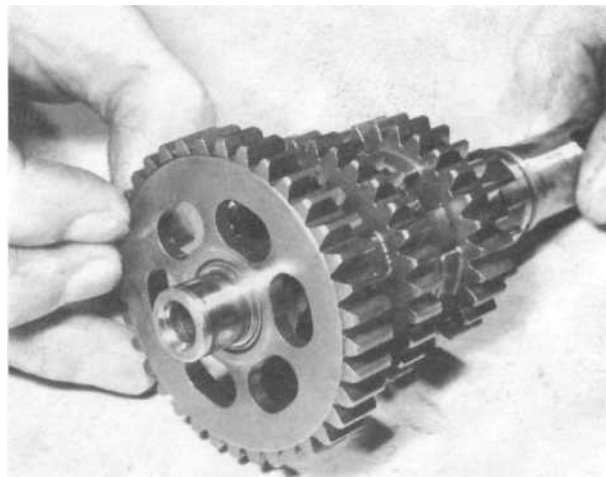
32.2h Place 4th gear pinion (27T) in position on layshaft and fit washer and clip



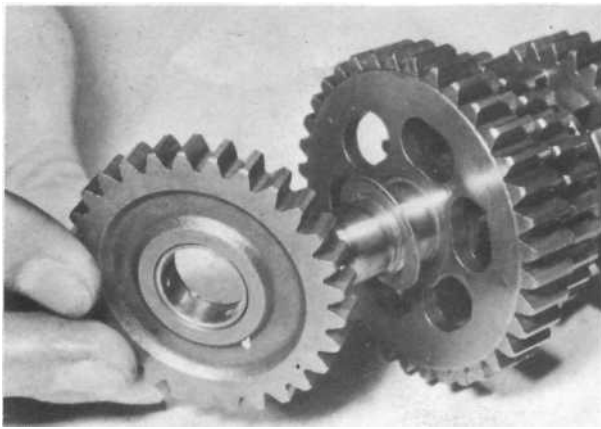
32.2i Fit 3rd gear pinion (29T)



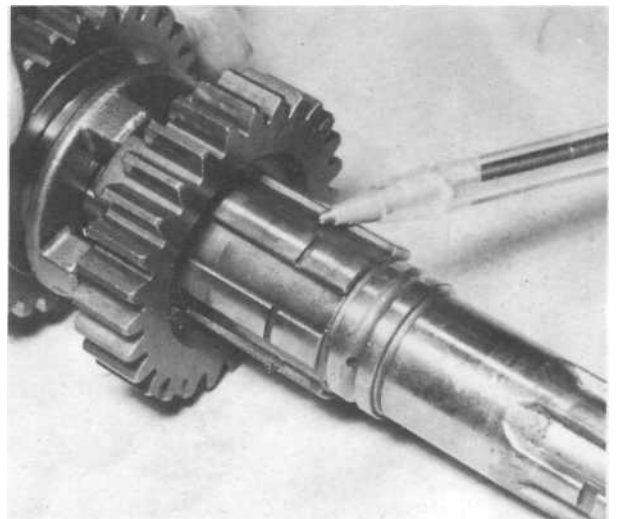
32.2j Bottom gear pinion (36T) has renewable bush



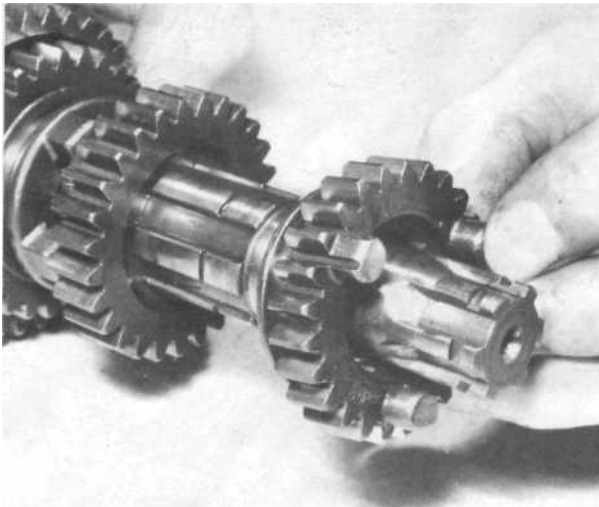
32.2k ... and fits as shown



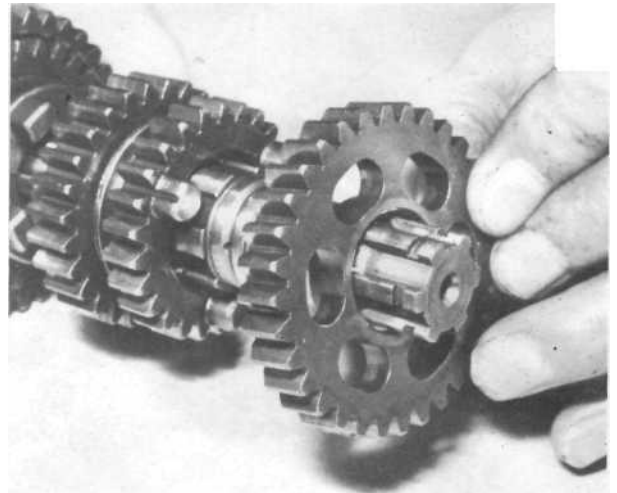
32.2l Fit kickstart pinion (also bushed)



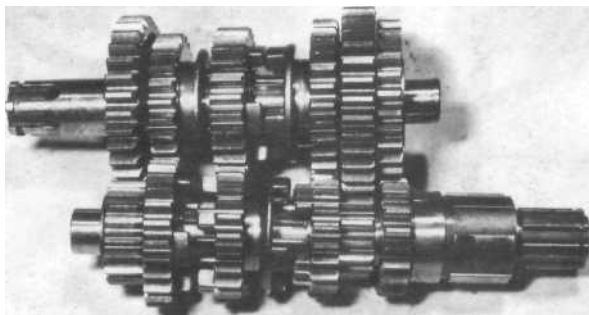
32.2m *Note:* If layshaft has this circlip groove, it must be ignored. Do not fit circlip



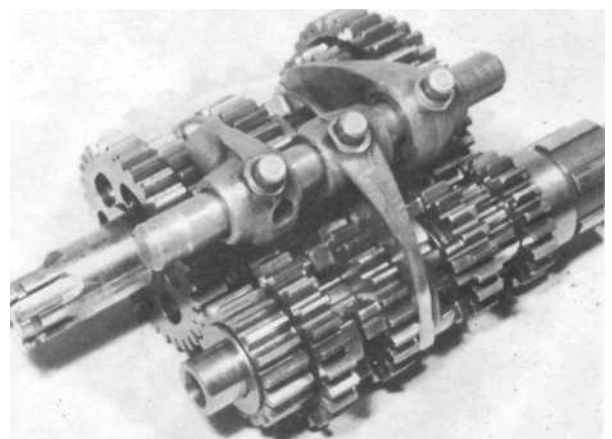
32.2n Slide 5th gear pinion (25T) into position - no circlip



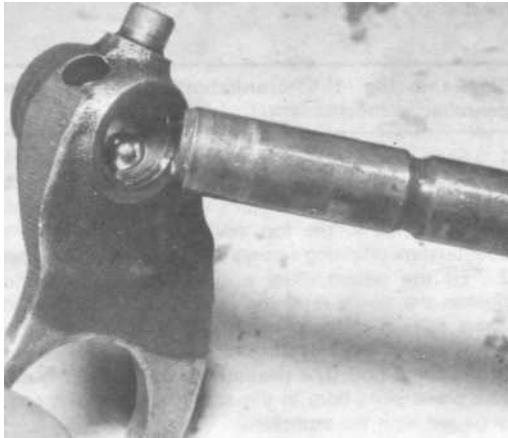
32.2o Fit 2nd gear pinion (32T), and thrustwasher



32.2p The assembled clusters should look like this:



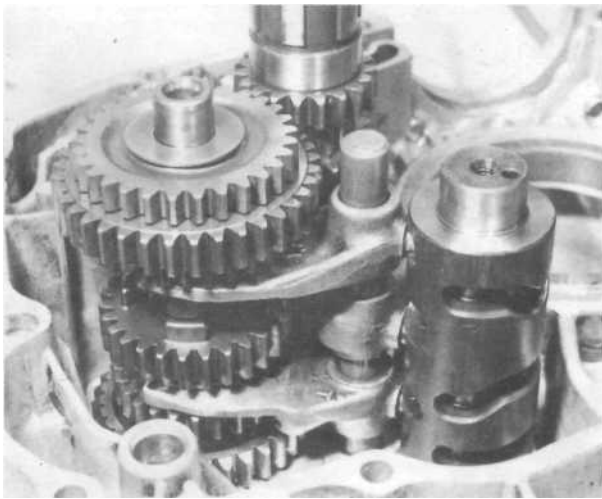
32.2q View of gearbox components with selector forks in position



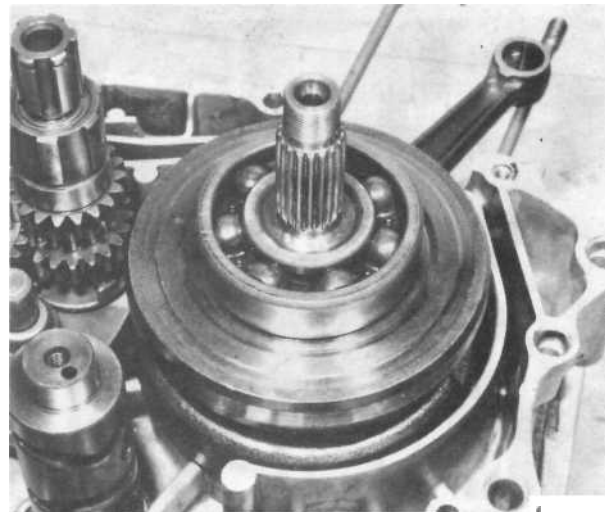
33.1 Lower fork is retained by spring-loaded ball



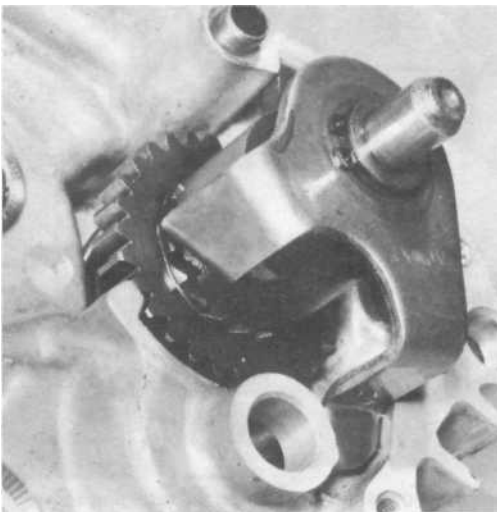
33.2a Do not omit the neutral switch contact during reassembly



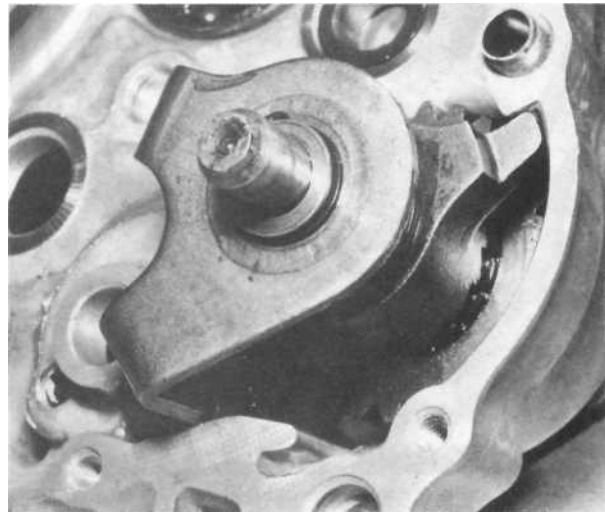
33.2b Place gearbox components into left-hand casing



33.3 The crankshaft will drop into position



33.4a Fit the kickstart mechanism ..



33.4b ... ensuring that it engages correctly

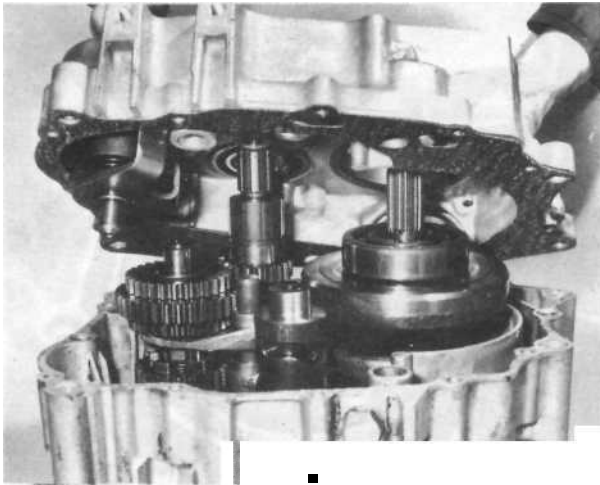
### 34 Preparation of crankcase jointing surfaces: joining the crankcase

- 1 Coat the jointing surfaces of both crankcases with a thin layer of gasket cement, and fit the crankcase gasket to the left-hand casing half.
- 2 With the left-hand crankcase lying on its left side on the workbench, lower the right-hand crankcase on to it, taking care to locate the right-hand main bearing in its housing and the gearshafts in their respective bearings. It may be necessary to give the right-hand crankcase a few light taps with a soft faced mallet before the jointing surfaces will mate up correctly. **Do not use force.** If the crankcases will not align, one of the main bearings is not seating correctly.
- 3 Refit and tighten the various retaining screws. The operation and free-running of the crankshaft and gearbox assembly should be ascertained at this stage. Any tight spots or

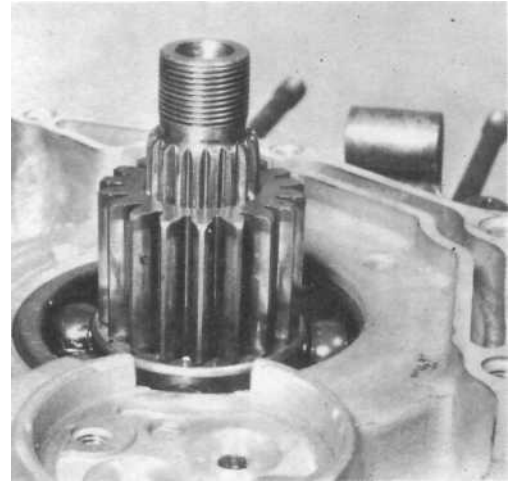
resistance must be investigated and rectified before further reassembly takes place.

### 35 Replacing the crankshaft pinion, oil pump and gearchange mechanism

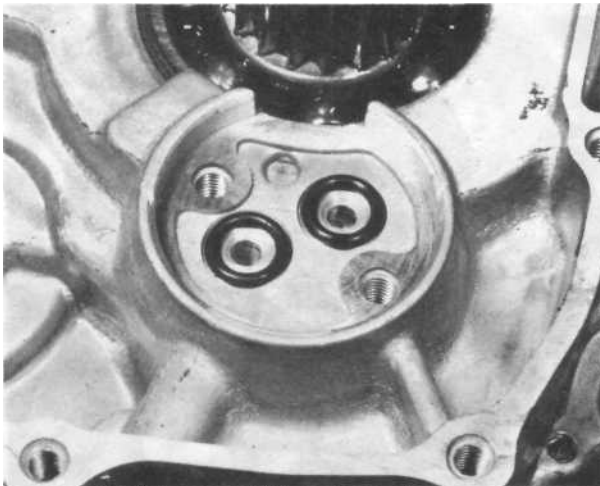
- 1 Slide the crankshaft pinion into position on the splined mainshaft end. Fit two new O rings in their recesses in the oil pump seating face, then place the pump unit in position, aligning the holes in the top cover and pinion so that the two countersunk retaining screws can be fitted and tightened.
- 2 Fit the detent roller arm in position in the casing, and tighten the single retaining bolt. Check that the arm is free to move against spring pressure. Place the camplate locating pin in the end of the selector drum, followed by the camplate and its retaining bolt. The gearchange pedal shaft can now be slid into place in its bore in the crankcase, and the operating claw engaged with the camplate.



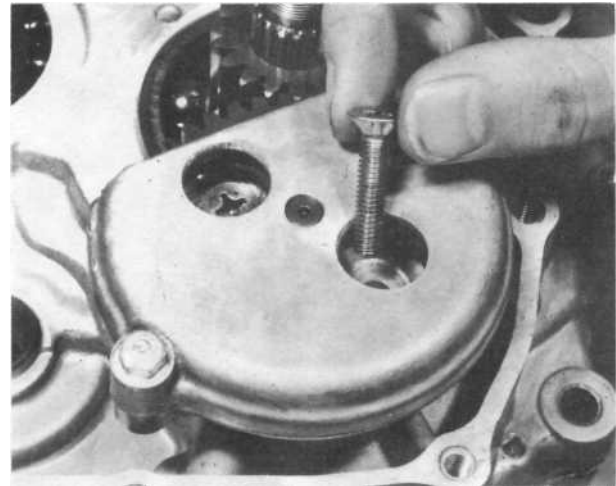
34.2 Check that all is well, then fit right-hand casing half



35.1a Slide the crankshaft pinion into position

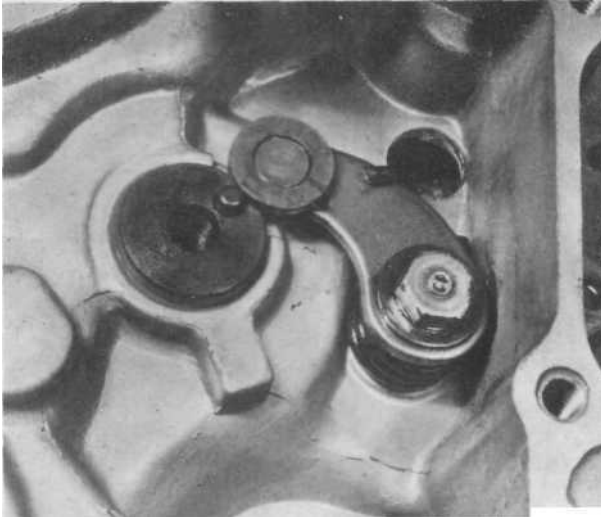


35.1 b Fit two new O rings to the oil pump jointing face

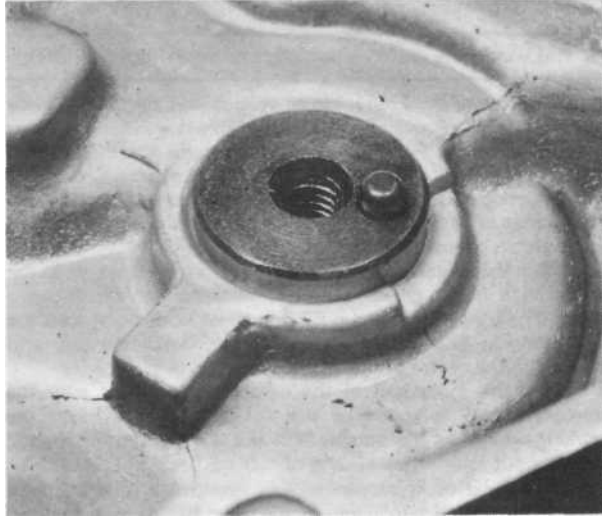


35.1 c ... then position pump and tighten the retaining screw





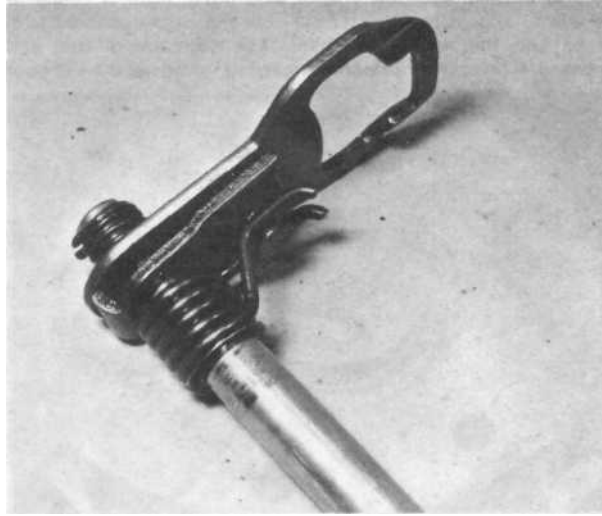
35.2a Detent roller arm is retained by a shouldered bolt



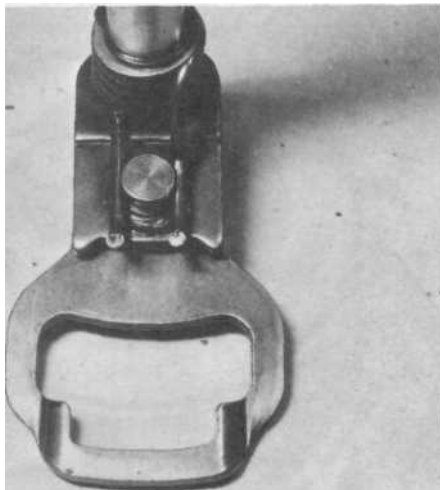
35.2b Note locating pin which engages in camplate



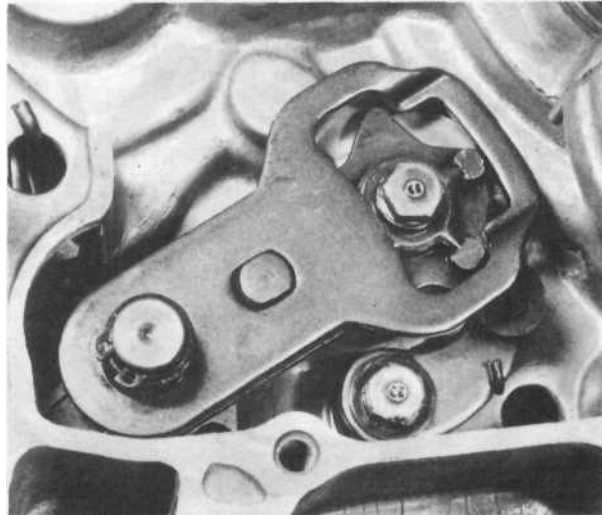
35.2c Fit camplate and tighten bolt



35.2d If the gearchange pedal shaft has been dismantled, reassemble . . .



35.2e ... ensuring that springs are aligned properly



35.2f Fit assembly as shown

### 36 Replacing the clutch assembly and centrifugal oil filter

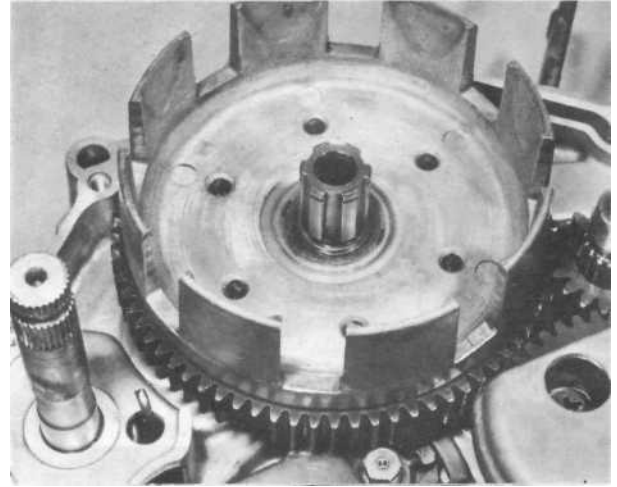
1 Place the clutch outer drum in position on the gearbox mainshaft end, followed by the splined thrust washer and inner clutch centre half. Fit the clutch plates, starting with a friction plate, then a plain plate. Build up the layers of plates, finishing with a friction plate, and ensuring that the internal splines of the plain plates are in line. If this is not done, it will be impossible to fit the clutch centre.

2 Lower the clutch centre into position and secure with the circlip, then fit the clutch springs over the projecting threaded pillars. The thrust plate can now be placed in position, and the four retaining bolts fitted and tightened. Install the cup and pushrod in the centre of the thrust bearing.

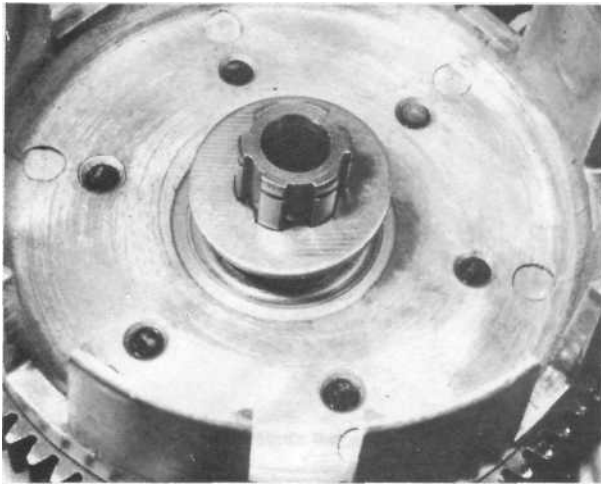
3 Place the inner half of the centrifugal oil filter over the crankshaft end, followed by the special washer, noting the markings denoting the outside face. Fit and tighten the slotted securing nut to a torque setting of 4.0 - 5.0 kgf m (29 - 36 lbf ft), using the Honda service tool or improvised peg spanner. Install a new gasket, followed by the outer half of the filter unit, tightening the three retaining screws evenly to avoid any risk of warpage.

4 Fit the two locating dowels into the crankcase mating surface and place a new gasket over them, using a smear of grease to stick it in place. Check that the clutch pushrod is in place and the release mechanism is correctly refitted and greased, then apply a smear of grease to the lips of the kickstart

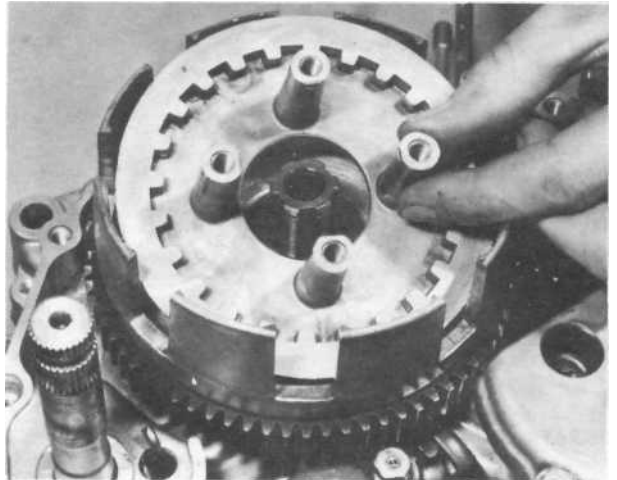
shaft oil seal. Press the crankcase right-hand cover into place, using a few taps from a soft-faced mallet to seat it. Refit and tighten securely and evenly the cover retaining screws. Check that the clutch release mechanism is working properly.



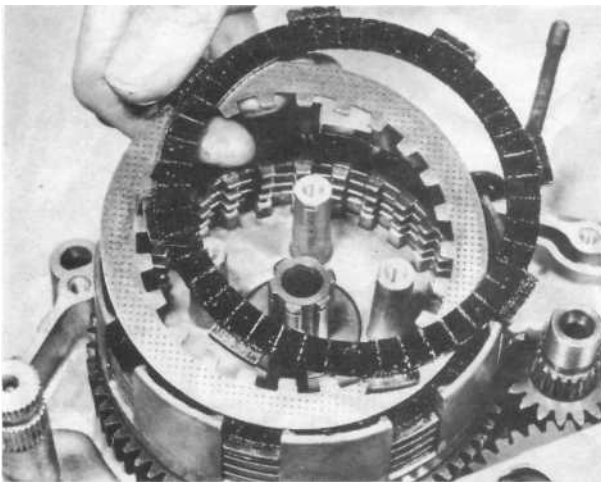
36.1 a Place clutch drum in position



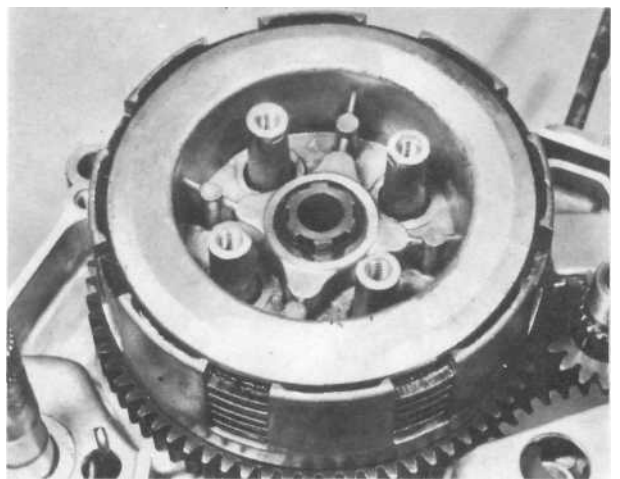
36.1b ... and fit thrust washer



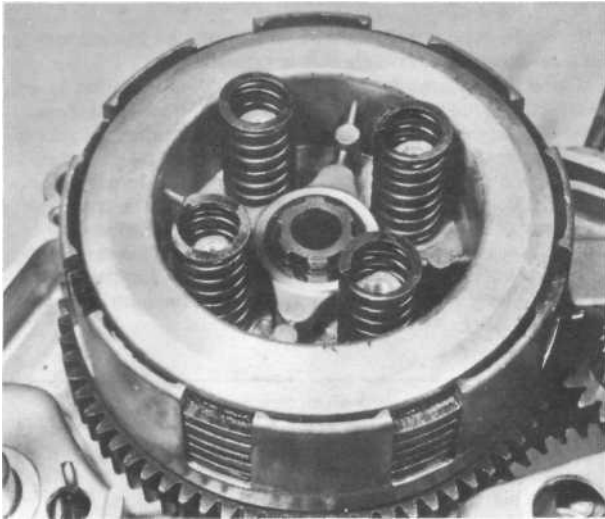
36.1 c ... and inner centre half



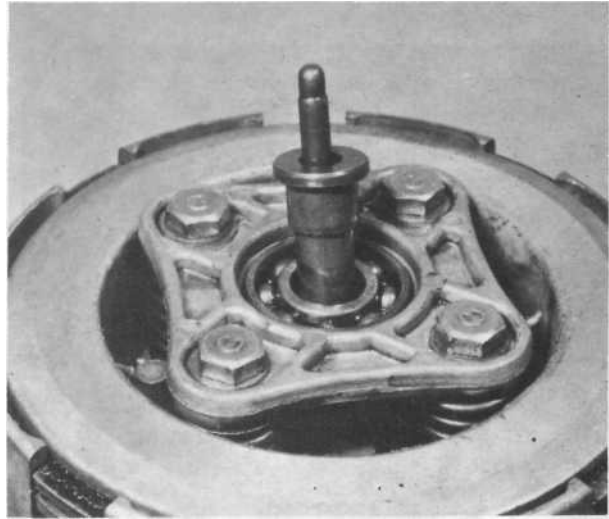
36.1 d Fit friction and plain plates as shown



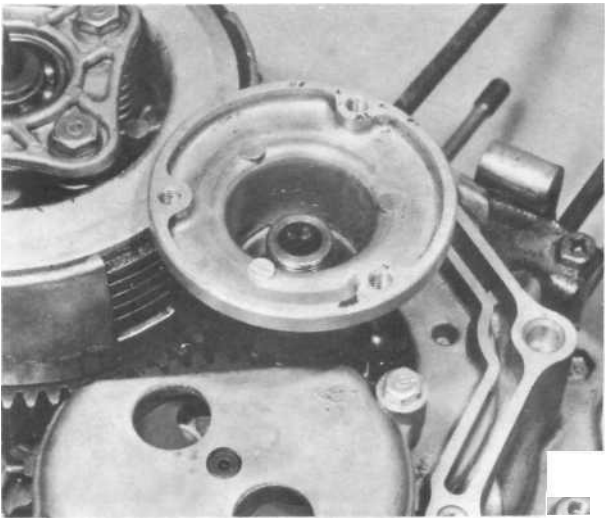
36.2a Upper clutch centre half can now be fitted and retained by circlip



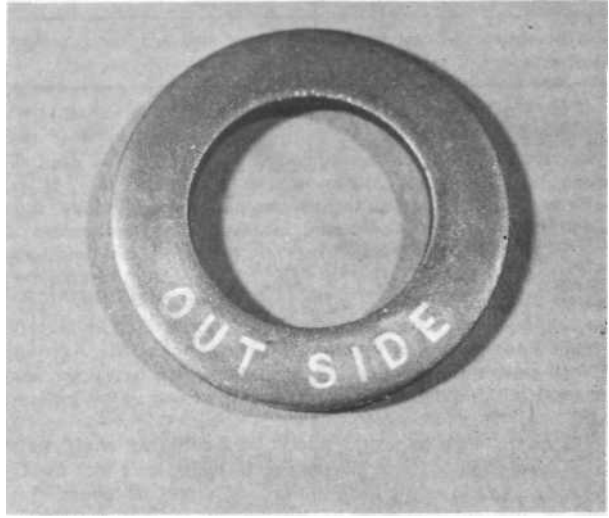
36.2b Position springs over threaded pillars



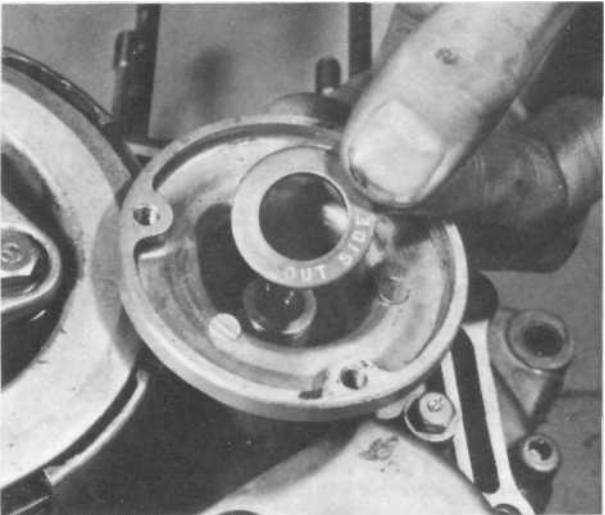
36.2c Fit pressure plate and pushrod and cup



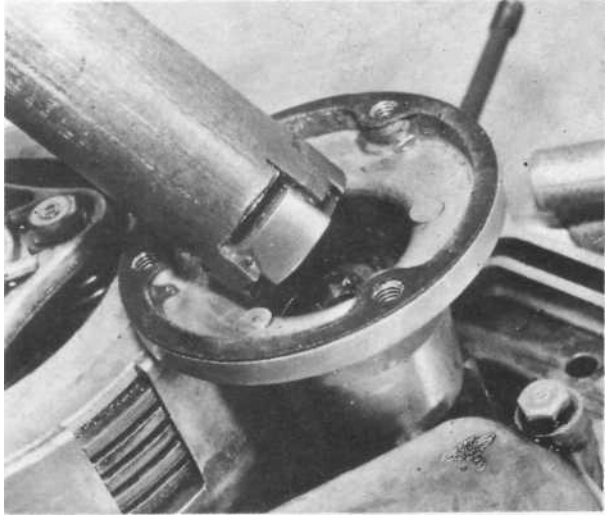
36.3a Slide on the inner half of centrifugal filter



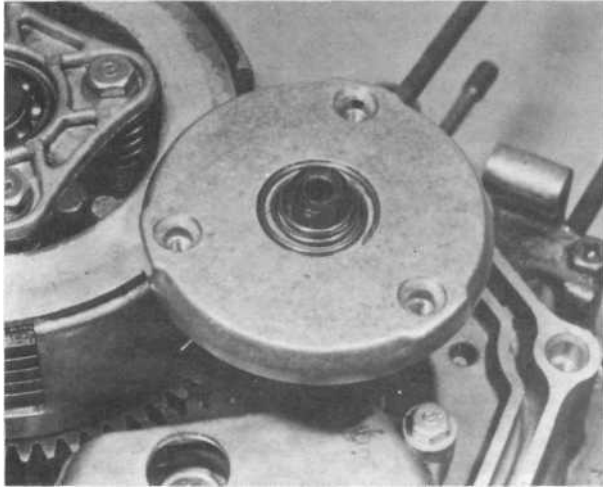
36.3b Note markings on special washer



36.3c ... which should be fitted thus



36.3d Use home-made tool to tighten locking



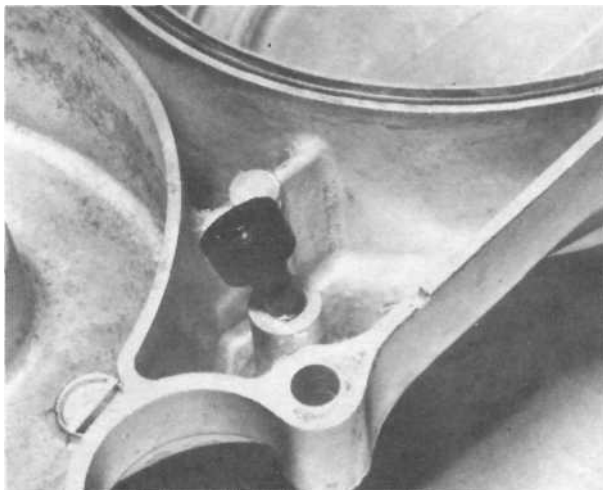
36.3e Fit new gasket and replace the cover

### 37 Replacing the camshaft, generator and left-hand casing fittings

1 Turn the unit over and support it on wooden blocks with the left-hand side uppermost. Fit the gauze crankcase strainer, its spring and the large hexagon-headed cover. Push the neutral indicator switch into position in the crankcase bore. It is worthwhile ensuring that the rubber plug, which retains the switch, is fitted to the outer casing, as this is easily overlooked.

2 The crankshaft pinion which drives the cam gear is marked with a centre-punched timing dot. The crankshaft should be rotated so that this mark is at the top, nearest to the cam gear. The cam gear has a corresponding mark, and should be placed in position so that these two marks correspond exactly. As long as this precaution is observed, the valve timing will be **set** correctly, but on no account overlook this setting as it is critical to the operation of the engine.

3 Place the shim under the head of the cam gear shaft, then fit the gear shaft in the crankcase bore, taking care that the O ring is not nipped as the head of the shaft enters its recess. The head of the shaft should be positioned so that the small projecting segment is uppermost; do not forget the small spring.



37.1b Do not omit rubber stop which retains neutral switch

Fit the endfloat plunger in its bore, and depress it against spring pressure while the retaining bolt is tightened.

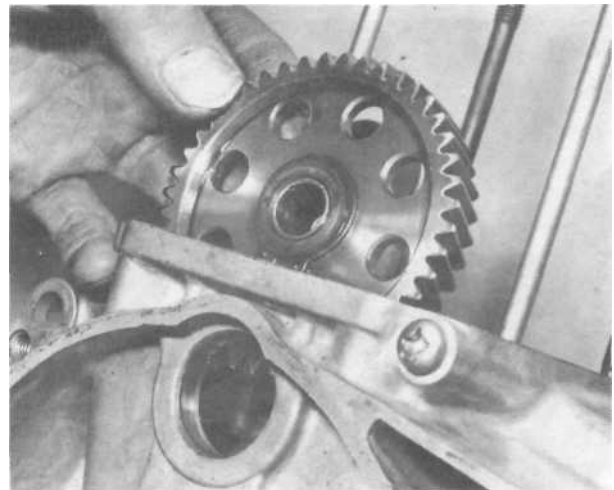
4 Place the generator stator in position, noting the flat at the top which engages with the head of the cam gear shaft. Ensure that the rubber fillet through which the generator cables pass is located correctly. The generator rotor can now be placed over the mainshaft, and its securing nut tightened to a torque setting of 4.0 - 5.0 kgf m (29 - 36 lbf ft), having locked the crankshaft in the same way as described during the removal sequence. Route the neutral switch lead between the casting webs, noting the rubber packing piece, and reconnect the end at the switch. Make sure that the main output leads pass beneath the small guide plate at the top of the casing.

### 38 Replacing the gearbox sprocket

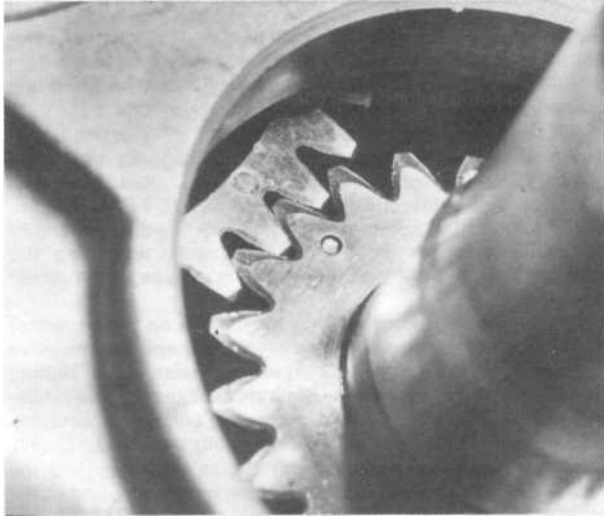
1 Place the gearbox sprocket in position on the splined shaft end, followed by the locking plate, which is similarly splined. When the plate is aligned with the groove in the shaft, it can be rotated sufficiently to allow the securing bolts to be fitted. Note that if the rear chain was removed together with the sprocket, this stage should be left until the engine has been installed in the frame.



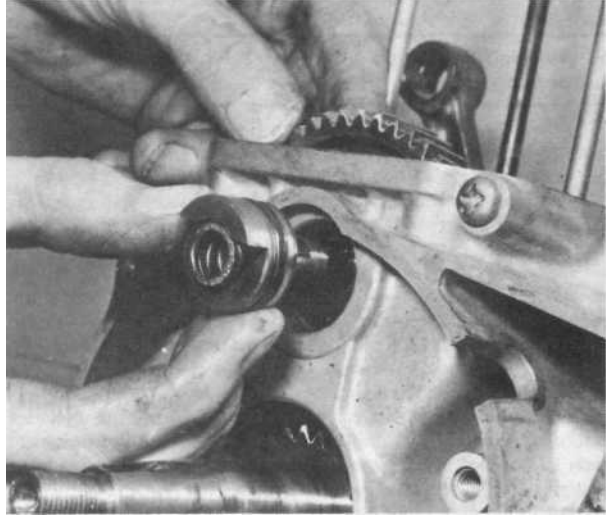
37.1a Refit gauze crankcase filter assembly



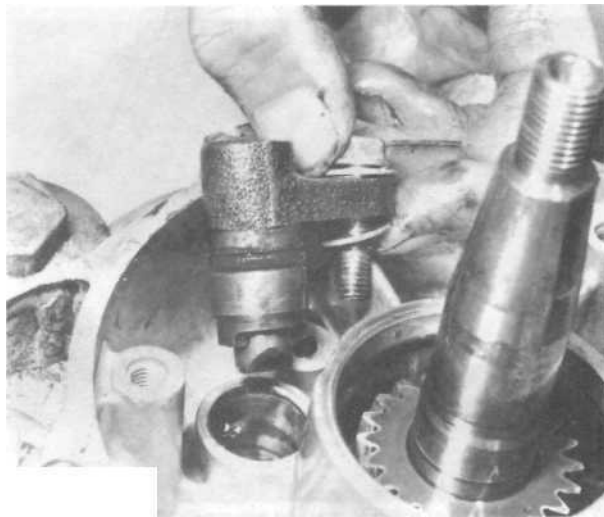
37.2a Lower cam assembly into position



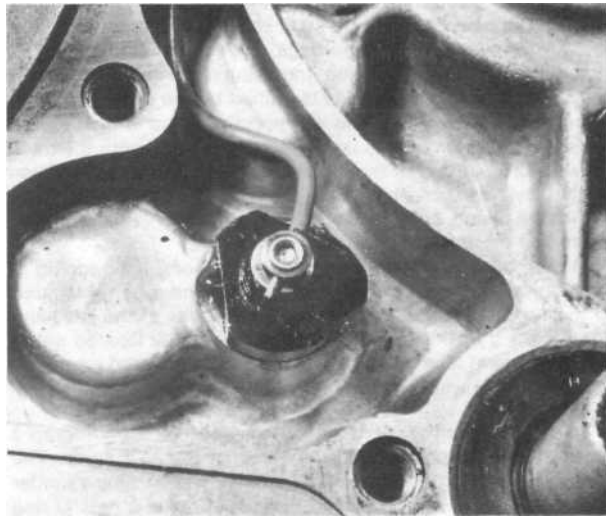
37.2b ... aligning the timing marks as shown



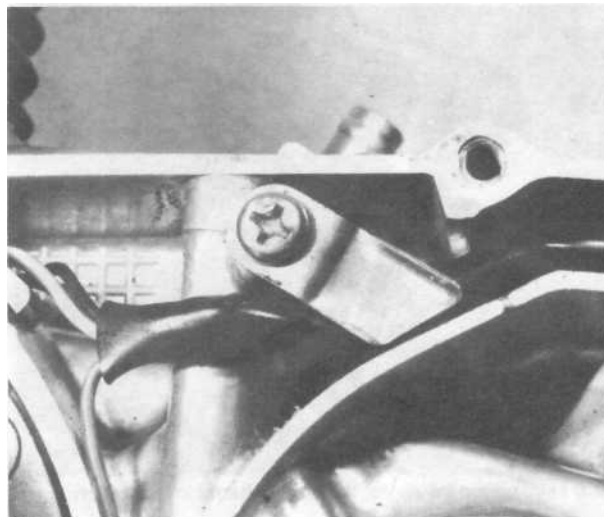
37.3a Do not omit thrust washer or small spring when refitting cam gear shaft



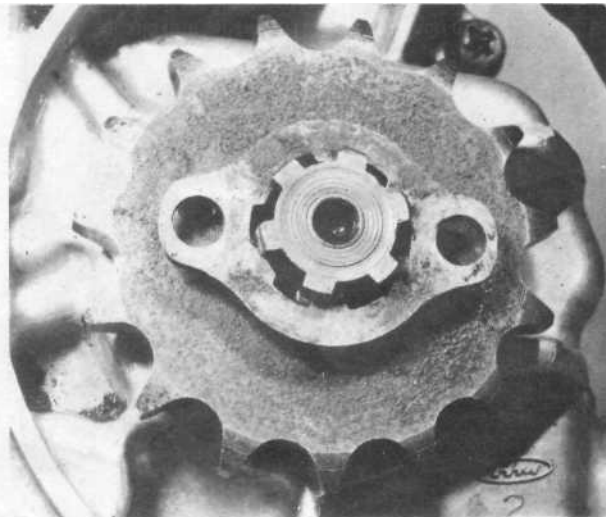
37.3b Depress end float plunger while single bolt is tightened



37.4a Reconnect lead to neutral switch



37.4b Ensure that generator leads pass behind guide plate



38.1 Fit sprocket and retain with the locking plate and bolts

### 39 Refitting the piston, cylinder barrel, cylinder head and rocker arms

1 Raise the connecting rod to its highest point and pad the mouth of the crankcase with clean rag as a precaution against displaced parts falling in.

2 The piston is marked 'IN' denoting the inlet valve cutaway, and must be fitted in the correct relative position ie, towards the rear.

3 Lightly oil and fit the piston onto the connecting rod by inserting the gudgeon pin. Replace the circlips that retain the gudgeon pin, making doubly sure that they are correctly seated in their grooves and that the circlip gap does not coincide with the slot in the piston. Always renew the circlips as it is false economy to re-use the originals.

4 Trim off any excess crankcase gasket from the cylinder mounting face with a sharp knife. Refit the locating dowel to each of the left-hand studs and install a new cylinder base gasket, using a smear of grease to stick it in place. Ensure that the cam followers have been correctly refitted on their shaft.

5 When fitting the piston rings first fit the oil scraper ring centre section, ensuring that its ends butt together, then fit the side rails on each side of it; these are fitted with their top surfaces (identified by etched markings) upwards and with their end gaps spaced 20 - 30 mm on each side of the centre section gap. Of the two compression rings, the second is identified by its tapered outer edge (the top ring being rectangular in section) and the top surface of both is identified by the letter T, R or N etched near the gap. Fit the compression rings with their top surfaces upwards, each in its correct groove and with their end gaps at 120° to that of the oil scraper ring. Lightly oil the piston and the cylinder bore, place the barrel over the studs and lower it onto the piston, compressing each ring in turn by hand to feed them into the bore.

6 When all three piston rings are in the bore, the padding in the crankcase can be removed and the cylinder barrel located on the two dowels and secured with two bolts at the left-hand side. Check that the cam followers are correctly located either side of the cam lobe as the cylinder barrel is lowered into position and be careful not to scratch their feet on the cam gear teeth.

7 Note the position of the three dowels, (see photograph) which should be positioned over three of the four studs. The front right-hand stud does not have a dowel. A new cylinder head gasket can now be placed in position, plus a new O ring around the right-hand rear dowel. The cylinder head can now be lowered over the holding down studs, and the pointed bolt fitted

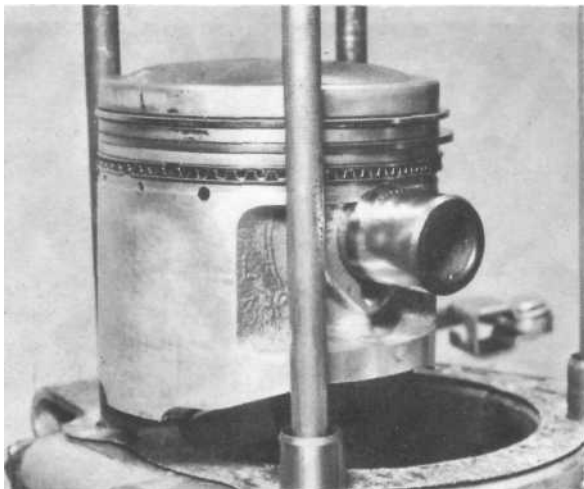
and screwed lightly into the head of the cam follower pivot shaft. Fit the two pushrods, ensuring that they seat in the cam follower cups. The pushrod guide plate can now be fitted and retained by two of the four cylinder head sleeve bolts.

8 Fit the remaining two sleeve bolts to the cylinder head, then tighten all four bolts evenly and diagonally, finally tightening them to 2.3 - 2.8 kgf m (16.5 - 20 lbf ft). Tighten the special bolt which screws into the cam follower pivot to 1.8 - 2.3 kgf m (13 - 16.5 lbf ft). Slacken off the valve rocker adjusters, and fit the rocker assembly to the cylinder head, tightening the retaining bolts. Ensure that the pushrods engage in the rocker cups.

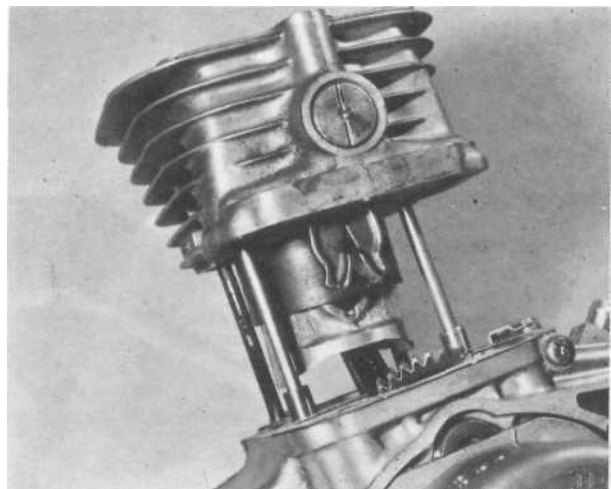
9 Turn the engine over to align the T mark on the generator rotor with the index mark on the crankcase, and set the valve clearances to 0.08 mm (0.003 in) using a feeler gauge. Tighten the locknuts, then recheck the clearances. Examine the rubber seal in the cylinder head cover for signs of cracking or scuffing, and renew if it at all suspect. Before fitting the cover, liberally lubricate the rocker assembly with engine oil, and prime the circular oil feed passage. Place the cover in position, and fit the retaining screws, tightening them evenly.



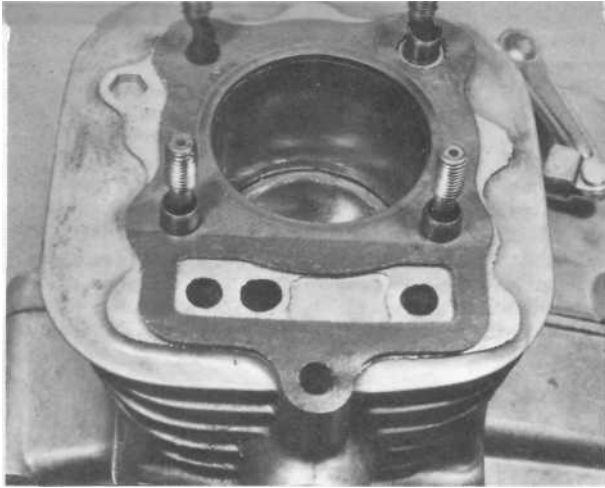
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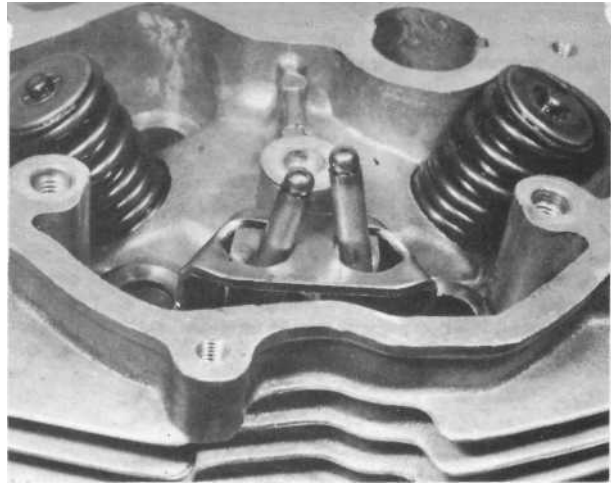
39.3 Refit the piston using new circlips



39.5 Feed piston into bore, then lower barrel into position



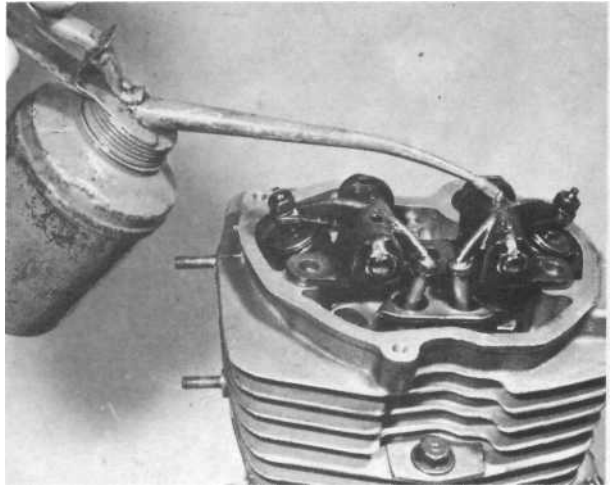
39.7a Fit new head gasket. Note position of dowels



39.7b Ensure that pushrods engage in cam followers correctly



39.8a Refit pushrod guide and rocker assembly ...



39.8b ... oiling them liberally



39.9 Adjust valve clearances, then refit cylinder head cover

#### 40 Refitting the engine/gearbox unit in the frame

1 It is worth checking at this stage that nothing has been omitted during the rebuilding sequences. It is better to discover any left-over components at this stage rather than just before the rebuilt engine is to be started.

2 Installation is, generally speaking, a reversal of the removal sequence. The unit should be lifted into its approximate position in the frame, where it can be lodged between the frame members. Loosely assemble the front engine plate, fitting, but not tightening, the mounting bolts. Place the rear bolts in position, noting that all bolts should be fitted from the left-hand side. Assemble the head steady plates, if these have been removed. When all the bolts are in position, tighten them evenly to 2.0 - 3.0 kgf m (14.5 - 22 lbf ft). Note that the generator output leads should be routed through the pressed steel guide which fits beneath the upper mounting bolt head.

3 Reconnect the generator output leads at the connector block adjacent to the battery. Refit the clutch operating cable and adjust it as described in Routine maintenance. Push the crankcase breather pipe onto its stub. Refit the carburettor,

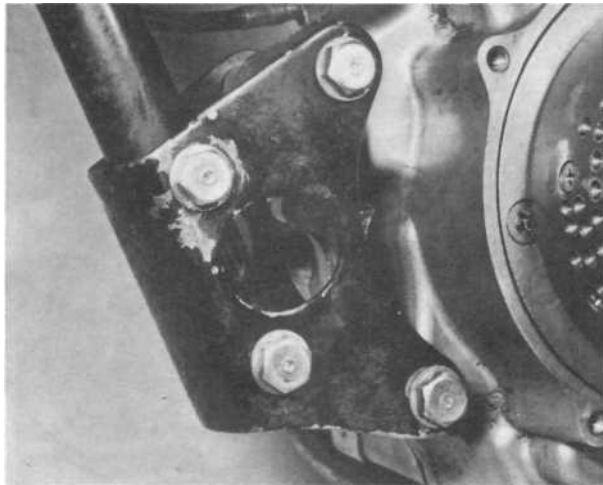
ensuring that all gaskets and/or O-rings are renewed if necessary, that all components are refitted the correct way round and in the correct order and that the fasteners are securely tightened. Refit the throttle valve assembly which will have been left attached to the throttle cable, and screw down the mixing chamber top. The air hose from the air filter box can now be reconnected to the carburettor.

4 Thread the footrest assembly into position beneath the crankcase, and fit the four retaining bolts, tightening them to a torque setting of 2.0 - 3.0 kgf m (14.5 - 22 lbf ft). Note that it will fit in one position only, and if turned round, the mounting bolt holes will not align. Place a new exhaust port sealing ring in position, and fit the exhaust system, first placing the pipe in the exhaust port and then loosely assembling the rear mounting. Fit the two packing pieces as shown in the accompanying photograph, place the flange over then so that they are

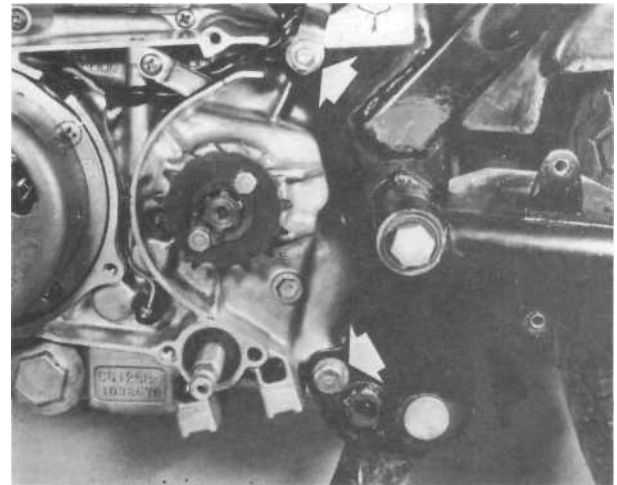
located inside the flange recess, and tighten the two retaining nuts securely, followed by the rear mounting fasteners.

5 Refit the rear chain, together with the gearbox sprocket if it was removed in this manner. Replace the left-hand cover, having first checked the contact breaker gap and ignition timing as described in Chapter 3. Refit the gearchange and kickstart pedals and tighten their pinch bolts to a torque setting of 0.8 - 1.2 kgf m (6 - 9 lbf ft).

6 Reconnect the fuel pipe to the carburettor, and install the air filter element if this has been removed for cleaning. Fit the battery leads, observing the polarity markings, and check that the electrical system functions correctly. Refit the petrol tank, the seat and the side panels. Check that the drain plug is tightened to a torque setting of 2.0 - 3.5 kgf m (14.5 - 25 lbf ft), then refill the engine to the correct level with oil, as described in Routine maintenance.



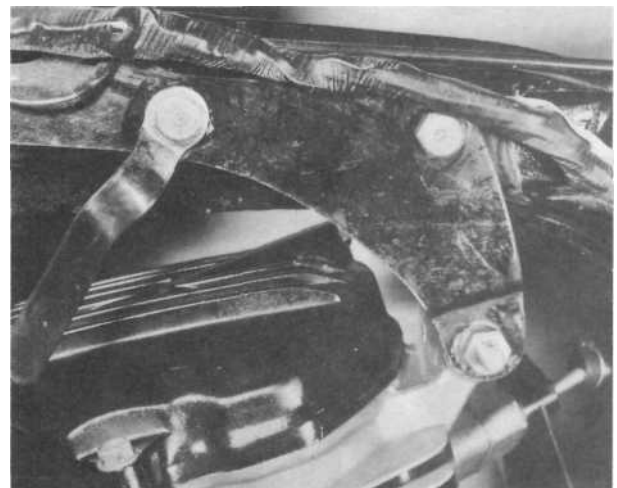
40.2a Assemble engine front plate loosely - do not tighten



40.2b Refit both rear mounting bolts

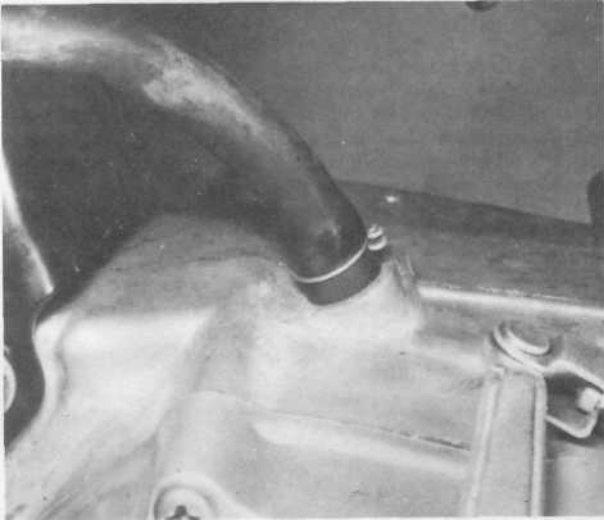


40.2c .. noting that lower nut is rather inaccessible

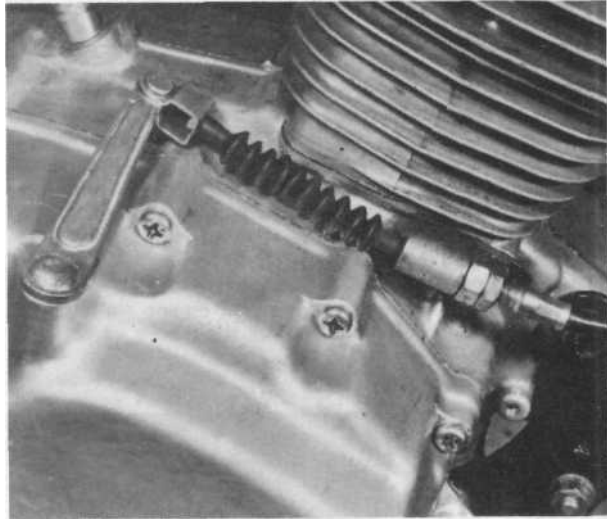


40.2d Replace head steady plate, if this was removed

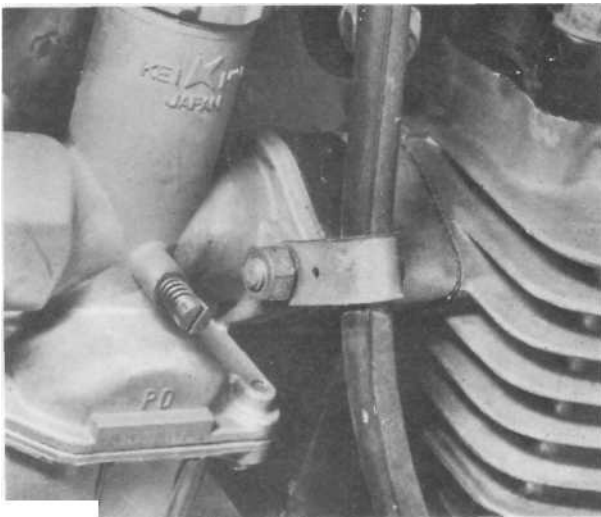




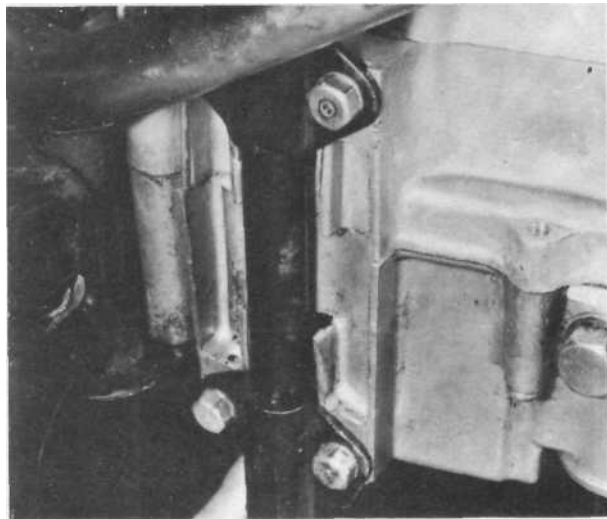
40.3a Push breather pipe over crankcase stub



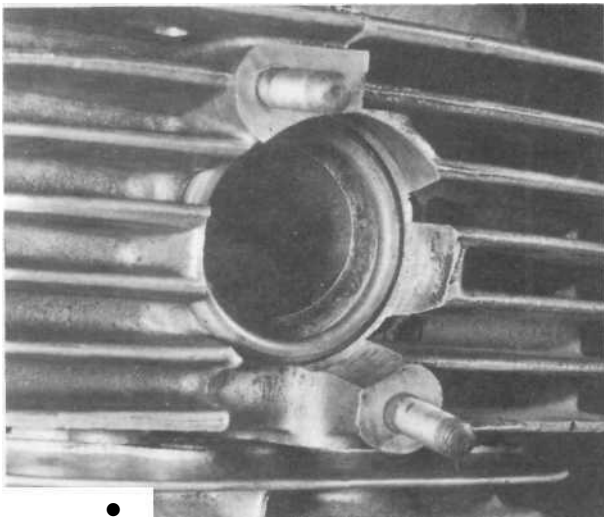
40.3b Reconnect clutch cable, and check adjustment



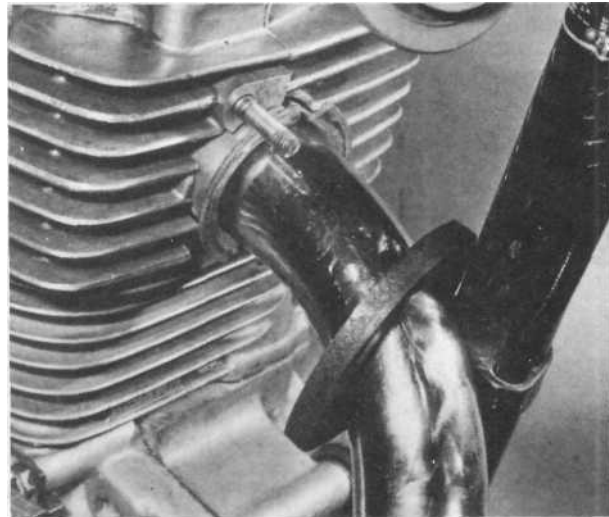
40.3c Refit the carburettor, noting guide for HT cable



40.4a Footrest assembly bolts onto underside of crankcase



40.4b Fit new sealing ring in the exhaust port ...



40.4c ... then fit exhaust system. Note packing pieces

#### 41 Starting and running the rebuilt engine

1 Make a final check around the engine to ensure that everything has been refitted correctly and tightened down securely. Before starting the engine, unscrew the plug at the top of the cylinder head cover, and watch this carefully during the first few seconds of running to ensure that the oil is circulating properly. If all is well, oil will be expelled with considerable force, so have a rag to hand to wipe off the inevitable deluge.

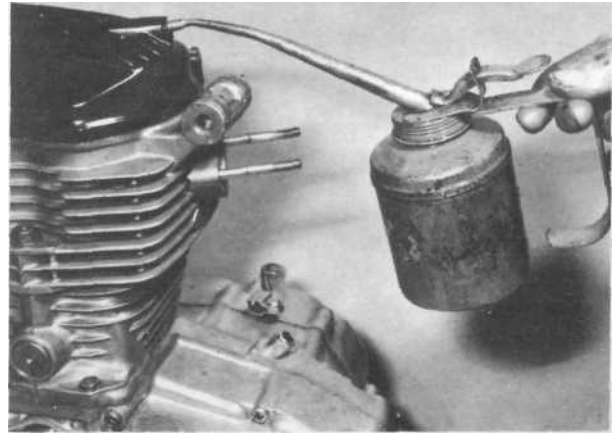
Bear in mind that the engine parts should be liberally coated with oil during assembly, so the engine will tend to smoke heavily for a few minutes until the excess oil is burnt

away. Do not despair if the engine will not fire up at first, as it is quite likely that the excess oil will foul the spark plug, necessitating its removal and cleaning. When the engine does start, listen carefully for any unusual noises, and if present, establish, and if necessary rectify, the cause. Check around the engine for any signs of leaking gaskets.

Before using the machine on the road, check the operation of the clutch and brakes. Remember that if a number of new parts have been fitted or if the engine has been rebored, it will be necessary to follow the original running-in instructions so that the new parts have ample opportunity to bed-down in a satisfactory manner.



40.6 Refill crankcase to correct level with engine oil



41.1 Prime oil system before starting the engine

#### 42 Fault diagnosis: engine

| Symptom                           | Cause  | Remedy                   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Engine does not start             | Lack of compression:                           |                          |
|                                   | Valve stuck open                               | Adjust tappet clearance. |
|                                   | Worn valve guides                              | Renew.                   |
|                                   | Valve timing incorrect                         | Check and adjust.        |
|                                   | Worn piston rings                              | Renew.                   |
|                                   | Worn cylinder                                  | Rebore.                  |
|                                   | No spark at plug:                              |                          |
|                                   | Fouled or wet spark plug                       | Clean.                   |
|                                   | Fouled contact breaker points                  | Clean.                   |
|                                   | Incorrect ignition timing                      | Check and adjust.        |
| Open or short circuit in ignition | Check wiring.                                  |                          |
| No fuel flowing to carburettor:   | Blocked fuel tank cap vent hole                | Clean.                   |
|                                   | Blocked fuel tap                               | Clean.                   |
|                                   | Faulty carburettor float valve                 | Renew.                   |
|                                   | Blocked fuel pipe                              | Clean.                   |
| Engine stalls whilst running      | Fouled sparking plug or contact breaker points | Clean.                   |
|                                   | Ignition timing incorrect                      | Check.                   |
|                                   | Blocked fuel line or carburettor jets          | Clean.                   |

| Symptom            | Cause   | Remedy  |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Noisy engine       | Tappet noise:<br>Excessive tappet clearance<br>Weakened or broken valve spring<br>Knocking noise from cylinder:<br>Worn piston and cylinder bore<br>Carbon in combustion chamber<br>Worn gudgeon pin or connecting rod small end            | Check and reset.<br>Renew springs.<br>Rebore cylinder and fit oversize piston.<br>Decoke engine.<br>Renew.  |
| Engine noise       | Excessive run-out of crankshaft<br>Worn crankshaft bearings<br>Worn connecting rod<br>Worn transmission splines<br>Worn or binding transmission gear teeth  | Renew.<br>Renew.<br>Renew flywheel assembly.<br>Renew.<br>Renew gear pinions.   |
| Smoking exhaust    | Too much engine oil<br>Worn cylinder and piston rings<br>Worn valve guides<br>Damaged cylinder  | Check oil level and adjust as necessary.<br>Rebore and fit oversize piston and rings.<br>Renew.<br>Renew cylinder barrel and piston.                                  |
| Insufficient power | Valve stuck open or incorrect tappet adjustment<br>Weak valve springs<br>Valve timing incorrect<br>Worn cylinder and piston rings<br>Poor valve seatings<br>Ignition timing incorrect<br>Defective plug cap<br>Dirty contact breaker points | Re-adjust.<br>Renew.<br>Check and reset.<br>Rebore and fit oversize piston and rings.<br>Grind in valves.<br>Check and adjust.<br>Fit replacement.<br>Clean or renew. |
| Overheating        | Accumulation of carbon on cylinder head<br>Insufficient oil<br>Faulty oil pump and/or blocked oil passage<br>Ignition timing too far retarded   | Decoke engine.<br>Refill to specified level.<br>Strip and clean.<br>Check   |

#### 43 Fault diagnosis: clutch

| Symptom     | Cause  | Remedy  |
|-------------|--|---|
| Clutch slip | Worn clutch plates   | Renew.  |
| Clutch drag | Engine idle speed too high<br>Broken springs<br>Clutch drum or centre damage | Re-adjust.<br>Renew.<br>Rectify or renew as required. |

#### 44 Fault diagnosis: gearbox

| Symptom                           | Cause   | Remedy   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Excessive mechanical noise        | Lack of oil<br>Broken pinions or chain  | Refill.<br>Renew.                                    |
| Difficulty in engaging gears      | Selector forks or rods bent<br>Broken springs in gear selector mechanism<br>Clutch drag | Renew.<br>Check and renew.<br>See Preceding Section. |
| Machine jumps out of gear         | Worn dogs on ends of gear pinions<br>Worn selector forks                                | Strip gearbox and renew worn parts.                  |
| Kickstarter does not return       | Broken return spring  | Renew spring   |
| Kickstarter slips or jams         | Worn ratchet assembly   | Dismantle kickstarter assembly and renew worn parts. |
| Gear change lever does not return | Broken return spring  | Remove right-hand crankcase cover and renew spring.  |

# Chapter 2 Fuel system and lubrication

Refer to Chapter 7 for information relating to the 1985 on Brazilian models

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## Specifications

### Fuel tank capacity

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Overall . . . . .              | .10 litres (2.2 Imp gal)   |
| Including reserve of . . . . . | 2 litres (0.4 Imp gal)   |
| Fuel grade and type . . . . .  | .Either leaded three- or four-star (minimum octane rating of 91) or unleaded premium |

### Carburettor

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| ID number - by machine serial (engine) number:              |           |
| CG125 up to 1020010 . . . . .                               | 077A-A    |
| CG125 1020011 to 1104204 . . . . .                          | PD88E-A/B |
| CG125 1104205 on, CG125 K1, CG125-B up to 1422468 . . . . . | PD88E-C   |
| CG125-B 1422469 on . . . . .                                | PD88E-E   |
| CG125-C up to 1608462 . . . . .                             | PD45C-A*  |
| CG125-C 1608463 on, CG125-E . . . . .                       | PD45C-C*  |

\*Indicates (T)PFC type carburettor - see Chapter 7 for details

|   | 077A-A            | PD88E-A/B/C/E     | PD45C-A/C      |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Main jet . . . . .                                  | .92               | 100               | 95(-A), 85(-C) |
| Pilot (slow) jet . . . . .                          | .38               | 40(-E only)*      | 38(-A), 40(-C) |
| Needle clip position — grooves from top . . . . .   | 3rd               | 3rd               | N/Av           |
| Pilot screw - turns out from fully closed . . . . . | .1 $\frac{3}{8}$  | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$   | N/Av           |
| Float height . . . . .                              | 24.0 mm (0.95 in) | 18.5 mm (0.73 in) | N/Av           |
| Idle speed . . . . .                                | .1100 - 1300 rpm  | 1200 rpm          | 1200 rpm       |

\* Pilot jet not removable on PD88E-A/B/C carburettors

### Engine/gearbox lubrication

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Capacity - approx. . . . . | .1.0 litre (1.76 Imp pint)                              |
| Recommended oil . . . . .  | .Good quality SAE 10W/40 engine oil, API class SE or SF |

## 1 General description

The fuel system comprises a petrol tank from which petrol is fed by gravity to the float chamber. It is controlled by a petrol tap with a built-in filter. The tap has three positions: 'Off', 'On', 'Reserve', the latter providing a reserve supply of petrol when the main supply has run out. For cold starting the carburettor has a manually operated choke. The machine should run on 'Choke' for the least amount of time.

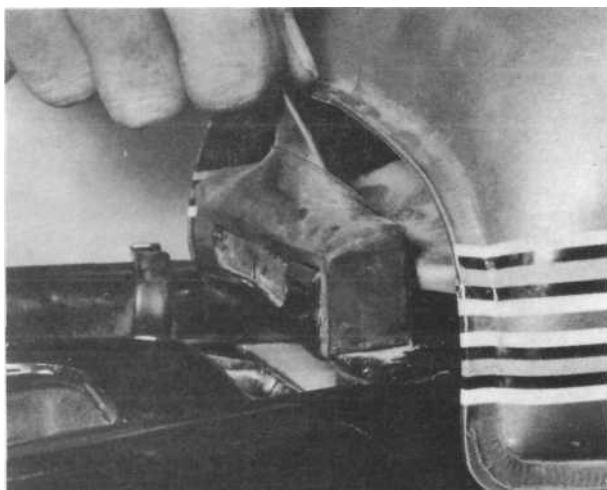
The lubrication system is of the pressure fed type, supplying oil to almost every part of the engine. There is a centrifugal filter mounted directly on the end of the crankshaft. Centrifugal force caused by the rotation of the engine throws the heavier impurities outwards where they stick to the walls, allowing only the clean, lighter oil through. Oil is picked up by the oil pump and pressure fed through the right-hand crankcase where it is diverted into two routes. In one direction it goes through a passage in the right-hand crankcase cover and then through the oil filter to the crankshaft. The other direction takes the oil through a passage via a cylinder head stud to the rocker arms. The transmission also receives oil under pressure, relying upon this simple yet very efficient system.

## 2 Petrol tank: removal and replacement

- 1 The fuel tank is not bolted to the machine in any way. It is held in place by three rubbers; two at the inner front and one at the rear under the seat, which it is necessary to remove.
- 2 Unfasten the bolt on each side of the rear of the seat. Lift up the back a little and pull back until the seat disengages with its location bracket and lifts clear.
- 3 Turn the fuel to 'Off' position and ease off the rubber fuel feed pipe clip and pipe. Lift the rear of the tank, pull to the rear, then lift away.
- 4 If difficulty is found in replacing the tank, apply a small amount of lubricant to the tank front rubbers before reassembly.

## 3 Petrol feed pipe: examination

The petrol feed pipe is made from thin walled synthetic rubber and is of the push-on type. It is only necessary to replace the pipe if it becomes hard or splits. It is unlikely that the retaining clips should need replacing due to fatigue as the main seal between the pipe and union is effected by an 'interference' fit.



2.2 Rubber strap retains rear of petrol tank

#### 4 Petrol tap: removal, repair and replacement

1 Before the petrol tap can be removed, it is first necessary to drain the tank. This is easily accomplished by removing the feed pipe from the carburettor and allowing the contents of the tank to drain into a clean receptacle, with the tap turned to the 'reserve' position. Alternatively, the tank can be removed and placed on one side, so that the fuel level is below the tap outlet. (Take care not to damage the paintwork.)

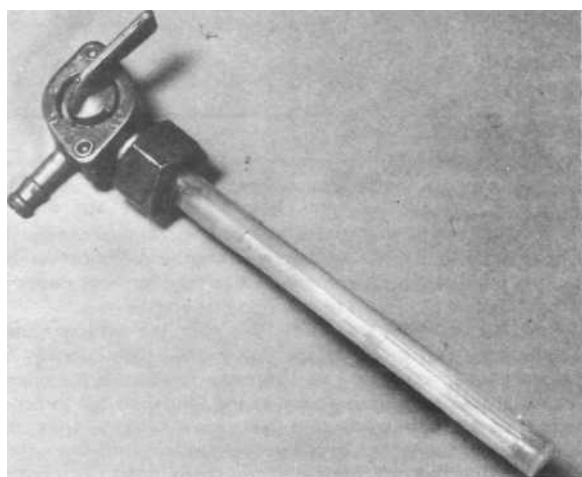
2 The tap unit is retained by a gland nut to the threaded stub on the underside of the tank. It can be removed after the fuel pipe has been pulled off the tap.

3 If the tap lever leaks, it will be necessary to renew it as a complete unit. It is not possible to dismantle the tap for repair.

#### 5 Carburettor: removal - pre (T)PFC type

1 Before the carburettor is removed from the inlet stub, it is necessary to detach the petrol pipe, air cleaner hose, and carburettor top and throttle valve assembly. It is easier to remove the petrol tank to lessen the risk of damage to the paintwork, and to improve access. (Make sure the fuel tap is turned off first!). Prise off the air hose from the carburettor intake.

2 Unscrew the carburettor top, and withdraw the valve assembly. If the valve or needle require attention, they can be detached by compressing the return spring against the



4.3 Tap is riveted together, and must be renewed if worn

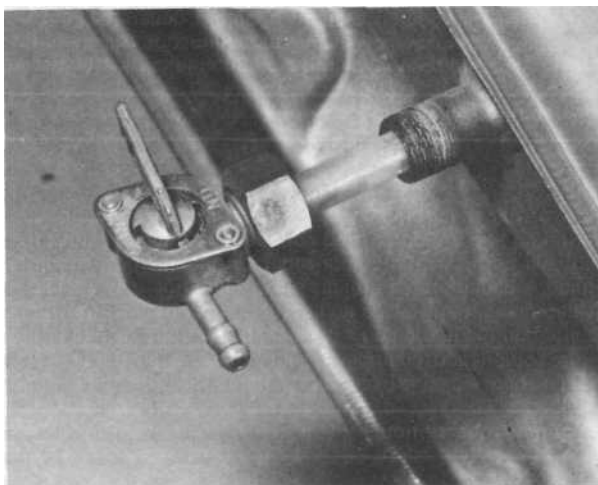
underside of the top, and disengaging the cable end from its recess in the valve. The needle is held by a spring clip, which is itself positioned by a second clip inside the valve. It is normally advisable to leave this assembly undisturbed unless obviously worn.

3 Slacken and remove the two flange mounting nuts, and pull the carburettor body clear of the mounting studs. Do not remove the heat shield or spacing block unless necessary. The carburettor components can now be dismantled for examination.

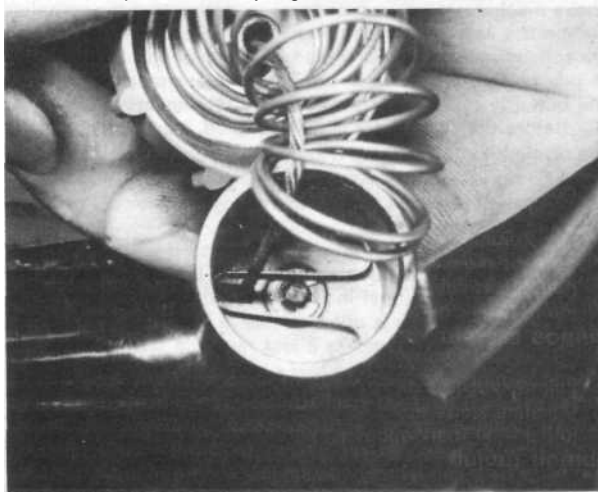
#### 6 Carburettor: overhaul - pre (T)PFC type

1 On early models, prise back the spring clip retaining the float bowl, tap the bowl gently to break the seal and withdraw it. On later models remove the three retaining screws and withdraw the float bowl. Note the seal set in the gasket surface, which must be renewed if damaged or worn, and check that the drain plug passage is clean, that the plug seal is in good condition and that the plug is securely fastened.

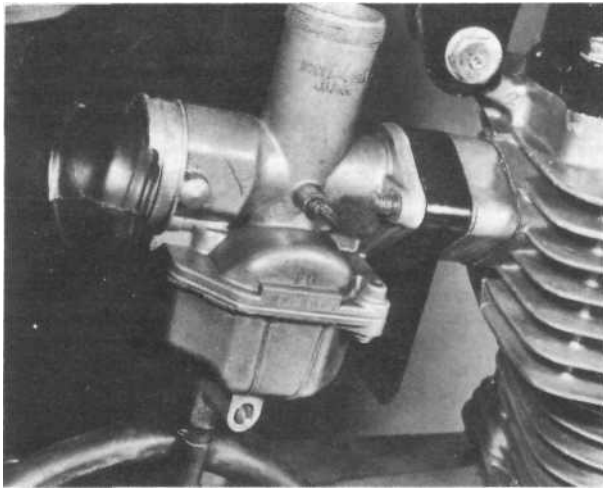
2 Displace the float pivot pin to release the float assembly, then withdraw the float needle. Check the float for leakage and renew the assembly if damaged or worn; repairs are not possible. Check the float needle tip for wear. After lengthy service a ridge or groove will appear; even if this is so small that it can be seen only with the aid of a magnifying glass, the needle must be renewed to restore the valve's seal and the



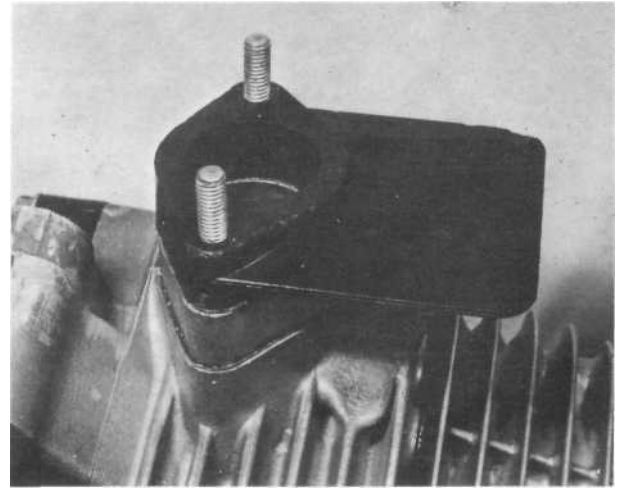
4.2 Petrol tap is secured by a gland nut



5.2 Throttle valve may be detached for access to needle



5.3a Remove carburettor body from inlet port



5.3b It is not normally necessary to remove heat shield

carburettor fuel level. If the needle seat is worn or damaged it must be renewed also; on later models note that this means renewing the complete carburettor assembly.

3 The main jet is screwed into the jet holder which is itself screwed into the central column projecting from the carburettor underside. On certain models (see Specifications) the pilot jet can be unscrewed from its location next to the central column; on all others it is fixed and can only be cleaned in place, using compressed air. When removing jets use only a close-fitting screwdriver or spanner to minimise the risk of damage, and do not exert excessive force. Before removing the needle jet, note carefully exactly how it is positioned above the jet holder, before pressing it out using a slim wooden rod.

4 The throttle stop screw is located in the right-hand side of the carburettor body, at the base of the throttle valve bore; the pilot screw is located either adjacent to the throttle stop screw (early models) or projecting downwards from the carburettor body, at the front of the float bowl. To remove these, first screw each in until it seats lightly and note the **exact** number of turns required to do this, then unscrew it and note the presence of the small spring under each. On refitting, screw it in until it seats lightly then unscrew it by the previously noted number of turns to restore it to its original position.

5 Check the throttle valve components for wear or damage and renew any defective item. If the valve is slack in the carburettor body, then either the valve or the complete carburettor assembly must be renewed. Similarly, check the choke mechanism for wear or damage, noting that the complete carburettor assembly must be renewed to rectify any problems. On early models check particularly that the spring-loaded flap is in one piece and free from cracks; on later models check that the butterfly retaining screws are securely fastened.

6 Before the carburettor is reassembled, using the reverse of the dismantling procedure, it should be cleaned out thoroughly using compressed air. Avoid using a piece of rag since there is always risk of particles of lint obstructing the internal passages or the jet orifices.

7 Never use a piece of wire or any pointed metal object to clear a blocked jet. It is only too easy to enlarge the jet under these circumstances, and increase the rate of petrol consumption. If compressed air is not available, a blast of air from a tyre pump will usually suffice. As a last resort, a fine **nylon** bristle may be used.

8 Do not use excessive force when reassembling a carburettor because it is easy to shear a jet or some of the smaller screws. Furthermore, the carburettor is cast in a zinc-based alloy which itself does not have a high tensile strength. If any of the castings are damaged during reassembly, they will almost certainly have to be renewed.

## 7 Carburettor adjustment - pre (T)PFC type

1 Commence operations by checking the float height, which will involve detaching the carburettor, if not already removed, inverting it and removing the float bowl. If the float height is correct, the bottom of each float should be the specified distance away from the carburettor body mating surface when the valve has just closed. To adjust the setting bend the float arm.

2 Replace the carburettor, check that free play is present in the throttle cable, and with the engine at normal operating temperature turn the pilot screw inwards until the engine misfires or decreases in speed. Note the position of the screw, then turn it outwards until similar symptoms are observed. The screw should then be set exactly between these two positions, which should approximate the specified setting.

3 When the mixture setting is correct, use the throttle stop screw to set the idle speed. If a suitable tachometer is not available the correct speed can be approximated by finding the lowest speed at which the engine will tick over smoothly and reliably. Adjust the throttle cable, using the adjuster at either end of the cable, to give 2 - 6 mm (0.08 - 0.24 in) free play measured at the twistgrip flange, ie 10 — 15° of twistgrip rotation. Ensure the idle speed remains steady at all handlebar positions.

4 Note that these adjustments should always be made with the engine at normal operating temperature and with the air cleaner connected, otherwise a false setting will be obtained.

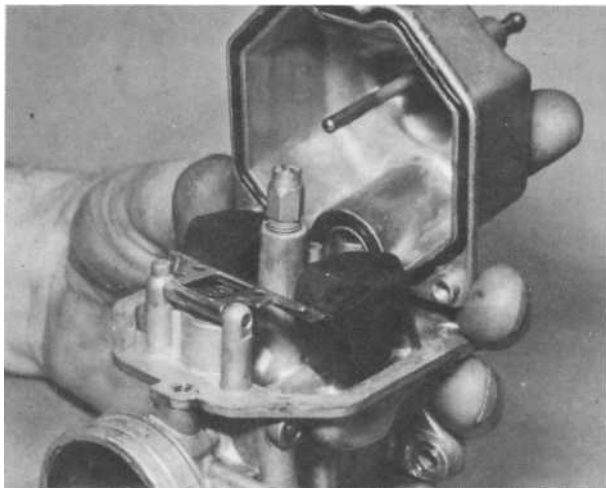
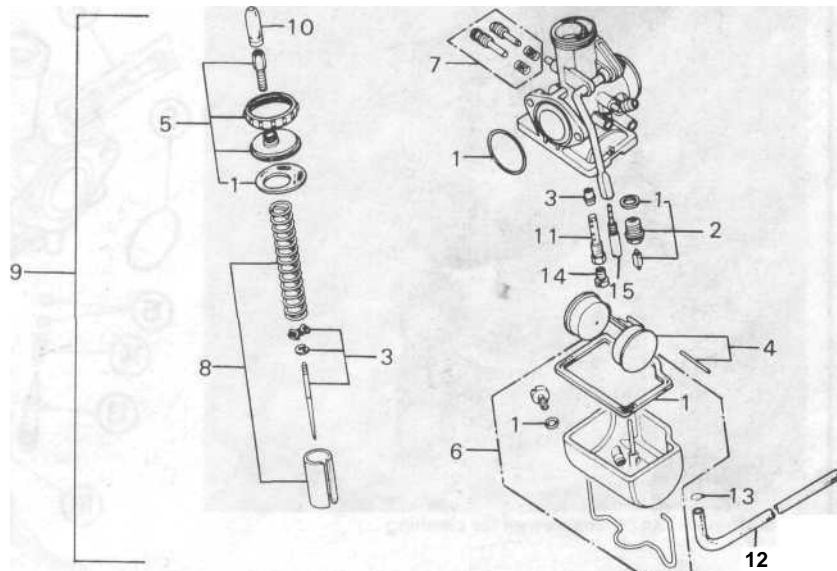
## 8 Carburettor settings

1 Some of the carburettor settings, such as the sizes of the needle jet, main jet, and needle position etc are pre-determined by the manufacturer. Under normal circumstances, it is unlikely that these settings will require modification, even though there is provision made. If a change appears necessary, it can often be attributed to a developing engine fault.

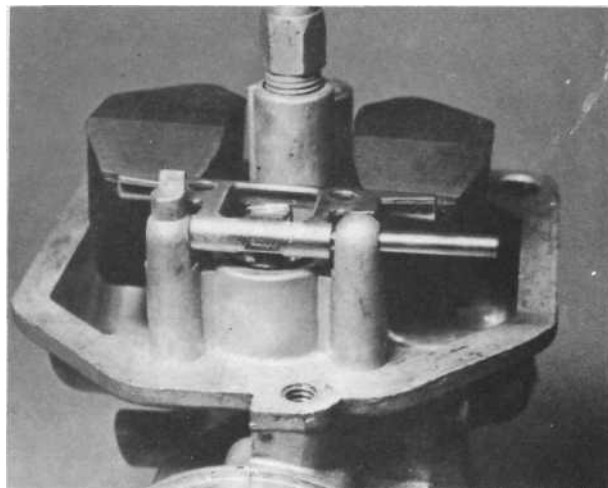
2 As an approximate guide the pilot jet setting controls engine speed up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  throttle. The throttle slide cutaway controls engine speed from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  throttle. The size of the main jet is responsible for engine speed at the final  $\frac{3}{4}$  to full throttle. It should be added however that these are only guide lines. There is no clearly defined demarcation line due to a certain amount of overlap that occurs between the carburettor components involved.

Fig. 2.1 Carburettor - 077A type

- 1 Gasket set
- 2 Needle valve assembly
- 3 Needle jet
- 4 Float assembly
- 5 Mixing chamber top
- 6 Float bowl assembly
- 7 Pilot and throttle stop screws
- 8 Throttle valve assembly
- 9 Carburettor complete
- 10 Rubber cap
- 11 Needle jet holder
- 12 Drain pipe
- 13 Clip
- 14 Main jet
- 15 Pilot jet



6.1 Float bowl is retained by three screws - later type



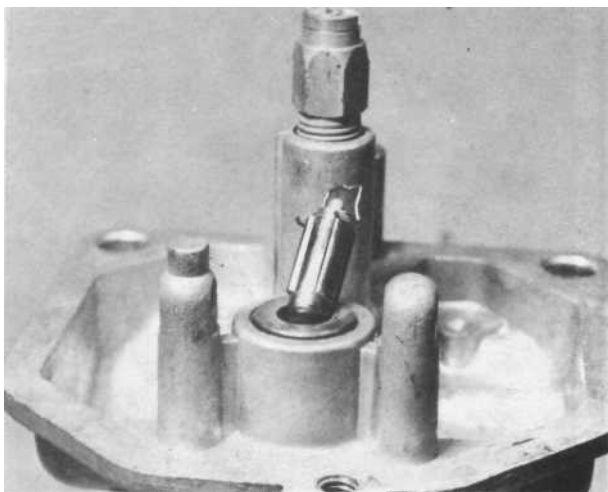
6.2a Displace the float pivot pin to free the float assembly

3 Always err slightly on the side of a rich mixture, since a weak mixture will cause the engine to overheat. Reference to Chapter 3 will show how the condition of the spark plug can be interpreted with some experience as a reliable guide to carburettor mixture strength.

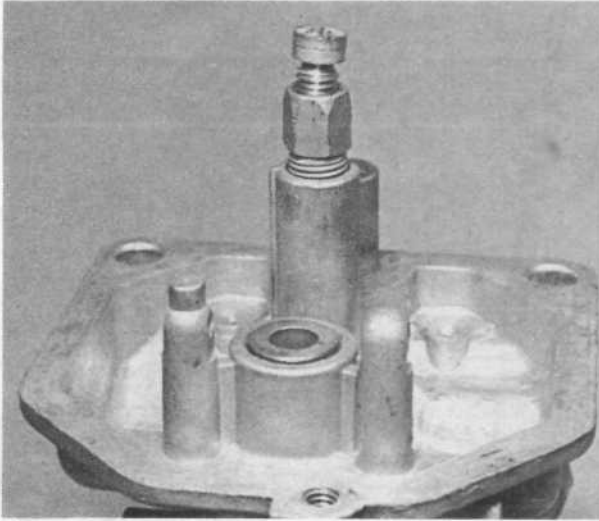
## 9 Carburettor: (T)PFC type

1 CG125-C and E models are fitted with Honda's (Transient) Power Fuel Control carburettor. This is an economy carburettor designed to run on a weaker mixture, so reducing fuel consumption. The (T)PFC system consists of an accelerator pump mounted on the underside of the carburettor. It provides a richer mixture during acceleration. A linkage depresses the pump rod causing a metered quantity of fuel to be injected as the throttle is opened.

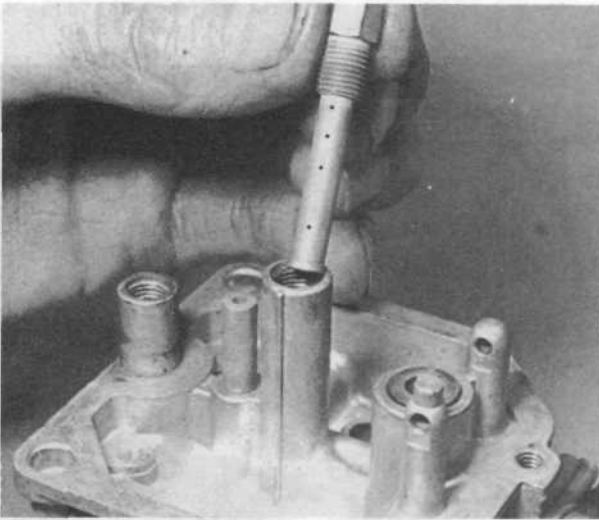
2 Refer to Chapter 7 for details of overhaul and adjustment.



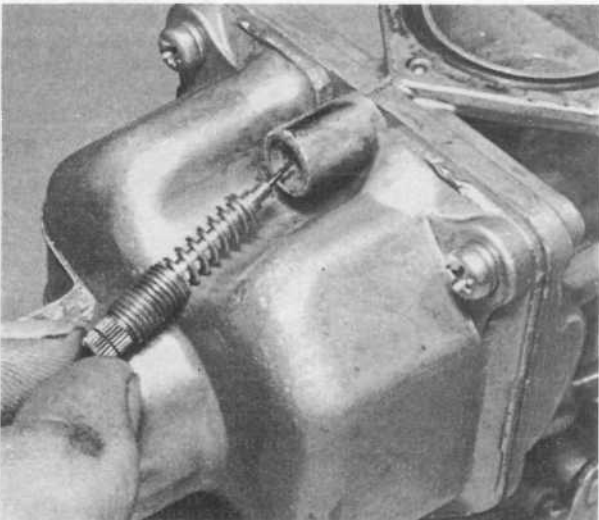
6.2b Take care not to lose the float needle!



6.3a Main jet can be unscrewed for cleaning ...



6.3b ... as can the jet holder



6.4 Pilot screw is located here — later type

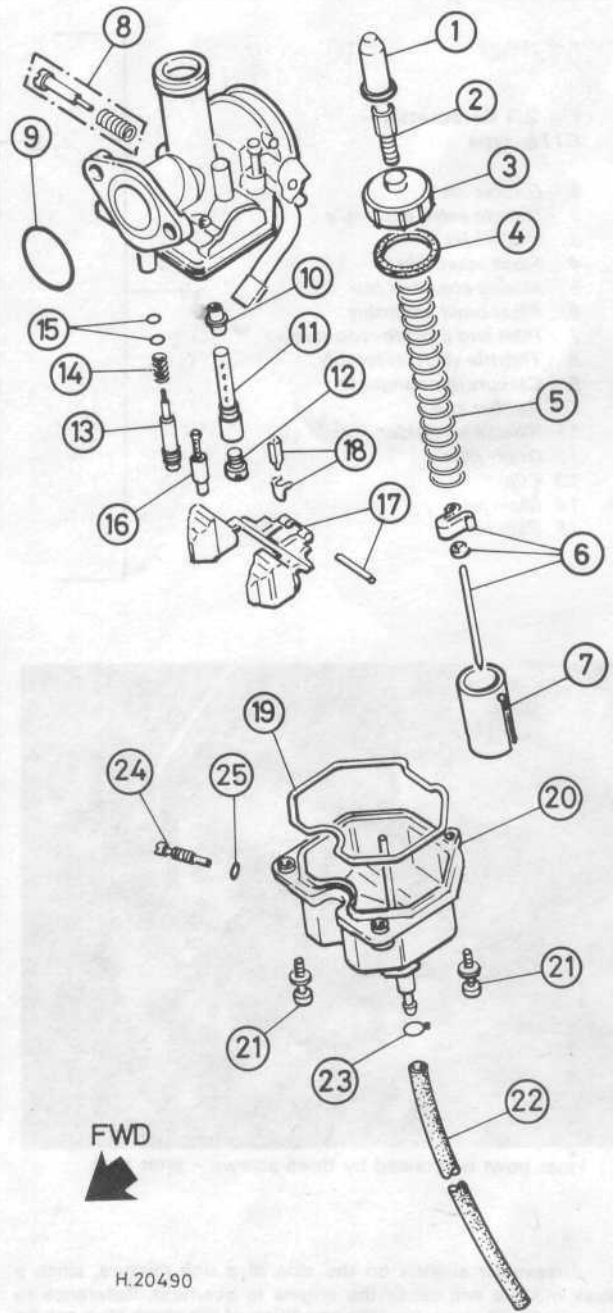
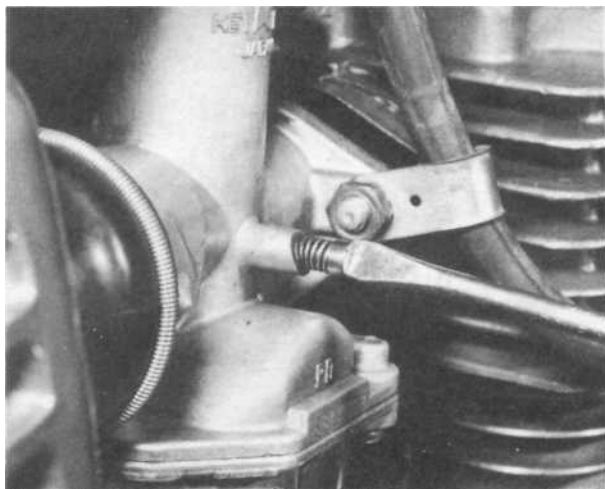


Fig. 2.2 Carburettor - PD88E type

- |                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Rubber cap          | 14 Spring                   |
| 2 Cable adjuster      | 15 O-ring                   |
| 3 Mixing chamber top  | 16 Pilot jet                |
| 4 Gasket              | 17 Float and pivot pin      |
| 5 Return spring       | 18 Float needle valve       |
| 6 Jet needle assembly | 19 Gasket                   |
| 7 Throttle valve      | 20 Float bowl               |
| 8 Throttle stop screw | 21 Screw and washer - 3 off |
| 9 O-ring              | 22 Drain pipe               |
| 10 Needle jet         | 23 Clip                     |
| 11 Needle jet holder  | 24 Drain screw              |
| 12 Main jet           | 25 O-ring                   |
| 13 Pilot screw        |                             |





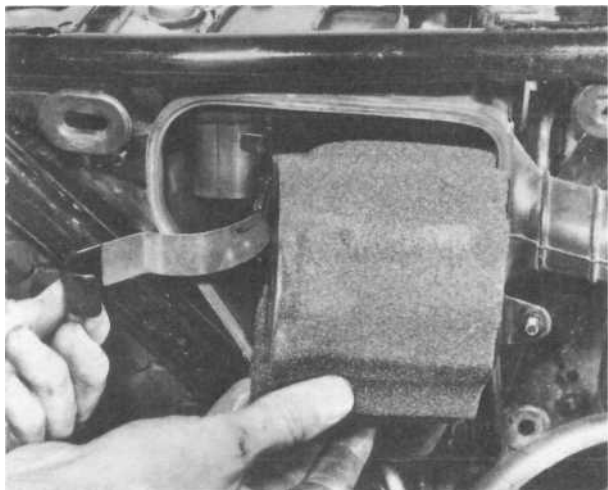
7.2 Adjust idle speed by means of this screw

### 10 Air cleaner: removal, cleaning and replacement of elements

1 Pull off the right-hand side panel to gain access to the air cleaner case. Release the lid of the air cleaner case, then displace the leaf spring to enable removal of the element. The foam filter sleeves can be slid off the central core, and the whole unit washed thoroughly in a high flash-point solvent such as white spirit (Stoddard solvent). Dry each part carefully, then soak each sleeve in the specified oil and squeeze it gently to remove the surplus oil. Rebuild the assembly and refit it. Make sure that the element and cover are both correctly seated to prevent air leakage.

### 11 Exhaust system: general

1 The exhaust system on a four-stroke motor-cycle will require very little attention, as, unlike two-stroke machines, it is not prone to the accumulation of carbon. The only points requiring attention are the general condition of the system, including mountings and the chromium plating, and ensuring that the



10.1a Air filter element is retained by spring clip

system is kept airtight, particularly at the exhaust port. Air leaks here will cause mysterious backfiring when the machine is on overrun, as air will be drawn in causing residual gases to be ignited in the exhaust pipe. To this end, make sure that the composite sealing ring is renewed each time the system is removed.

### 12 Oil pump: removal, examination and renovation

1 Access to the oil pump is gained after removing the right-hand outer casing. The driving gear housing will be seen to have two holes in its outer face. Turn the engine over until the holes in the driving gear are in line, then pass a screwdriver through to release the two countersunk retaining screws. The pump can now be lifted away.

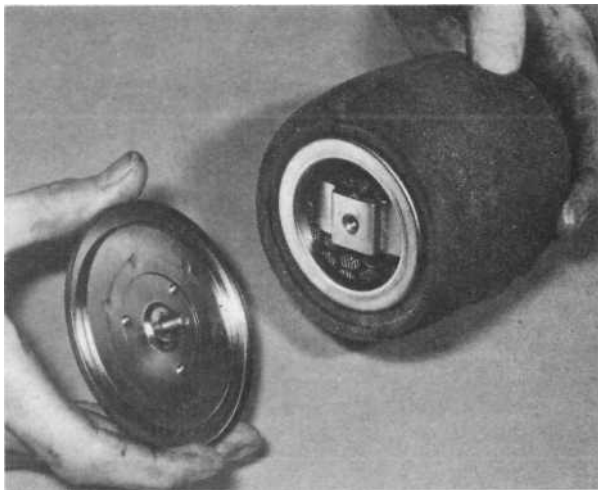
2 Remove the end plate from the back of the unit, noting the locating pip and corresponding recess which must align during reassembly. Shake out the inner and outer rotor. The driving gear housing can be separated, if desired, and the gear and spindle removed.

3 Examine each component for signs of scuffing and wear. Note especially the condition of the rotors and pump body. If these are at all worn, the pump must be renewed. Temporarily fit the rotors to the pump body and use feeler gauges to measure the clearance between the rotors and a straightedge placed across the pump body mating surface (ie rotor endfloat). This clearance should be in the range 0.15 - 0.20 mm (0.0059 - 0.0079 in) if the pump is in good condition; if the clearance is 0.25 mm (0.0098 in) or more the worn components must be renewed. Similarly measure the clearance between any two tips of the inner and outer rotors. The correct clearance is 0.15 mm (0.0059 in); if it is 0.20 mm (0.0079 in) or more the rotors must be renewed as a matched set.

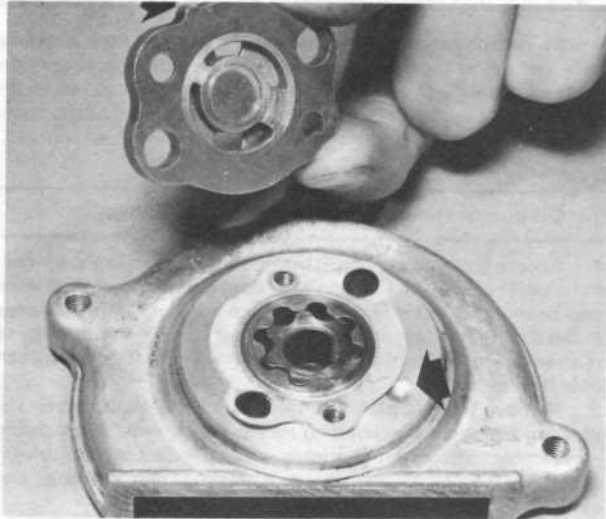
4 When reassembling the pump, lubricate each component with clean engine oil, and make sure that a new gasket is fitted. Note that the end plate pip and the depression in the pump body must align. Fit new O rings when fitting the pump unit to the engine.

### 13 Oil filters: location and cleaning

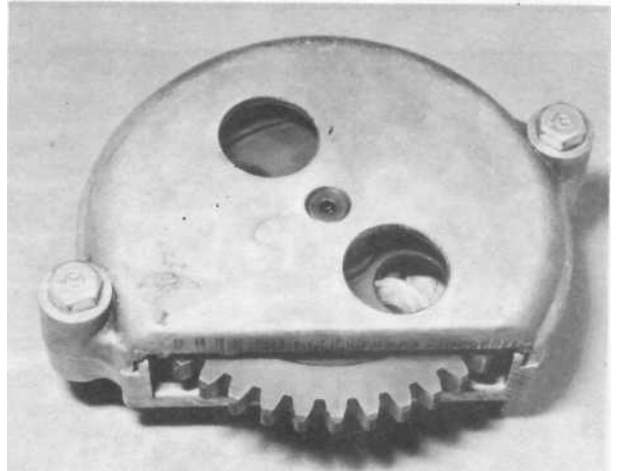
1 The engine is equipped with two types of oil filter; a gauze element located in the lower part of the left-hand crankcase, behind a large hexagon-headed plug, and a crankshaft mounted centrifugal oil filter. Removal and cleaning of these components is covered in Routine Maintenance.



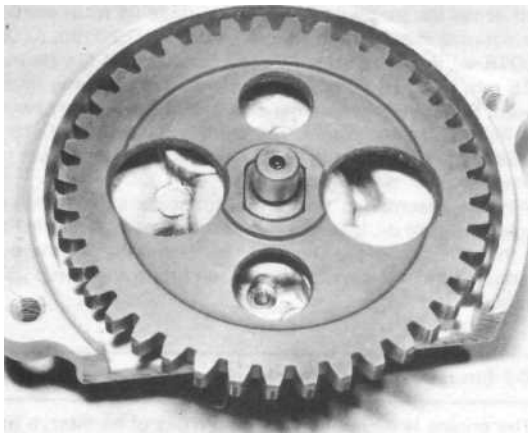
10.1b ... and can be dismantled for cleaning



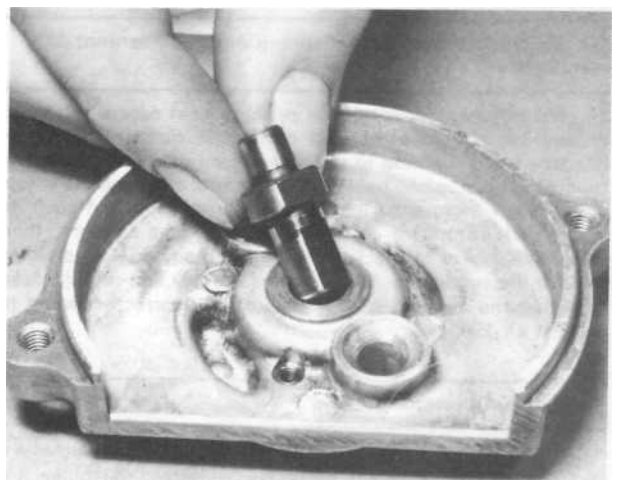
12.2a Note alignment marks on oil pump components



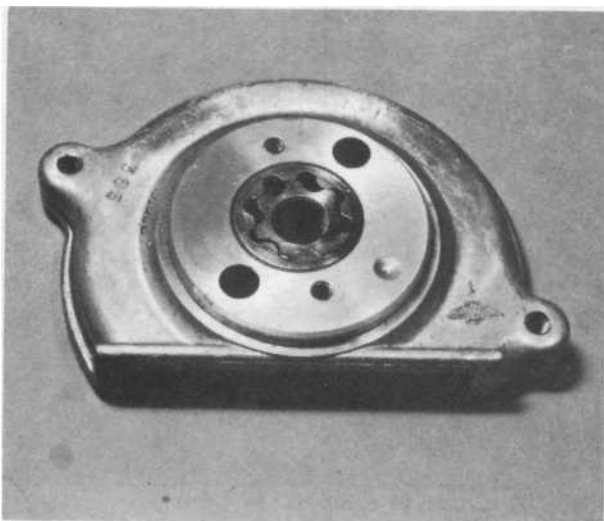
12.2b Casing is secured by two bolts, and can be removed ...



12.2c ... to allow pinion ...



12.2d ... and spindle to be withdrawn



12.3 Check pump components as described



13.1 Centrifugal filter can be dismantled for cleaning

## 14 Fault diagnosis: fuel system and lubrication

| Symptom                                     | Cause  | Remedy  |
|---|--|---|
| Excessive fuel consumption                  | Air cleaner choked or restricted<br>Fuel leaking from carburettor. Float sticking<br><br>Badly worn or distorted carburettor<br>Jet needle setting too high<br>Main jet too large or loose<br>Carburettor flooding | Clean or renew.<br>Check all unions and gaskets. Float needle seat needs cleaning.<br>Replace.<br>Adjust to figure given in Specifications.<br>Fit correct jet or tighten if necessary.<br>Check float valve and replace if worn. |
| Idling speed too high                       | Throttle stop screw in too far. Carburettor top loose<br>Pilot jet incorrectly adjusted<br>Throttle cable sticking   | Adjust screw. Tighten top.<br>Refer to relevant paragraph in this Chapter.<br>Disconnect and lubricate or replace.  |
| Engine dies after running for a short while | Blocked air hole in filler cap<br>Dirt or water in carburettor   | Clean.<br>Remove and clean out.   |
| General lack of performance                 | Weak mixture; float needle stuck in seat<br>Air leak at carburettor joint  | Remove float chamber or float and clean.<br>Check joint to eliminate leakage, and fit new O ring.   |
| Engine does not respond to throttle         | Throttle cable sticking<br>Petrol octane rating too low  | See above.<br>Use higher grade (star rating) petrol.  |
| Engine runs hot and is noisy                | Lubrication failure  | Stop engine immediately and investigate <i>found and</i> rectified.   |

# Chapter 3 Ignition system

Refer to Chapter 7 for information relating to the 1985 on Brazilian models

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## Specifications

### Ignition timing

|                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Initial - 'F' mark aligned . . . . . | 20° BTDC static or at idle speed |
| Advance starts at . . . . .          | .1800 rpm                        |
| Full advance at . . . . .            | .35° BTDC @ 3000 rpm             |

### Ignition system

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Ignition HT coil spark gap . . . . .      | 8 mm (0.32 in) minimum            |
| Condenser capacity . . . . .              | 0.22 - 0.26 microfarad            |
| Contact breaker gap:                      |                                   |
| Nominal . . . . .                         | 0.35 mm (0.014 in)                |
| Tolerance for ignition timing . . . . .   | 0.30 - 0.40 mm (0.012 - 0.016 in) |
| Contact breaker spring pressure . . . . . | .750 g (1.65 lb)                  |

### Spark plug

|   |                                 |               |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Make  | NGK                             | ND            |
| Type:   |                                 |               |
| CG125 model - original/current recommendation . . . . . | .D8ES-L/D8EA                    | X24ES/X24ES-U |
| CG125 K1, B, C, E . . . . .                             | .DR8ES-L                        | X24ESR-U      |
| Electrode gap . . . . .                                 | 0.6 - 0.7 mm (0.024 - 0.028 in) |               |

## 1 General description

The spark which is necessary to ignite the petrol/air mixture in the combustion chamber is derived from an ignition coil mounted on the frame and a flywheel generator attached to the left-hand crankshaft of the engine. A contact breaker assembly within the generator determines the exact moment at which the spark will occur; as the points separate the electrical circuit is interrupted and a high tension voltage is developed across the points of the spark plug which jumps the gap and ignites the mixture.

## 2 Generator: checking the output

1 The generator coil is instrumental in creating the power in the ignition system, and any failure or malfunction will affect the operation of the ignition system. Should a generator fault be indicated, reference should be made to Chapter 6.

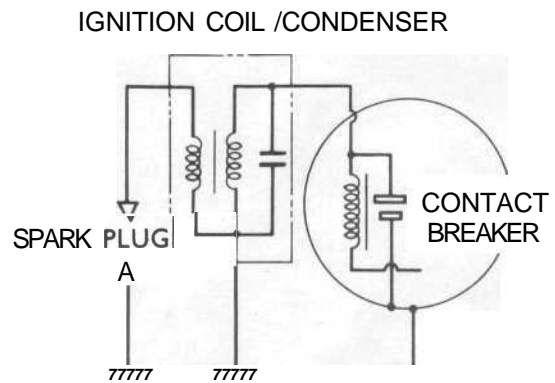


Fig. 3.1 Ignition system: schematic diagram

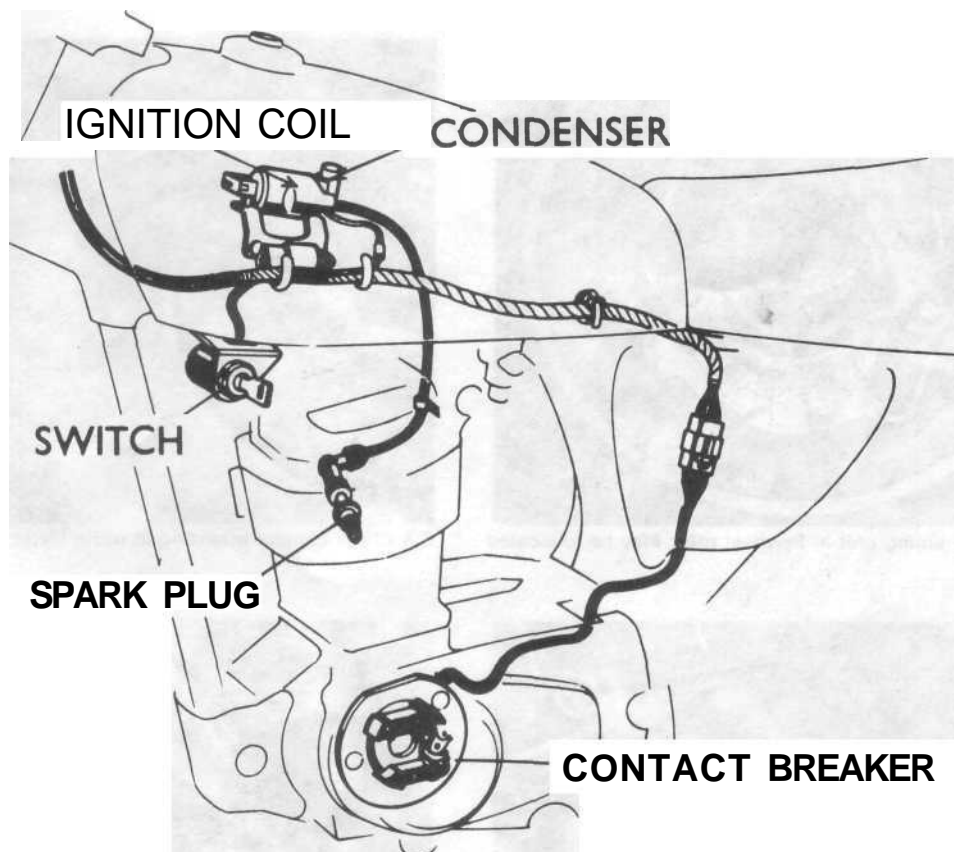


Fig. 3.2 Ignition system: component location

### 3 Contact breaker: adjustment

1 To gain access to the contact breaker assembly, the left-hand outer casing should be removed. It is retained by four screws. The contact breaker is mounted on the stator or backplate, and operated by a cam which is fitted to the centre boss inside the flywheel/rotor. A centrifugally-operated automatic timing unit (ATU) is fitted to advance the ignition timing as engine speed increases.

2 Rotate the engine until the contact breaker fibre heel is at the highest point of the cam and the points are at their widest opening. Examine the contact faces. If they are dirty, burnt or pitted, they should be removed for renewal as described in Section 4 of this Chapter. If the points are in sound condition, proceed with adjustment as follows:

3 If the gap between the breaker points is not within the permissible setting range of 0.3 - 0.4 mm (0.012 - 0.016 in) when measured with a feeler gauge, they should be adjusted. Slacken very slightly the cross point screw which locks the fixed contact adjustment. It should barely nip the contact support. Using a screwdriver, open or close the contact, tighten the lock screw and check the setting. Repeat until correct.

4 **Note:** if adjustment has proved necessary, the ignition timing will have been affected, and this should be checked. It should be noted that wear in the contact breaker will normally necessitate its renewal, as no ignition timing adjustment is provided.

### 4 Contact breaker: removal and renewal

1 If examination has shown the contact breaker points to be

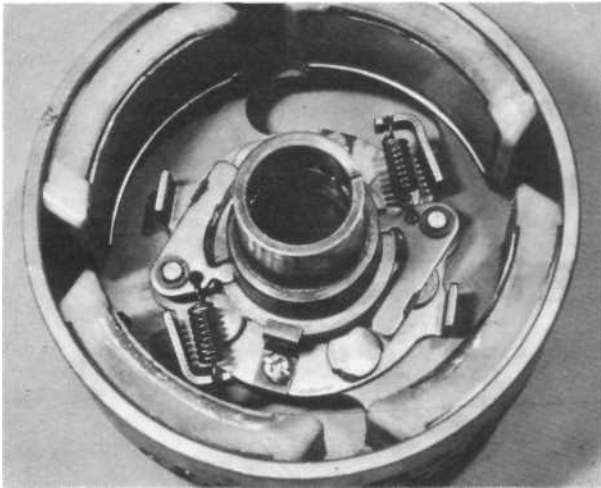
worn, or if a timing check has shown them to have worn outside the limits given, it will be necessary to renew the assembly. Do not attempt to reface the contact breaker points, as this will make it impossible to obtain the required gap and timing settings. Use only genuine Honda replacement parts when obtaining new points.

2 It is necessary to remove the flywheel/rotor from the crankshaft in order to gain access to the contact breaker assembly. This can be expected to be a tight fit on the mainshaft taper, and although it may be possible to remove it with a conventional legged puller, this course of action must be regarded as a last resort, and wherever possible, the proper Honda puller or a cheaper pattern version of it must be used. The genuine tool is available from Honda agents under part number 07933 - 0010000.

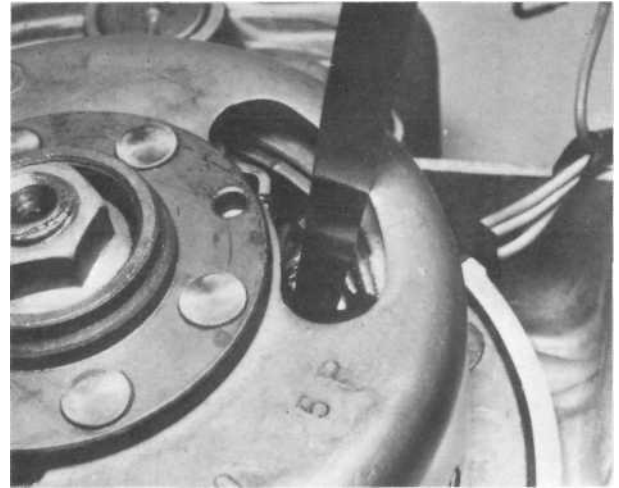
3 Unscrew the centre nut, having locked the crankshaft by selecting top gear and applying the rear brake, or by applying a holding tool. Fit the extractor in place, and gradually tighten the T handle to draw the rotor off. Check the ATU for wear or damage; if it is stiff in operation it should be dismantled for cleaning and greasing.

4 Prise off the E clip from the contact breaker pivot post, and place it in a safe place. Disconnect the leads from the terminal, and at the same time release the moving contact spring. Note the order in which the various terminal components are assembled. Remove the fixed contact securing screw and lift the fixed contact away.

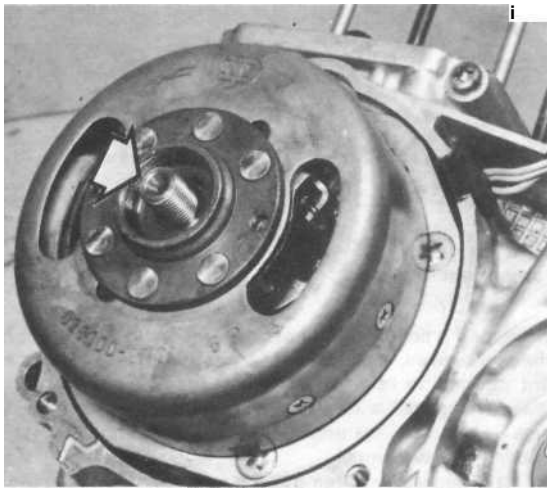
5 Reassemble the new contact breaker assembly in the reverse order of that described for dismantling, taking care to assemble the terminal components in the correct order. Replace the rotor and tighten the securing nut to a torque setting of 4.0 - 5.0 kgf m (29 - 36 lbf ft). Set the contact breaker gap to exactly 0.35 mm (0.014 in) as described in Section 3, then check the ignition timing as described in Section 5.



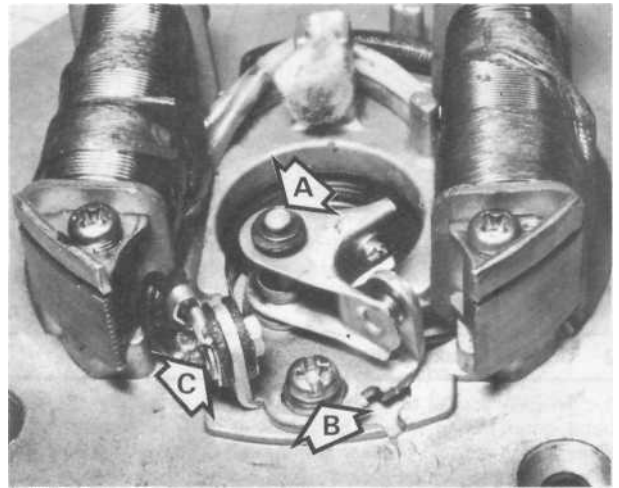
3.1 Automatic timing unit in flywheel rotor may be lubricated lightly



3.3 Check contact breaker gap using feeler gauge



4.3 Flywheel rotor centre has thread to accept extractor



4.4 A : E clip. B : Fixed contact securing screw C : Terminal

## 5 Checking the ignition timing

1 The ignition timing can be checked using a battery and bulb arrangement connected as shown in the accompanying diagram. Owners of multimeter test instruments may prefer to use these, set to the most sensitive resistance scale, as continuity testers. Note that the easiest way to connect the probe to the contact breaker assembly is to disconnect the generator output lead connector and locate the black or black/white lead to the points.

2 Set the rotor so that the F mark registers with its datum mark, then adjust the fixed contact so that the points **just** start to separate. This will be indicated by the test lamp flickering (or the meter needle deflecting). Check that the contact breaker gap is within the tolerance given.

## 6 Ignition coil: checking

1 The ignition coil is a sealed unit and designed to give long service without need for attention. The coil is located under the petrol tank, which must be removed to gain access.

2 A number of tests can be performed using a basic test lamp



6.1 Coil and condenser are located beneath the fuel tank

and battery arrangement connected as shown in the accompanying diagrams. Should any of these checks not produce the expected result, the coil should be removed and taken to a Honda Service Agent or Auto-Electrical specialist for a more thorough check.

### 7 Condenser: location, removal and replacement

1 A condenser is included in the contact breaker circuitry to prevent arcing across the contact breaker points as they separate. The condenser is connected in parallel with the points and if a fault develops, ignition failure is liable to occur.

2 If the engine proves difficult to start, or misfiring occurs, it is possible that the condenser is at fault. To check, watch the points via the rotor apertures when the engine is running. If a spark occurs across the points and they have a blackened and burnt appearance, the condenser can be regarded as un-serviceable.

3 It is not possible to fully check the condenser without the appropriate equipment. In view of the low cost involved, it is preferable to fit a new replacement and observe the effect on engine performance although an approximate test can be carried out as shown in the accompanying diagram.

4 The condenser is mounted on the ignition coil assembly by means of a metal clamp. Since this fitting provides the earth connection of the condenser, it follows that the clip should make good contact and be tightened fully.

### 8 Spark plug: checking and re-setting the gap

1 The spark plug specified as original equipment will prove satisfactory in most operating conditions; alternatives are available to allow for varying altitudes, climatic conditions and the use to which the machine is put. If a spark plug is suspected of being faulty it can be tested only by the substitution of a brand new (not second-hand) plug of the correct make, type, and heat range; always carry a spare on the machine.

2 Note that the advice of a competent Honda Service Agent or similar expert should be sought before the plug heat range is

altered from standard. The use of too cold, or hard, a grade of plug will result in fouling and the use of too hot, or soft, a grade of plug will result in engine damage due to excess heat being generated. If the correct grade of plug is fitted, however, it will be possible to use the condition of the spark plug electrodes to diagnose a fault in the engine or to decide whether the engine is operating efficiently or not.

3 Also, always ensure that the plug is of the resistor type (indicated by the letter 'R'), where applicable, so that its resistance value is correct for the ignition system. The same applies to the suppressor cap; if a cap or plug of the wrong type is fitted, thus producing a much greater or lesser resistance value than that for which the ignition system was designed, one or more components of the system may break down.

4 The electrode gap can be assessed using feeler gauges. If necessary, alter the gap by bending the outer electrode, preferably using a proper electrode tool. **Never** bend the centre electrode, otherwise the ceramic insulator will crack, and may cause damage to the engine if particles break away whilst the engine is running. If the outer electrode is seriously eroded as shown in the photographs, or if the spark plug is heavily fouled, it should be renewed. Clean the electrodes using a wire brush or a sharp-pointed knife, followed by rubbing a strip of fine emery across the electrodes. If a sand-blaster is used, check carefully that there are no particles of sand trapped inside the plug body to fall into the engine at a later date. For this reason such cleaning methods are no longer recommended; if the plug is so heavily fouled it should be renewed.

5 Before replacing a spark plug into the cylinder head coat the threads sparingly with a graphited grease to aid future removal. Use the correct sized spanner when tightening the plug otherwise the spanner may slip and damage the ceramic insulator. The plug should be tightened sufficiently to seat firmly on the sealing washer, and no more.

6 Never overtighten a spark plug otherwise there is risk of stripping the threads from the cylinder head, especially as it is cast in light alloy. A stripped thread can be repaired without having to scrap the cylinder head by using a 'Helicoil' thread insert. This is a low-cost service, operated by a number of dealers.

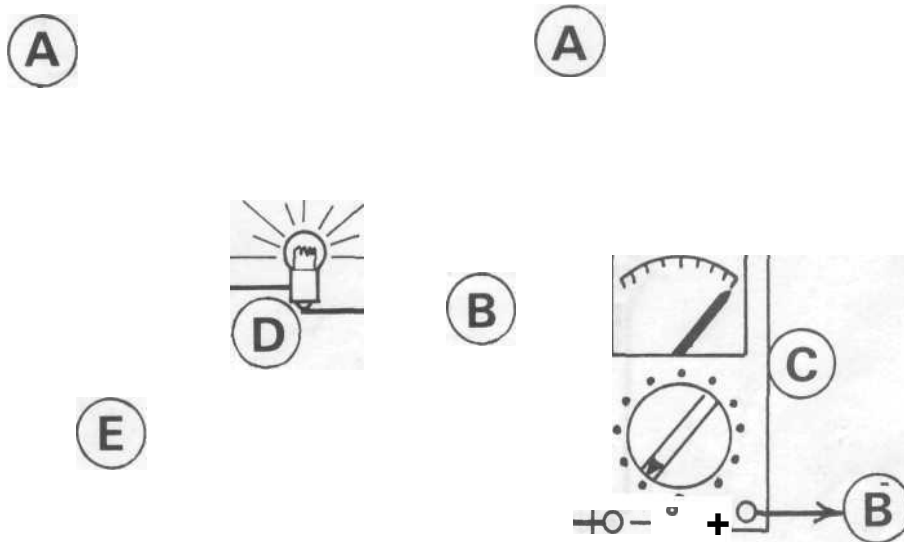
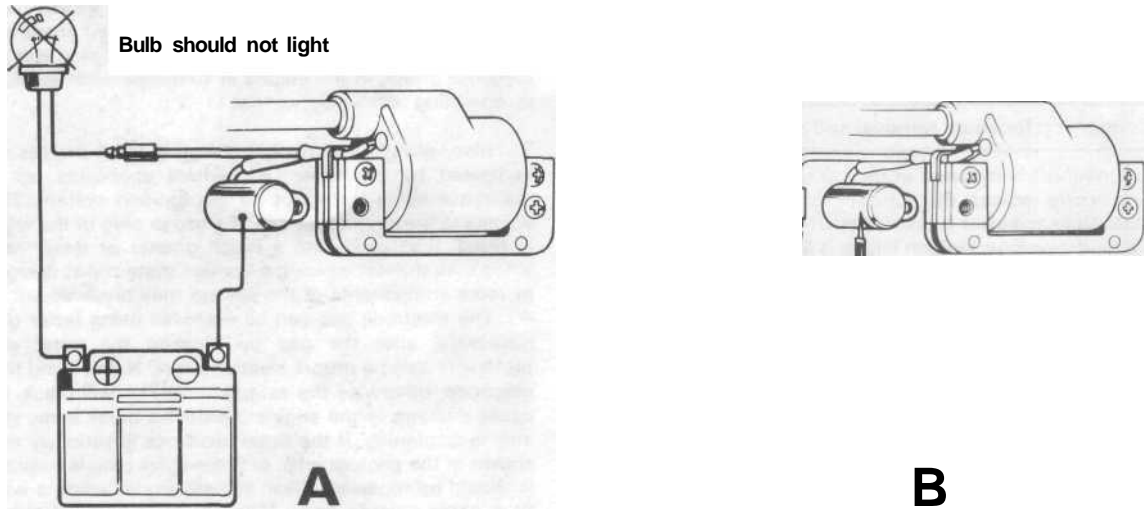


Fig. 3.3 Ignition timing test using battery and bulb arrangement or multimeter

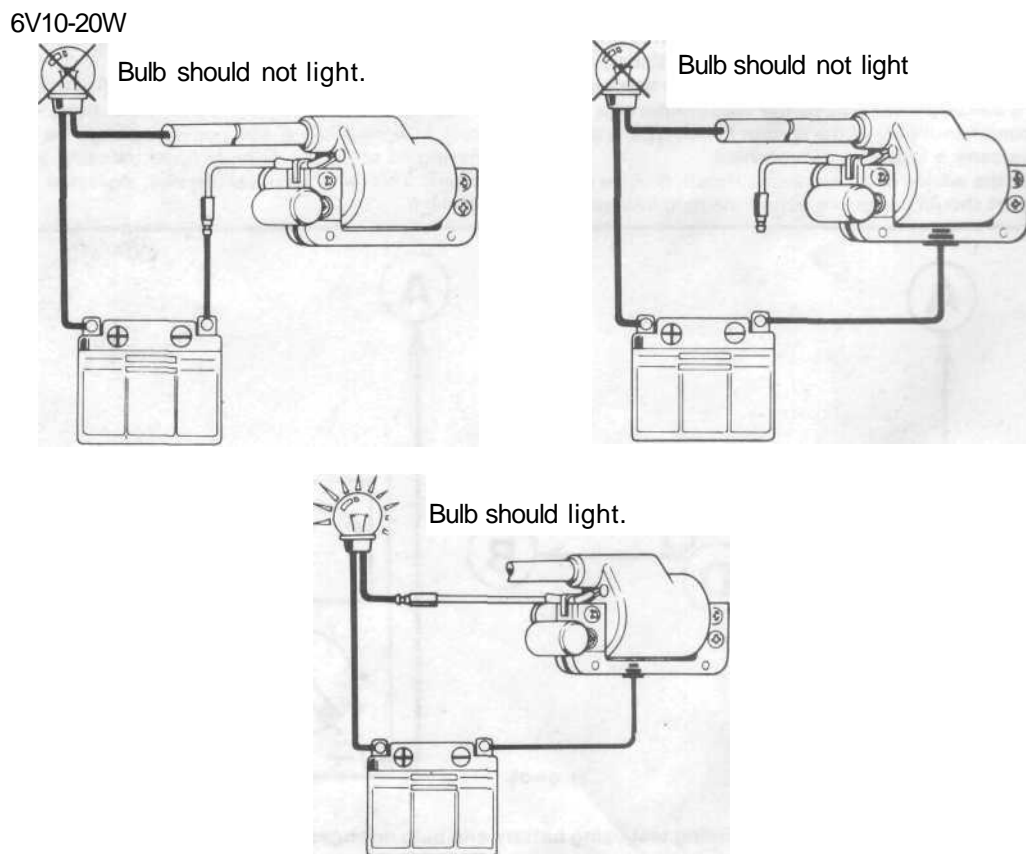
A: Connect to earth  
B: Connect to moving contact

C: Battery  
D: Bulb  
E: Multimeter



**Fig. 3.4 Condenser: test sequence**

*A: Using a battery/bulb arrangement  
B: Using a multimeter*

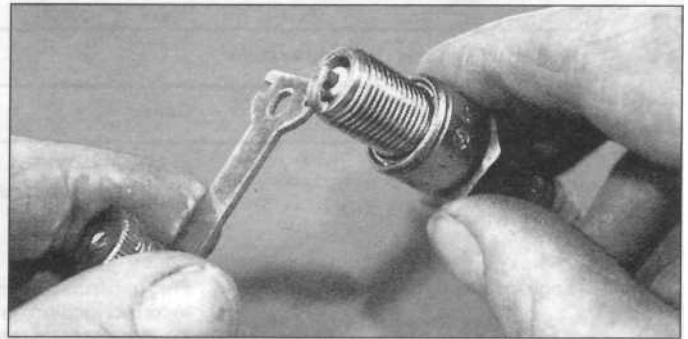


**Fig. 3.5 Ignition coil: test procedure**





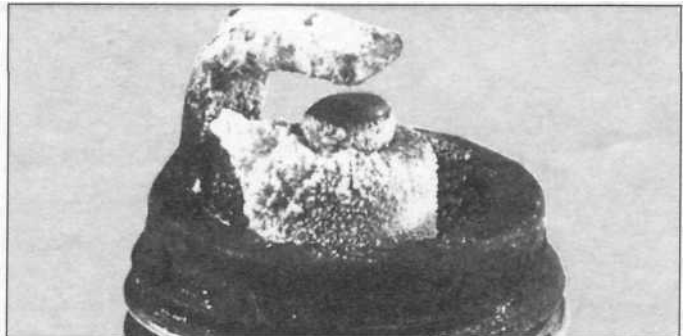
**Electrode gap check** - use a wire type gauge for best results



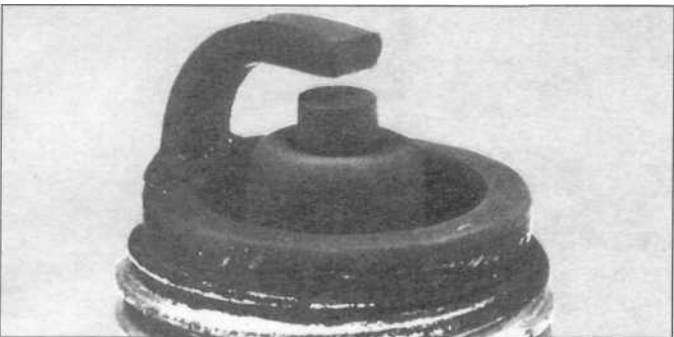
**Electrode gap adjustment** - bend the side electrode using the correct tool



**Normal condition** - A brown, tan or grey firing end indicates that the engine is in good condition and that the plug type is correct



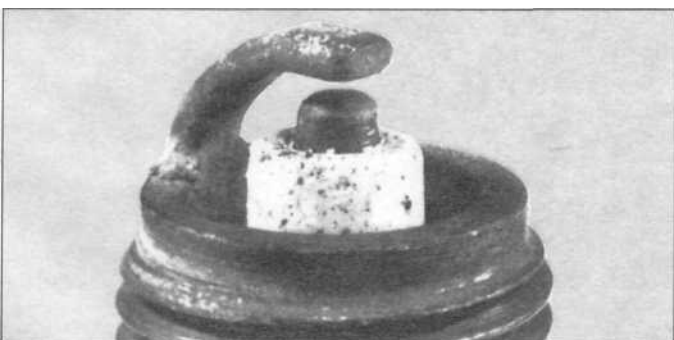
**Ash deposits** - Light brown deposits encrusted on the electrodes and insulator, leading to misfire and hesitation. Caused by excessive amounts of oil in the combustion chamber or poor quality fuel/oil



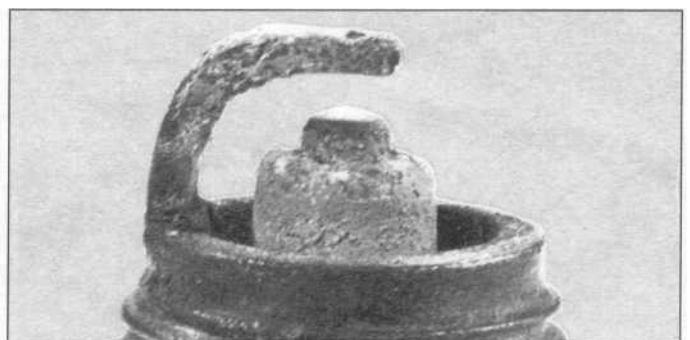
**Carbon fouling** - Dry, black sooty deposits leading to misfire and weak spark. Caused by an over-rich fuel/air mixture, faulty choke operation or blocked air filter



**Oil fouling** - Wet oily deposits leading to misfire and weak spark. Caused by oil leakage past piston rings or valve guides (4-stroke engine), or excess lubricant (2-stroke engine)



**Overheating** - A blistered white insulator and glazed electrodes. Caused by ignition system fault, incorrect fuel, or cooling system fault



**Worn plug** - Worn electrodes will cause poor starting in damp or cold weather and will also waste fuel

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**9 Fault diagnosis : ignition system**

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| <b>Symptom</b>                     | <b>Cause</b>   | <b>Remedy</b>   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Engine will not start              | Plug faulty<br>Defective ignition coil<br>Dirty points<br>Poor points contact  | Check plug and adjust gap or renew.<br>Renew.<br>Clean or renew and check gap.<br>Check for arcing. Renew condenser.                              |
| Engine starts but runs erratically | Plug gap incorrect or has whiskered<br>Incorrect ignition timing<br>Weak points arm return spring<br>Defective ignition coil<br>Low output from flywheel generator<br>Plug lead insulation breaking down | Adjust and clean or renew.<br>Check timing and points gap.<br>Renew.<br>Renew after expert testing.<br>Have tested and renew.<br>Check and renew. |

# Chapter 4 Frame and forks

Refer to Chapter 7 for information relating to the 1985 on Brazilian models

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## Specifications

### Front forks

|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Travel . . . . .                                | .108 mm (4.25 in)   |                         |
|   | <b>Standard</b>   | <b>Wear limit</b>       |
| Lower leg bore diameter . . . . .               | 31.000 - 31.039 mm<br>(1.2205- 1.2220 in)                 | 31.100 mm (1.2244 in)   |
| Bottom bush/damper piston diameter . . . . .    | 30.936 - 30.975 mm<br>(1.2180- 1.2195 in)                 | 30.900 mm (1.2165 in)   |
| Fork spring free length                         |   |                         |
| CG125 . . . . .                                 | .185.90 mm (7.3189 in)                                    | 170.00 mm (6.6929 in)   |
| CG125 K1, B, C, E . . . . .                     | .41 1.60 mm (1 6.2047 in)                                 | 391.00 mm (1 5.3937 in) |
| Fork oil capacity - per leg                     |   |                         |
| CG125 - at oil change . . . . .                 | .120 - 130 cc (4.22 - 4.58 Imp fl oz)                     |                         |
| CG125 - at rebuild, CG125 K1, B, C, E . . . . . | .130 - 140 cc (4.58 - 4.93 Imp fl oz)                     |                         |
| Recommended fork oil . . . . .                  | Automatic transmission fluid (ATF) or equivalent fork oil |                         |

### Rear suspension

|   |   |                       |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Travel . . . . .                                    | .70 mm (2.76 in)                        |                       |
|   | <b>Standard</b>                         | <b>Wear limit</b>     |
| Suspension unit spring free length . . . . .        | .1 79.80 mm (7.0787 in)                 | 171.00 mm (6.7323 in) |
| Swinging arm pivot bolt to bush clearance . . . . . | .0.10 - 0.30 mm<br>(0.0039 - 0.0118 in) | 0.50 mm (0.0197 in)   |

### 1 General description

The Honda CG 125 utilises a frame of open diamond type, being a composite structure of tubular construction with a monocoque spine. The engine unit is bolted between the spine

and the downtube to form a structural part of the frame. The front forks are of traditional telescopic design, being controlled by hydraulic dampers. Rear suspension is provided by a swinging arm fork, pivoting on replaceable bushes, and controlled by adjustable, hydraulically damped, suspension units.

## 2 Front forks: removal — general

1 It is unlikely that the forks will require removal from the frame unless the fork seals are leaking or accident damage has been sustained. In the event that the latter has occurred, it should be noted that the frame may also have become bent, and whilst this may not be obvious when checked visually, could prove to be potentially dangerous.

2 If attention to the fork legs only is required, it is unnecessary to detach the complete assembly, the legs being easily removed individually.

3 If, on the other hand, the headstock bearings are in need of attention, the forks complete with bottom yoke must be removed.

4 Before any dismantling work can be undertaken, the machine should be placed on the centre stand and blocked securely so that the front wheel is held off the ground. Detach the speedometer drive cable at the wheel, by unscrewing the knurled gland nut which retains it. Remove the front brake cable.

5 Remove the wheel spindle nut and split pin, and withdraw the spindle with the aid of a tommy bar. The wheel can now be lowered clear of the forks and put to one side.

6 To avoid damage to the paintwork, it is a good idea to remove the front mudguard at this stage, irrespective of whether removal will later be necessary, as in the case of individual fork leg removal.

## 3 Front forks: removing the fork assembly from the frame

1 Before the forks can be detached, it will be necessary to remove the handlebars, complete with controls, the mudguard, (if this has not already been removed), and the headlamp unit. Start by covering the petrol tank with an old blanket, or similar, to protect the paintwork from damage. Slacken and remove the handlebar clamp retaining bolts, noting that the right-hand clamp incorporates a helmet lock. The clamp halves can now be lifted off, and the handlebar assembly rested across the top of the petrol tank.

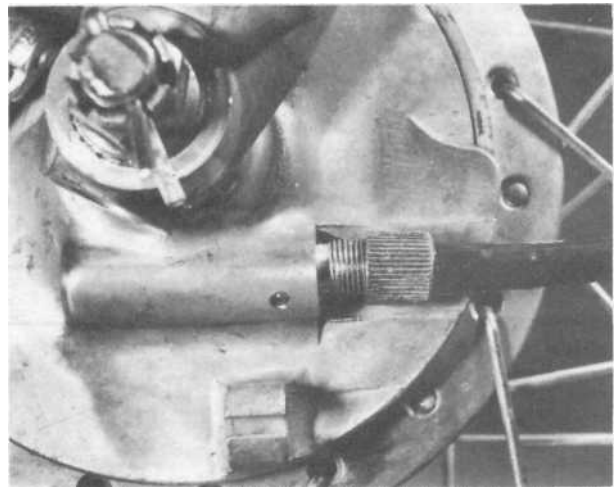
2 Disconnect the speedometer drive cable, and then release its retaining bolts and lift the instrument head away, detaching the bulbholders from the base as this is done.

3 Remove the headlamp unit from its shell, by releasing the single screw which secures the rim. The headlamp can be removed completely by disconnecting the colour coded leads inside the shell. Alternatively, the unit can be left in place, the

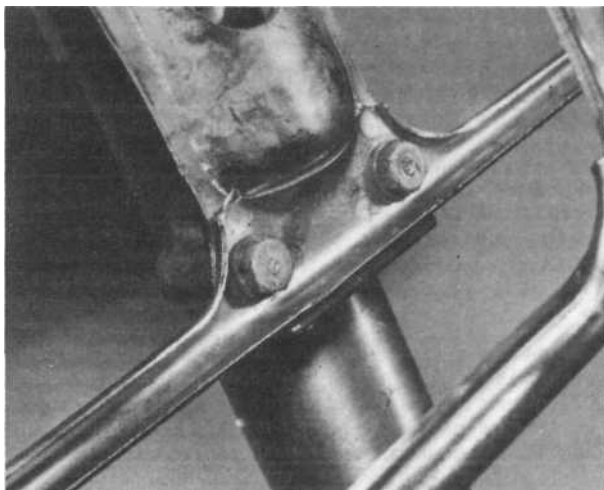
two mounting bolts released, and the leads threaded around the stanchions as the forks are removed. Note that whilst this will save disconnecting and then reconnecting the headlamp wiring, care must be taken to avoid damage to the unit during the fork dismantling sequence.

4 Slacken the two fork top bolts which pass through the top yoke, and the large chromium plated nut which retains the top yoke to the top of the steering stem. With these removed, the top yoke can be lifted away. If it proves stubborn, it may be tapped free using a soft-faced mallet. If the headlamp has been left in place, this should be positioned clear of the forks, as should any trailing cables. Note that it will be necessary to release the front indicator lamp leads from the inside of the headlamp shell.

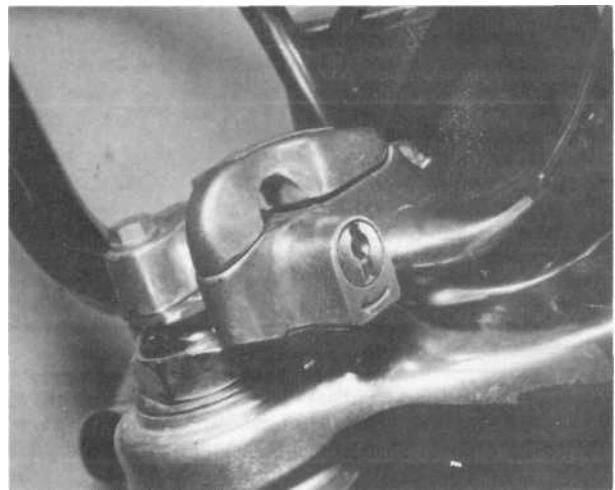
5 Using a 46mm C spanner (available as a Honda service tool, part number: 07902 - 2400000), slacken off the locking which retains the steering column. Have to hand two small tins or jars in which the head race balls can be kept safely. The balls from the lower race will drop free as the cup and cone part, and should be caught. Make sure none are left clinging to the race. Support the fork assembly while the locking and cone are removed, and the balls from the upper race are removed and placed in the second container. The lower yoke can now be removed complete with the fork legs.



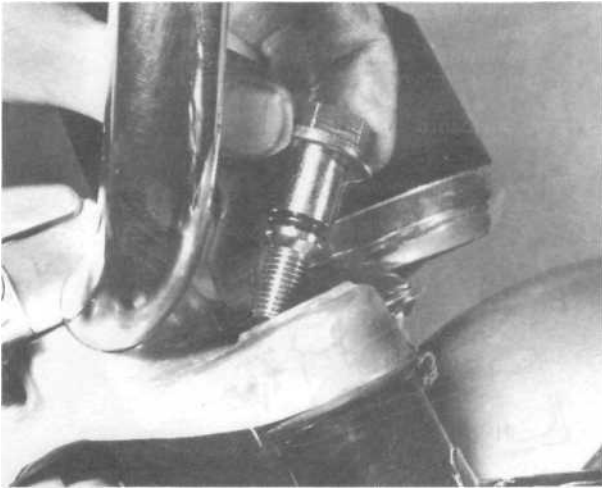
2.4 Release brake and speedometer cable, then remove wheel



2.5 Mudguard is secured by four bolts



3.1 Right-hand handlebar clamp incorporates helmet lock



3.2 Remove fork top bolt to release yoke

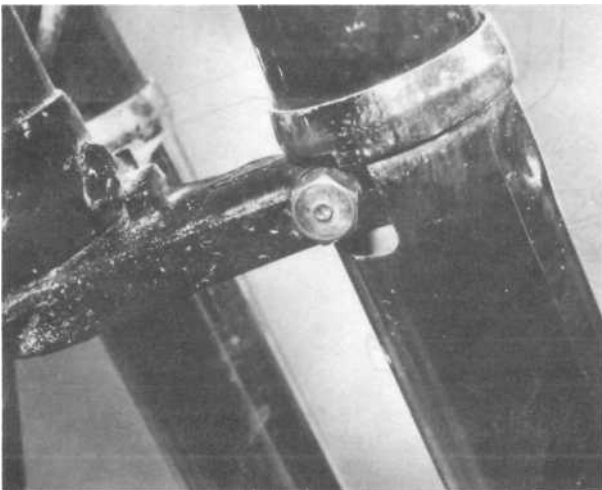
#### 4 Front forks: removing the fork legs from the yokes

1 It is not necessary to remove the complete headstock assembly if attention to the fork legs alone is required. The instructions in Section 2 of this Chapter should be followed, then proceed as described below:

2 Remove the fork top bolts and slacken the pinch bolts which clamp the stanchions in the lower yoke. The fork legs can now be removed individually. If necessary, the fork top bolts can be screwed partly home, and tapped with a soft faced mallet to jar the leg out of position. On CG125 models the shrouds will remain in position.

#### 5 Steering head bearings: examination and renovation

1 Before reassembly of the forks is commenced, examine the steering head races. The ball bearing tracks of the respective cup and cone bearings should be polished and free from indentations or cracks. If wear or damage is evident, the cups and cones must be renewed as a complete set. They are a tight press fit and should be drifted out of position.



4.2a Stanchion is held by pinch bolt in lower yoke

2 Ball bearings are cheap. If the originals are marked or discoloured, they should be renewed. To hold the steel balls in position during reassembly, pack the bearings with grease.

#### 6 Fork yokes: examination

1 To check the top yoke for accident damage, push the fork stanchions through the bottom yoke and fit the top yoke. If it lines up, it can be assumed the yokes are not bent. Both must also be checked for cracks. If they are damaged or cracked, fit new replacements.

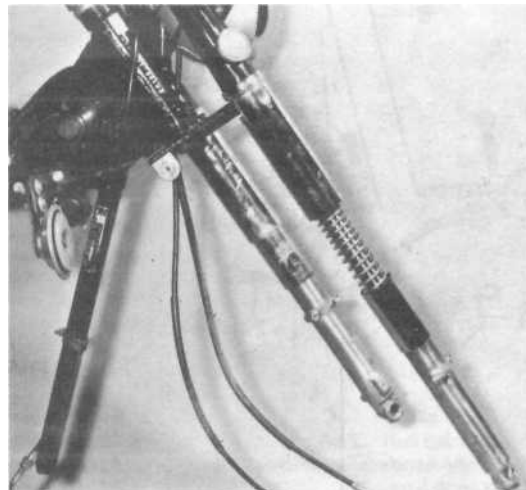
#### 7 Fork legs: dismantling, examination and renovation - CG125 model

1 This type of fork is fully shrouded, and has an external variable rate spring. After the leg concerned has been removed from the yokes, the spring and headed spring guide may be slid off the stanchion. The guide serves to hold the top of the spring concentric to the stanchion, and thereby removes any tendency for the spring to chatter. It is unlikely to suffer any noticeable degree of wear. It will be noted that the forks are fitted with variable rate springs which mean that the forks are deflected easily at the start of their movement, and that subsequent compression produces progressively greater tension. It is important that the tighter coils are fitted at the top of the fork. Check the free length of the springs and compare it with the dimensions given in the specification. Always renew the springs as a pair.

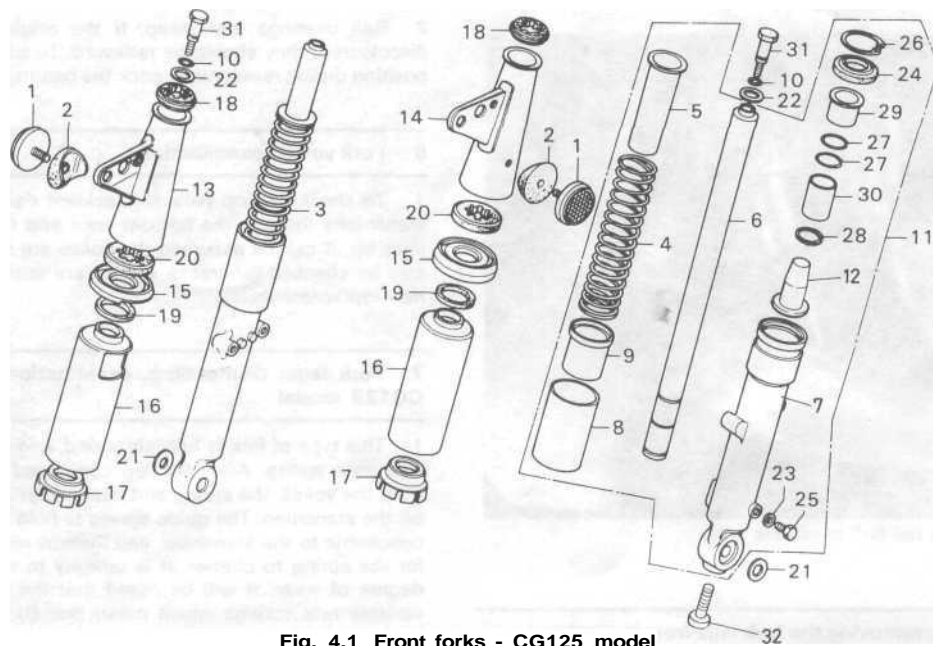
2 Remove the lower shroud half and lower spring guide/seat to expose the bare stanchion and lower leg. Remove the circlip which retains the seal in the top of the lower leg. The lower leg should be clamped lightly in a vice, using soft aluminium jaws or some rag to prevent the surface of the leg from becoming scarred. If the restrictor is to be removed, press the stanchion fully into the lower leg to prevent the restrictor from rotating while its retaining screw is released.

3 The stanchion can now be pulled out of the lower leg, the oil seal being displaced by the headed upper fork bush. The seal should be renewed as a matter of course, each time the forks are dismantled.

4 Examine the inner surface of the headed top bush for signs of scuffing, and check that it is not slack when fitted on the stanchion. Any discernible axial play will necessitate renewal. The outer surface of the plain lower bush (which acts as the damper piston), should also be examined, and if possible, the

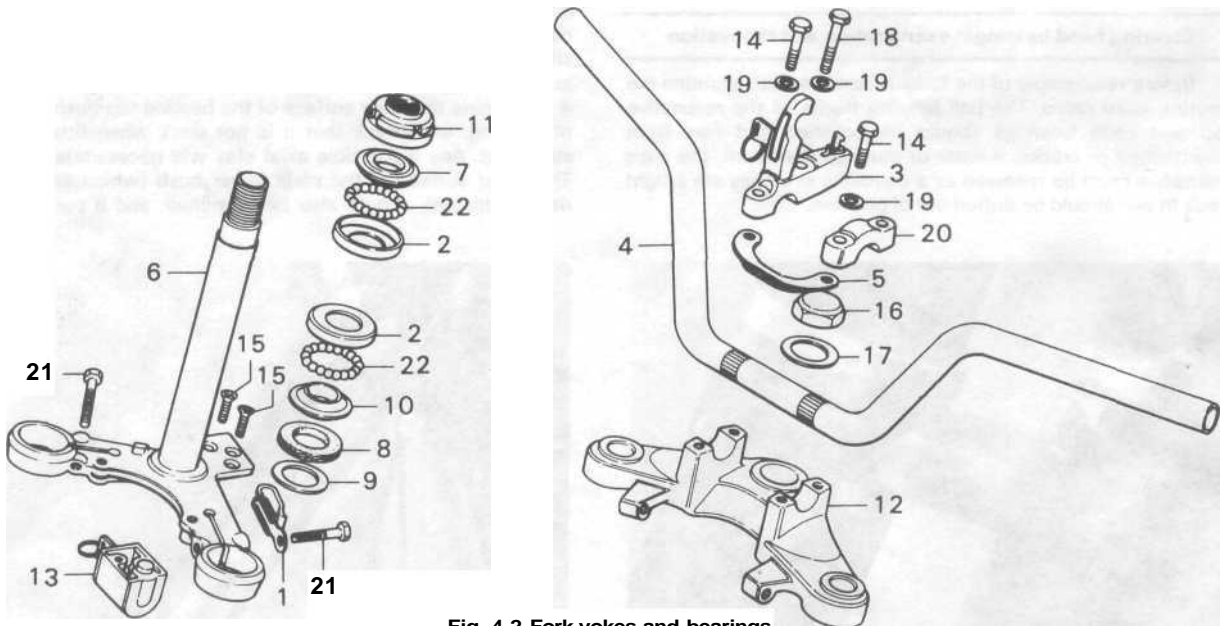


4.2b Fork leg can be pulled free from yokes.



**Fig. 4.1 Front forks - CG125 model**

- |                             |                            |                              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 7 Reflector - 2 off         | 11 Left-hand fork assembly | 22 Washer - 2off             |
| 2 Seat - 2 off              | 12 Restrictor - 2 off      | 23 Fibre washer - 2 off      |
| 3 Right-hand fork assembly  | 13 Upper shroud            | 24 Oil seal - 2off           |
| 4 Fork spring - 2 off       | 14 Upper shroud            | 25 Drain plug - 2 off        |
| 5 Spring guide - 2 off      | 15 Shroud seat - 2 off     | 26 Circlip - 2 off           |
| 6 Stanchion                 | 16 Lower shroud - 2 off    | 27 Spring ring - 4 off       |
| 7 Lower leg                 | 17 Spacer - 2off           | 28 Spring ring - 2 off       |
| 8 Sleeve - 2off             | 18 Sleeve - 2off           | 29 Top bush - 2 off          |
| 9 Lower spring seat - 2 off | 19 Sealing ring - 2 off    | 30 Bottom bush/piston - 2off |
| 10 O ring - 2bf             | 20 Sleeve - 2 off          | 31 Top bolt                  |
|                             | 21 Washer - 2off           | 32 Screw - 2 off             |



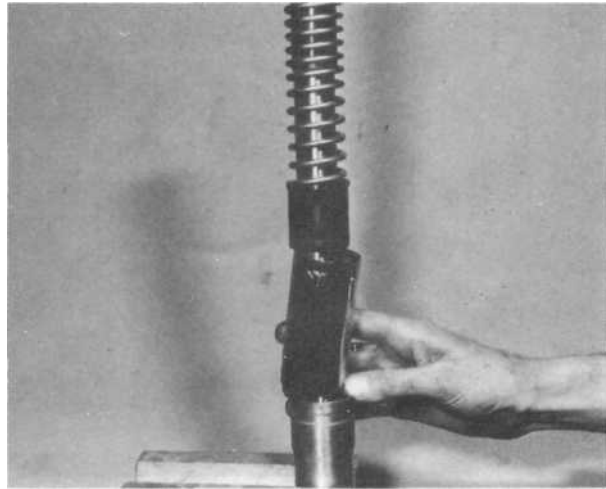
**Fig. 4.2 Fork yokes and bearings**

- |                                |                  |   |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1 Cableclip                    | 9 Washer         | 16 Steering stem nut                              |
| 2 Bearing cup - 2 off          | 10 Lower cone    | 17 Washer   |
| 3 Right-hand clamp/helmet lock | 11 Lockring      | 18 Bolt   |
| 4 Handlebars                   | 12 Upper yoke    | 19 Washer - 2off                                  |
| 5 Guide                        | 13 Steering lock | 20 Left-hand clamp                                |
| 6 Lower yoke and stem          | 14 Bolt - 2off   | 21 Bolt - 2 off                                   |
| 7 Upper cone                   | 15 Screw - 2off  | 22 Steel ball No. 6 ( $\frac{3}{16}$ in) - 42 off |
| 8 Dust seal                    |                  |   |

diameter measured and compared with the figures given in the Specifications section of this Chapter. Play between the lower bush/piston and the inside of the lower leg, must not exceed 0.2 mm (0.008 in).

5 The lower leg bore and the fork stanchions must also be examined for signs of scoring, which is usually caused by grit particles becoming embedded in the seal lip. The stanchions should be checked for straightness, especially if accident damage is suspected. This can be done by mounting the stanchion between V blocks and measuring any eccentricity with a dial test indicator (DTI) or by rolling the stanchion on a surface plate or sheet of plate glass. It is possible to straighten a slightly bent stanchion in a hydraulic press or flypress. This is, however, a task for an expert, and his advice on the practicability of straightening a stanchion should be heeded.

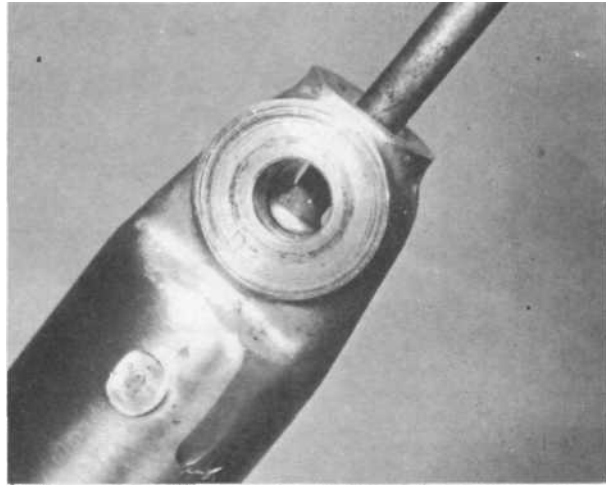
6 When reassembling the forks, make sure the spring rings on the stanchion are seated correctly. When fitting the new seal, lubricate the sealing lip and stanchion, and tap it squarely into position in the top of the lower leg. Do not omit the retaining screw in the base of the lower leg if the restrictor was removed.



7.1 Note spring has tighter coils at top



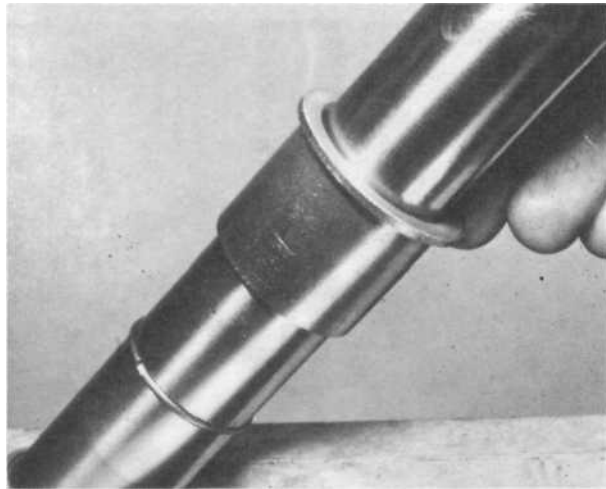
7.2a Remove seal retaining circlip



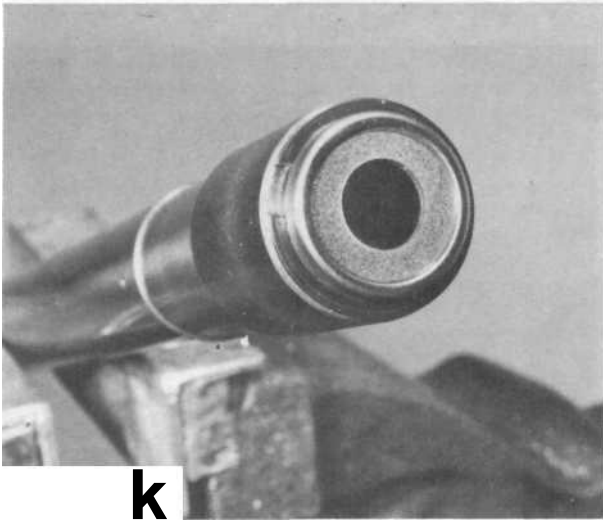
7.2b Remove screw in base of lower leg if restrictor is to be withdrawn



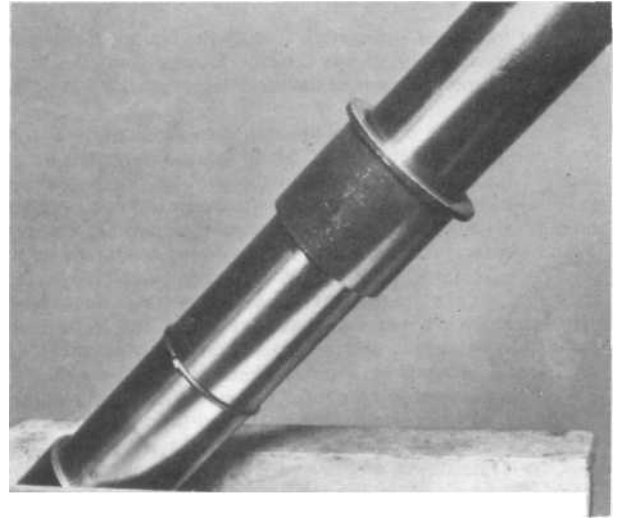
7.3 New seals should be fitted as a precaution



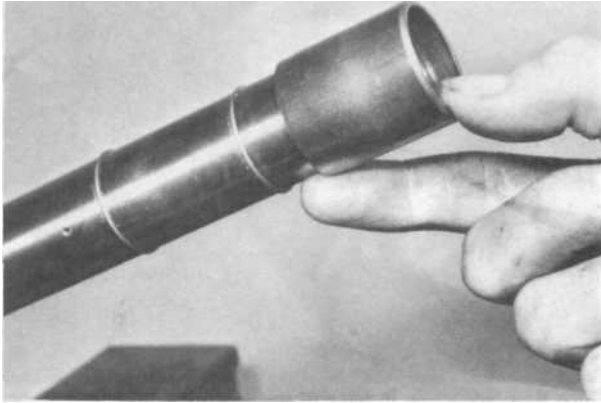
7.4a Examine the headed top bush



**7.4b** ... and lower, plain bush, for wear



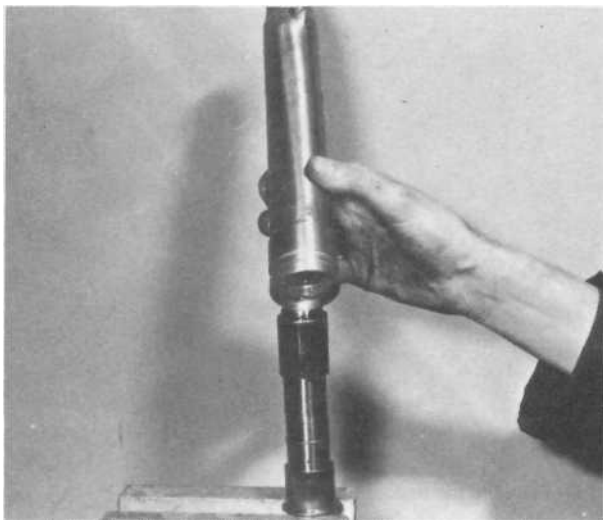
**7.6a** Note the position of spring rings ...



**7.6b** ... which locate the bushes on the stanchion



**7.6c** Do not omit restrictor, if removed

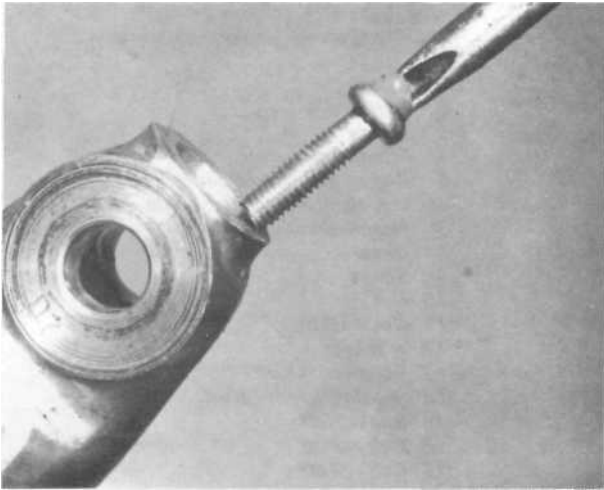


**7.6d** Fit lower leg over bushes



**7.6e** Renew seal and replace the circlip





7.6f Do not omit the screw in base of lower leg, where necessary

### 8 Fork legs: dismantling, examination and renovation - CG125 K1, B, C and E models

1 The forks fitted to all later models differ in having longer fork springs that are much smaller in diameter so that they fit inside the fork stanchions. The metal shrouds of the early forks are replaced by a small rubber dust seal leaving the surface of the stanchion exposed.

2 The more exposed and thus unprotected design of these forks means that far greater attention must be paid to the condition of the stanchion surfaces. At regular intervals lift the dust seal from each lower leg and wipe away any accumulated dirt from its sealing lips and from above the oil seal; if the oil seal is leaking it must be renewed. Check the surface of the stanchion, looking for scratches or chips in the plating. These should be repaired by cleaning and degreasing so that they can be filled with Araldite or similar. Be careful to smooth down the filler, once it has set hard, to restore the original contour. If this sort of damage occurs repeatedly, fit a pair of gaiters to cover the stanchions.

3 To dismantle the legs remove the top bolt and drain plug from each and allow the oil to drain, then slide the dust seal off the lower leg and remove the circlip and backing ring from above the oil seal.

4 Clamp each lower leg by the spindle lug in a vice with padded jaws and sharply pull the stanchion out of the lower leg, using the headed top bush to displace the oil seal. Withdraw the spring from inside the stanchion, noting that it is fitted with its close-pitched coils at the top.

5 Be very careful to wash all traces of dirt and oil from the inside of the fork lower leg. Apart from the fact that the spring seat cannot be removed from inside the lower leg, the remainder of the overhaul procedure is exactly the same as that given in Section 7.

6 On reassembly, note that the oil seal retaining circlip should be renewed as a matter of course whenever it is disturbed, and that it should be fitted with its sharp-edged surface upwards. Pack grease above the oil seal as additional protection before pressing the dust seal firmly into place.

### 9 Refitting the forks in the frame

1 If it has been necessary to remove the fork assembly completely from the frame, refitting is accomplished by following

the dismantling procedure in reverse. Check that none of the balls are misplaced whilst the steering head stem is passed through the head set. It has been known for a ball to be displaced, drop down and wear a groove or even jam the steering, so be extremely careful in this respect.

2 Take particular care when adjusting the steering head bearings; the lockring should be locked in place with the steering stem nut sufficiently to remove all the slack, but not tight otherwise damage to the cups or ball bearings will occur. When adjusted, lightly flick the handlebars with the finger. They should drop easily from side to side, but if the fork legs are held and pulled forwards and backwards no play should be felt. Tighten the steering stem nut to a torque setting of 6.0 - 9.0 kgf m (43 - 65 lbf ft) and re-check the bearing adjustment.

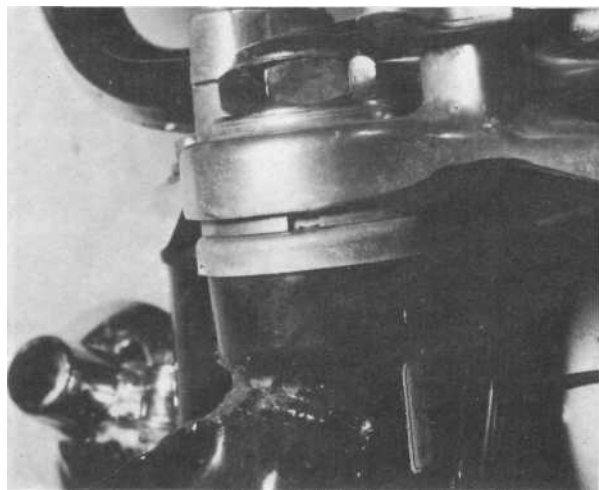
3 Difficulty may be experienced in raising the fork stanchions so that the end locates in the top yoke. If a stanchion puller is not available use a piece of wooden dowel with a tapered end, force it in the thread and use it to pull the stanchion into place.

4 Before refitting the top fork bolts do not forget to replace the oil, the quantity required is shown in the Specifications Section of this Chapter. Do **not** forget to tighten the drain plug first to a torque setting of 0.3 - 0.6 kgf m (2 - 4 lbf ft). Note that the fork leg with the brake plate location fits on the left-hand side of the machine. Where necessary attach the lower shroud and the headlamp bracket whilst sliding the stanchion into place.

5 Refit the front mudguard, headlamp, speedometer and handlebars; note that the handlebar punch marks should be aligned with the edge of the top yoke mounting, that the clamps should be installed with their punch-marked ends to the rear and that the clamp bolts should be tightened to a torque setting of 0.9 - 1.1 kgf m (6.5 - 8 lbf ft). Reconnect the cables and wiring.

6 When replacing the front wheel, first make sure that the speedometer drive pegs inside the front hub have not ridden up out of their location. After checking this, insert the wheel spindle (not forgetting the spacer on the opposite side to the brake; do not fail to check the brake location). The peg aligns with the slot on the outside of the brake plate. Push through the spindle and place on the washer and the nut. Tighten the nut to a torque setting of 3.5 - 5.0 kgf m (25 - 36 lbf ft) and fit a new split pin. Fit and adjust the brake cable, also the speedometer drive cable.

7 When everything is in place, bounce the forks a few times so that they settle into their natural position. Tighten the lower yoke pinch bolts to a torque setting of 2.0 - 3.0 kgf m (14.5 - 22 lbf ft) and the fork top bolts to a torque setting of 3.0 - 4.0 kgf m (22 - 29 lbf ft).



9.2 Adjust steering head races carefully

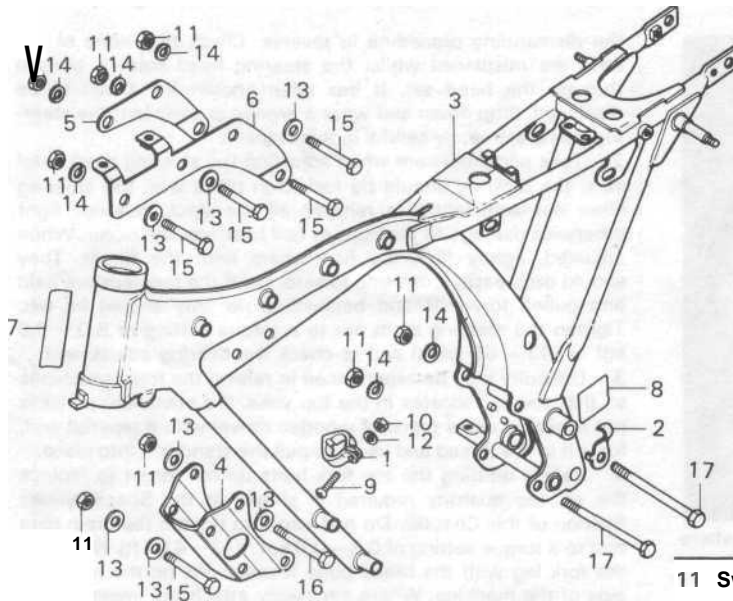


Fig. 4.3 Frame - component parts

- 7 Clamp
- 2 Wiring clip
- 3 Frame
- 4 Front engine plate
- 5 Right-hand head steady plate
- 6 Left-hand head steady plate
- 7 Frame identification plate
- 8 Decal
- 9 Screw
- 10 Nut
- 11 Nut- 10 off
- 12 Washer
- 13 Washer- 11 off
- 14 Spring washer— 6 off
- 15 Bolt - 2 off
- 16 Bolt - 2 off
- 17 Bolt - 2 off

#### 10 Frame assembly: examination and renovation

1 If the machine is stripped for a complete overhaul, this affords a good opportunity to inspect the frame for cracks or other damage which may have occurred in service. Check the front downtube immediately below the steering head and the top tube immediately behind the steering head, the two points where fractures are most likely to occur. The straightness of the tubes concerned will show whether the machine has been involved in a previous accident.

2 If the frame is broken or bent, professional attention is required. Repairs of this nature should be entrusted to a competent repair specialist, who will have available all the necessary jigs and mandrels to achieve correct alignment. Repair work of this nature can prove expensive and it is always worthwhile checking whether a good replacement frame of identical type can be obtained from a breaker or through any form of Service Exchange Scheme. The latter course of action is preferable because there is no safe means of assessing on the spot whether a secondhand frame is accident damaged too.

#### 11 Swinging arm: examination and renovation

1 To check for wear in the swinging arm bushes, hold the frame firmly in one hand and with the other, shake the rear wheel. There should not be any side play at all; if there is, replacement of the swinging arm pivot bearings may be necessary.

2 Remove the rear wheel assembly as described in Chapter 5 and disconnect the chain, but do not pull it right off. Leave it on the gearbox sprocket.

3 Remove the two rear suspension units from their lower locating points and then remove the chainguard.

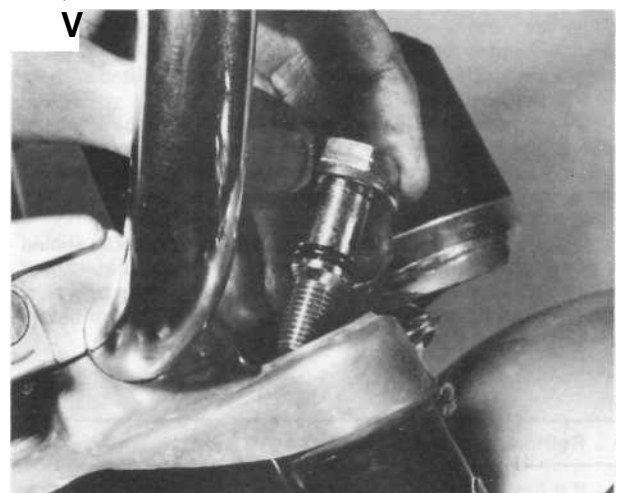
4 Undo the large nut on the end of the swinging arm pivot shaft and pull out the shaft whilst supporting the swinging arm in the other hand.

5 To replace the bushes a press is necessary with a few good fitting pieces of short tube. A vice clamped rigidly to a workbench will often suffice, if a fly-press is not available.

6 Position one piece of tube to support the swinging arm and line up another against the bush that has the same outside diameter in a vice fitted with soft jaws. Close the vice, using the tube to press the old bush out of position. Use the same method to press the new bush into position and when both have been renewed, reassemble in the reverse order of dismantling. Do not forget to replace and retighten the rear brake torque arm. Grease the pivot shaft, refit it from left to right and tighten the securing nut to a torque setting of 3.5 — 4.5 kgf m (25 — 32.5 lbf ft).



9.4 Refill fork legs with oil



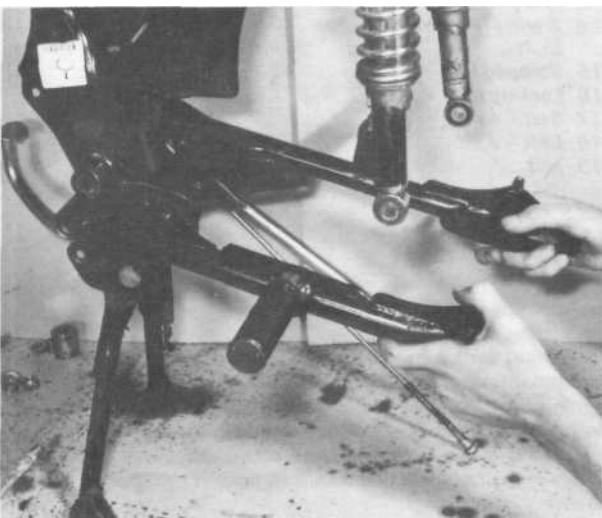
9.7 Bounce forks before final tightening of securing bolts



1 1.4a Slacken and remove pivot shaft nut



1 1.4b ... and withdraw the pivot shaft



1 1.4c Remove swinging arm from frame

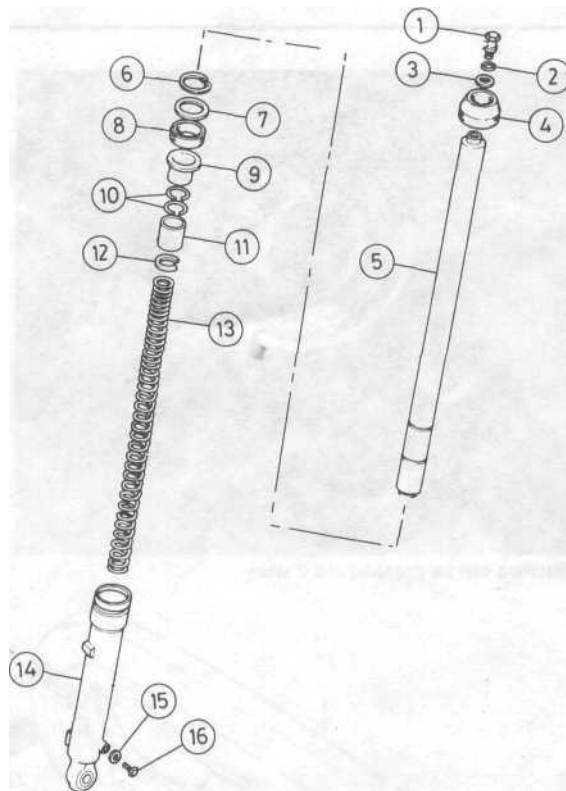
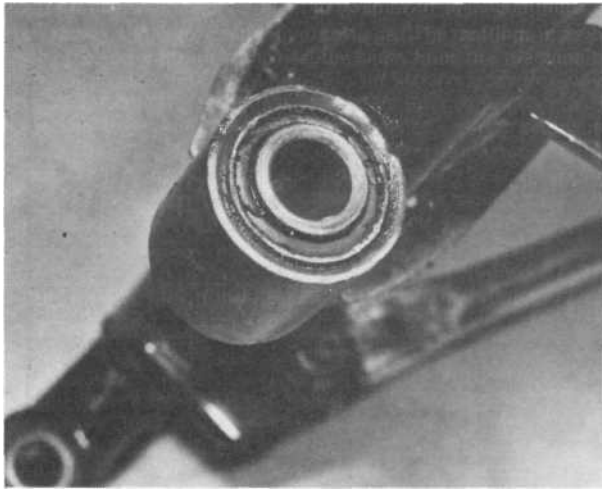


Fig. 4.4 Front forks - CG125 K1 and later models

- |                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Top bolt     | 9 Upper bush       |
| 2 O-ring       | 10 Circlip - 2 off |
| 3 Washer       | 11 Lower bush      |
| 4 Dust seal    | 12 Circlip         |
| 5 Stanchion    | 13 Spring          |
| 6 Circlip      | 14 Lower leg       |
| 7 Backing ring | 15 Sealing washer  |
| 8 Oil seal     | 16 Oil drain bolt  |



1 1.4d ... noting washers each side of exhaust mounting bracket



1 1.5 Bushes can be pressed out if worn



1 1.6 Check that torque arm mounting is secure

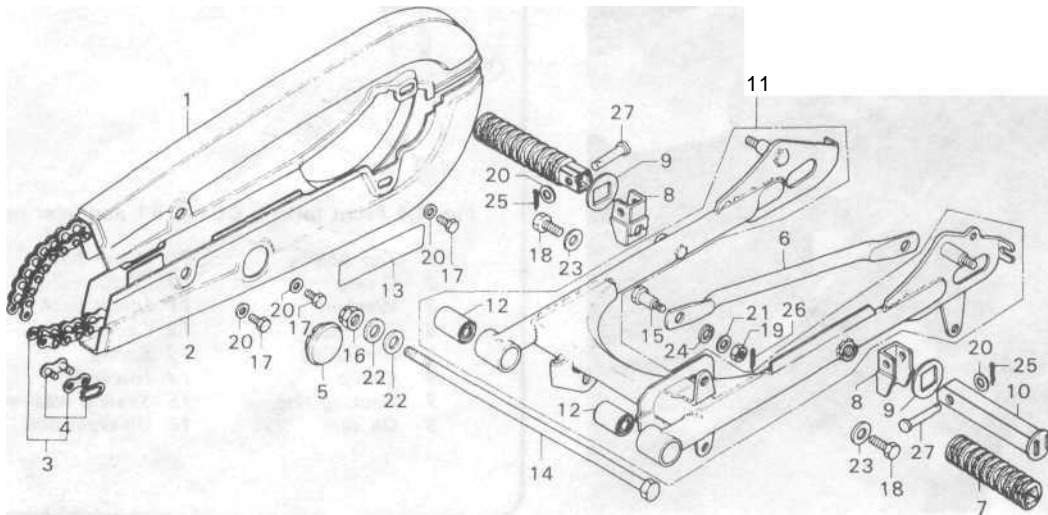


Fig. 4.5 Swinging arm and chain enclosure

- |                            |                            |                             |                       |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Upper chain enclosure half | 6 Torque arm               | 13 Tyre pressure decal      | 20 Washer - 6 off     |
| Lower chain enclosure half | 7 Footrest rubber - 2 off  | 14 Swinging arm pivot shaft | 21 Washer             |
| Final drive chain          | 8 Footrest bracket - 2 off | 15 Stepped bolt             | 22 Washer - 2 off     |
| Joining link               | 9 Washer - 2 off           | 16 Locking nut              | 23 Washer - 2 off     |
| Inspection plug            | 10 Footrest - 2 off        | 17 Bolt - 6 off             | 24 Spring washer      |
|                            | 11 Swinging arm assembly   | 18 Bolt - 2 off             | 25 Split pin - 2 off  |
|                            | 12 Silentbloc bush - 2 off | 19 Nut                      | 26 Split pin          |
|                            |                            |                             | 27 Clevis pin - 2 off |

**12 Rear suspension units: removal, examination and renovation**

1 The swinging arm rear fork assembly is supported by two suspension units, of the hydraulically damped spring type. Each unit consists of a hydraulic damper, effective primarily on rebound, and a concentric, chromed spring. It is mounted by way of rubber-bushed lugs at top and bottom.

2 The suspension units are provided with an adjustment of the spring tension, giving five settings. The settings can be easily altered without removing the units from the machine by

using a 'C' spanner; both units should be positioned on the same setting. •

3 Remove the suspension units by removing the chromed dome mounting nuts, then pull the unit sideways off its mounting lugs. Note carefully the position and number of the plain metal washers fitted next to the unit mounting eyes.

4 Refitting is the reversal of the above procedure. Refit the washers in their original positions and tighten the retaining nuts securely.

5 There is no means of draining the units or topping up, because the dampers are built as a sealed unit. If the damping fails or the units begin to leak, the complete damper assembly

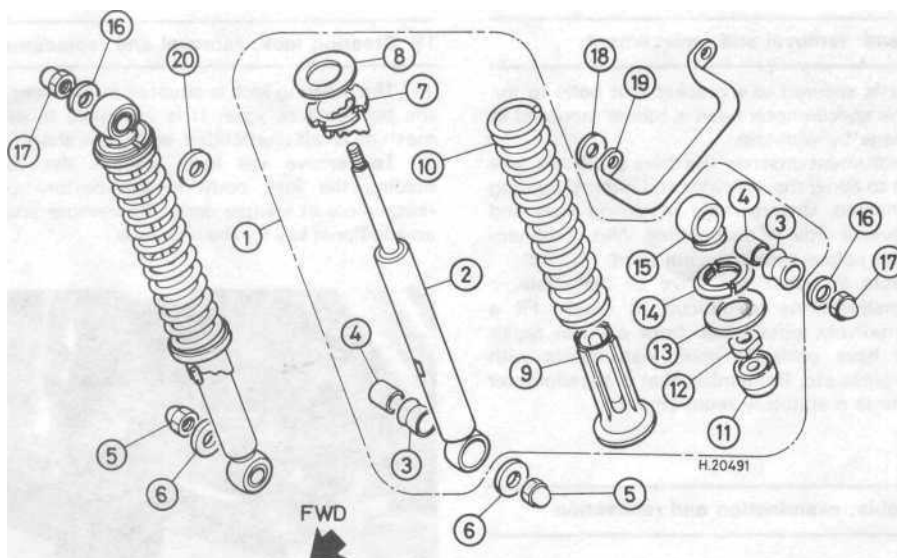
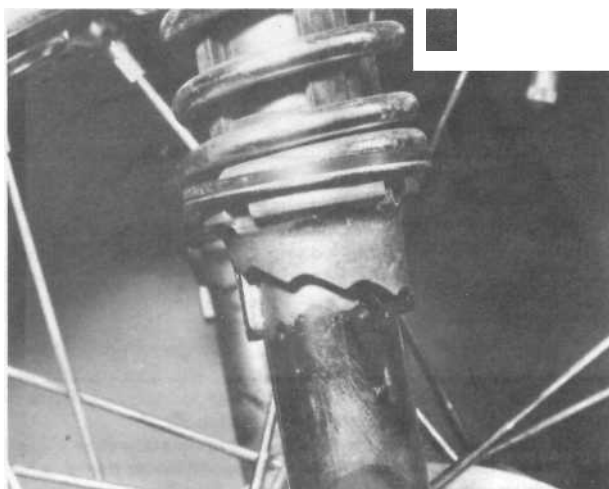


Fig. 4.6 Rear suspension units

|                           |                  |                     |                      |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 7 Suspension unit - 2 off | 6 Washer - 2 off | 11 Bump stop        | 16 Washer - 2 off    |
| 2 Damper - 2 off          | 7 Adjustment cam | 12 Locknut          | 17 Domed nut - 2 off |
| 3 Rubber bush             | 8 Spacer         | 13 Spring seat      | 18 Washer            |
| 4 Metal sleeve            | 9 Spring guide   | 14 Spring retainer  | 19 Grab rail         |
| 5 Domed nut - 2 off       | 10 Spring        | 15 Top mounting eye | 20 Washer            |



12.2 Use 'C' spanner to adjust rear suspension units

must be renewed. This applies equally if the damper rod has become bent. It is, however, possible to renew the springs independently of the sealed damper units. Removal of the spring however, does entail the use of some means of safely compressing the spring so that the suspension unit top mounting eye can be released.

6 To compress the spring, clamp the suspension unit at its bottom mounting in a vice and enlist the aid of an assistant to pull down the spring while the unit top mounting eye is unscrewed. Note that a slim spanner can be passed between the coils of the spring to slacken the locknut, while a bar is passed through the mounting eye to provide the necessary leverage for unscrewing it.

7 Examine the mounting bushes; if these are damaged or worn they must be renewed. They can be removed and refitted easily by pushing out both metal sleeves and rubber bushes as separate items.

### 13 Centre stand: examination

1 The centre stand shares a common pivot pin with the rear brake pedal, the right-hand end of the pin being fitted with a split pin. A strong return spring, attached to a small lug on the right-hand side of the stand, retracts and holds the stand in position when not in use.

2 Periodically the pivot pin should be lubricated with grease. This is fairly important as its exposed position renders it susceptible to corrosion if left unattended.

3 Be especially careful to check the condition and correct location of the return spring. If this fails, the stand will fall onto the road in use, and may unseat the rider if it catches in a drain cover or similar obstacle.

### 14 Footrests: examination

1 The footrests form an assembly mounted below the engine and can be detached as a complete unit. They are retained by four bolts. The assembly is easily removed after the bolts have been released. The complete unit must be manoeuvred to clear the silencer. On refitting, tighten the bolts to a torque setting of 2.0 - 3.0 kgf m (14.5 - 22 lbf ft).

2 Damage is likely only in the event of the machine being dropped. Slight bending can be rectified by stripping the assembly to the bare footrest bar, and straightening the bends by clamping the bar in a vice. A blowlamp should be applied to the affected area to avoid setting up stresses in the material, which may lead to subsequent fracturing.

### 15 Rear brake pedal: examination and renovation

1 The rear brake pedal is mounted on a spindle, which is also the pivot for the centre stand. It is retained, together with its return spring, by a circlip on the right-hand side of the machine.

2 Should the pedal become bent in an accident, it can be straightened in a similar manner to that given for footrests in the preceding Section. If severely distorted, it should be renewed.

### 16 Speedometer head: removal and replacement

- 1 The speedometer is secured to a bracket that bolts to the top yoke, on which the speedometer head is rubber mounted to prevent internal damage by vibration.
- 2 To remove the instrument unscrew the drive cable and take off the headlamp unit to allow the indicator and internal lighting lamps to be disconnected. Unscrew the mounting nuts and remove. Replace in reverse order of dismantling. Wire reconnection is easy due to the colour-coded system used.
- 3 Apart from defects in either the drive or the cable, a speedometer that malfunctions is difficult to repair. Fit a replacement or alternatively, obtain one from a crash repair specialist who may have perfectly good instruments with scratched cases and glass etc. Remember that a speedometer in good working order is a statutory requirement.

### 17 Speedometer cable: examination and renovation

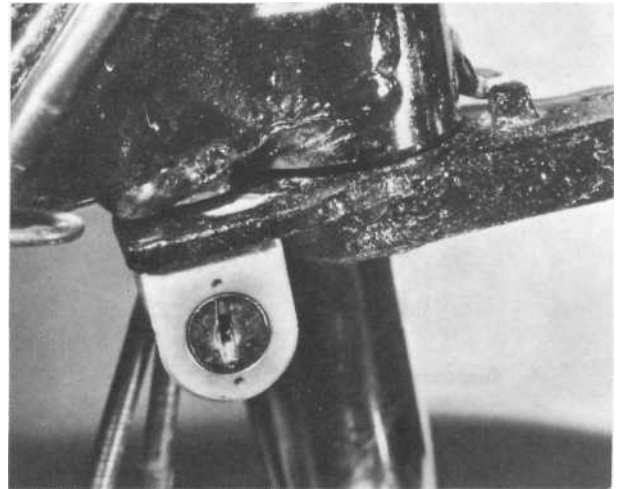
- 1 It is advisable to detach the speedometer drive cable from time to time in order to check whether it is adequately lubricated and whether the outer cover is compressed or damaged at any point along its run. A jerky or sluggish movement at the instrument head can often be attributed to a cable fault.
- 2 To grease the cable, uncouple both ends and withdraw the inner cable. After removing the old grease, clean with a petrol-soaked rag and examine the cable for broken strands or other damage.
- 3 Regrease the cable with high melting point grease, taking care not to grease the last six inches closest to the instrument head. If this precaution is not observed, grease will work into the instrument and immobilise the sensitive movement.
- 4 If the cable breaks, it is usually possible to renew the inner cable alone, provided the outer cable is not damaged or compressed at any point along its run. Before inserting the new inner cable, it should be greased in accordance with the instructions given in the preceding paragraph. Try to avoid tight bends in the run of the cable because this will accelerate wear and make the instrument movement sluggish.

### 18 Dualseat: removal

- 1 The dualseat is fixed to the rear of the machine by two brackets bolted to the rear part of the frame assembly. At the front there is a bracket under the seat which engages with a location bracket on the frame just to the rear of the petrol tank.
- 2 To remove the seat, remove the two fixing bolts. Hold the seat firmly at the rear, pull gently and the seat will then become detached. Replace by reversing this procedure.

### 19 Steering lock: removal and replacement

- 1 The steering lock is situated at the front of the machine, by the bottom fork yoke. It is advisable to use it whenever the machine is left unattended, even for a short time.
- 2 To remove the lock, remove the countersunk screws holding the lock body to the bottom yoke. Replace and reassemble in reverse order. Remember you will have to carry an additional key for the new lock.



19.1 Steering lock is attached to lower yoke

### 20 Cleaning the machine: general

- 1 After removing all surface dirt with a rag or sponge washed frequently in clean water, the application of car polish or wax will give a good finish to the machine. The plated parts should require only a wipe over with a damp rag, followed by polishing with a dry rag. If, however, corrosion has taken place, which may occur when the roads are salted during the winter, a proprietary chrome cleaner can be used.
- 2 The polished alloy parts will lose their sheen and oxidise slowly if they are not polished regularly. The sparing use of metal polish or special polish such as Solvol Autosol will restore the original finish with only a few minutes labour.
- 3 The machine should be wiped over immediately after it has been used in the wet so that it is not garaged under damp conditions which will cause rusting and corrosion. Remember there is little chance of water entering the control cables if they are lubricated regularly, as recommended in the Routine Maintenance Section.

## 21 Fault diagnosis: frame and forks

| Symptom   | Cause  | Remedy   |
|---|--|--|
| Machine veers either to the left or the right with hands off handlebars | Bent frame<br>Twisted forks<br>Wheels out of alignment                                   | Check, and renew.<br>Check, and renew.<br>Check and realign.   |
| Machine rolls at low speed  | Overtight steering head bearings   | Slacken until adjustment is correct.   |
| Machine judders when front brake is applied                             | Slack steering head bearings<br>Worn fork bushes   | Tighten, until adjustment is correct.<br>Dismantle forks and renew bushes.   |
| Machine pitches on uneven surfaces                                      | Ineffective fork dampers<br>Ineffective rear suspension units<br><br>Suspension too soft | Check oil content of front forks.<br>Check whether units still have damping action.<br><br>Raise suspension unit adjustment one notch. |
| Fork action stiff   | Fork legs out of alignment (twisted in yokes)  | Slacken yoke clamps, and fork top bolts.<br>Pump fork several times then retighten from bottom upwards.                                |
| Machine wanders. Steering imprecise. Rear wheel tends to hop.           | Worn swinging arm pivot  | Dismantle and renew bushes and pivot shaft.  |

# Chapter 5 Wheels, brakes and tyres

Refer to Chapter 7 for information relating to the 1985 on Brazilian models

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## Specifications

### Wheels

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Rim size                                       |                    |
| Front . . . . .                                | .140 x 18          |
| Rear. . . . .                                  | .160 x 17          |
| Rim maximum runout — radial and axial. . . . . | 2.0 mm (0.0787 in) |
| Spindle maximum warpage. . . . .               | 0.2 mm (0.0079 in) |

### Brakes

|   | Standard                             | Wear limit          |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Drum inside diameter. . . . .                   | .1 10 mm (4.3307 in)                 | 1 11 mm (4.3701 in) |
| Brake shoe friction material thickness. . . . . | 3.9 - 4.1 mm<br>(0.1535 - 0.1614 in) | 2.0 mm (0.0787 in)  |

### Tyres

|   | Front                             | Rear                              |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Size. . . . .   | 2.50-18 4PR                       | 3.00- 17 6PR                      |
| Pressures — tyres cold                                  |                                   |                                   |
| Solo. . . . .   | 25 psi (1.75 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | 28 psi (2.00 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Pillion. . . . .  | 25 psi (1.75 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | 40 psi (2.80 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Manufacturer's recommended minimum tread depth. . . . . | .15 mm (0.06 in)                  | 2.0 mm (0.08 in)                  |

## 1 General description

All machines are equipped with two identical single leading shoe (s) brake units, the drums being integral with the wheel hub.

On all models, chromium plated steel wheel rims are laced to the hub by spokes, the front and rear rims being of 18 in and 17 in diameter respectively. The front rim carries a 2-50 in section tyre, while the rear fitment is of 300 in section.

## 2 Front wheel: examination and renovation

1 Place the machine on the centre stand so that the front wheel is raised clear of the ground. Spin the wheel and check the rim alignment. Small irregularities can be corrected by

tightening the spokes in the affected area, although a certain amount of practice is necessary to prevent over-correction. Any flats in the wheel rim should be evident at the same time. These are more difficult to remove and in most cases it will be necessary to have the wheel rebuilt on a new rim. Apart from the effect on stability, a flat will expose the tyre bead and walls to greater risk of damage.

2 Check for loose or broken spokes. Tapping the spokes is the best guide to tension. A loose spoke will produce a quite different sound and should be tightened by turning the nipple in an anti-clockwise direction. Always re-check for run-out by spinning the wheel again. If the spokes have to be tightened an excessive amount, it is advisable to remove the tyre and tube by the procedure detailed in Section 16 of this Chapter; this is so that the protruding ends of the spokes can be ground off, to prevent them from chafing the inner tube and causing punctures.



### 3 Front wheel: removal

- 1 With the machine supported on the centre stand, block the stand and crankcase to raise the wheel clear of the ground.
- 2 Detach the speedometer drive cable at the wheel, by unscrewing the knurled gland nut which retains it. Remove the front brake cable.
- 3 Remove the wheel spindle nut and split pin, and withdraw the spindle with the aid of a tommy bar. The wheel can now be lowered clear of the forks and put to one side.

### 4 Front brake: examination and renovation

- 1 With the wheel removed from the forks, as described in the preceding Section, the brake plate assembly can be removed from the drum.
- 2 Examine the drum surface for signs of scoring or oil contamination. Both of these conditions will impair braking efficiency. Remove all traces of dust, preferably using a brass wire brush, taking care not to inhale any of it, as it is of an asbestos nature, and consequently harmful. Remove oil or grease deposits, using a petrol soaked rag.
- 3 If deep scoring is evident, due to the linings having worn through to the shoe at some time, the drum must be skimmed on a lathe, or renewed. Whilst there are firms who will undertake to skim a drum whilst fitted to the wheel, it should be

borne in mind that excessive skimming will change the radius of the drum in relation to the brake shoes, therefore reducing the friction area until extensive bedding in has taken place. Also full adjustment of the shoes may not be possible. If in doubt about this point, the advice of one of the specialist engineering firms who undertake this work should be sought.

4 If fork oil or grease from the wheel bearings has badly contaminated the linings, they should be renewed. There is no satisfactory way of degreasing the lining material, which in any case is relatively cheap to replace. Measure the thickness of the friction material; if it is worn at any point to or beyond the specified wear limit, both shoes must be renewed immediately. It is a false economy to try to cut corners with brake components; the whole safety of both machine and rider being dependent on their good condition.

5 The linings are bonded to the shoes, and the shoe must be renewed complete with the new linings. This is accomplished by folding the shoes together until the spring tension is relaxed, and then lifting the shoes and springs off the brake plate. Fitting new shoes is a direct reversal of the above procedure.

6 Before refitting existing shoes, roughen the lining surface sufficiently to break the glaze which will have formed in use.

7 The camshaft can be displaced for greasing prior to reassembly, after removing the actuating lever. No further attention is normally required. Note the alignment marks on the camshaft splined end, and on the lever. These must align on reassembly.

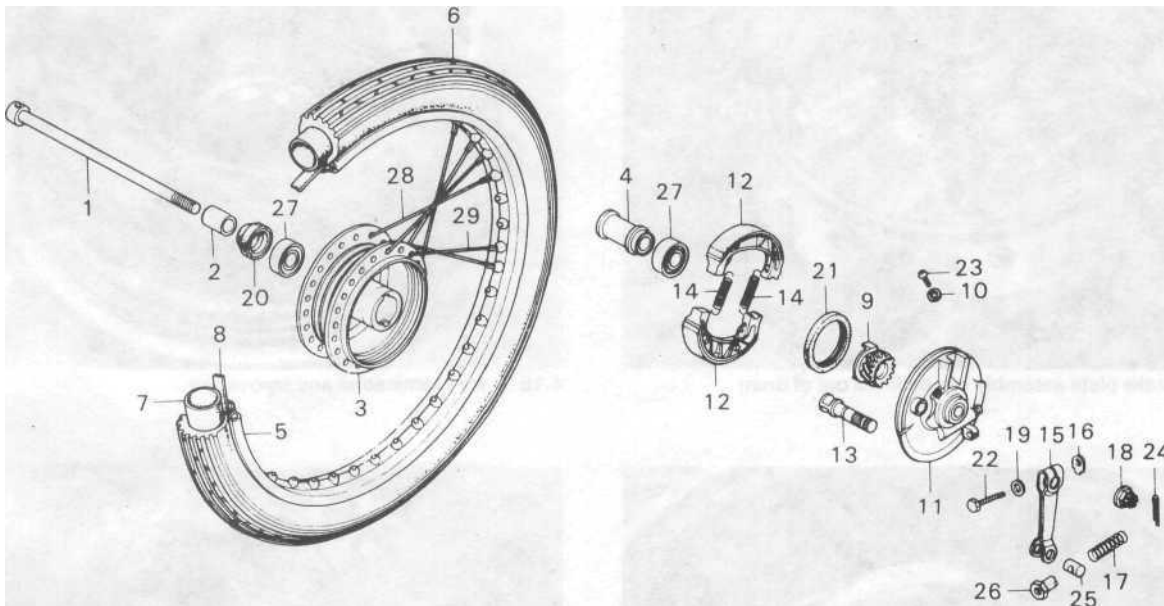
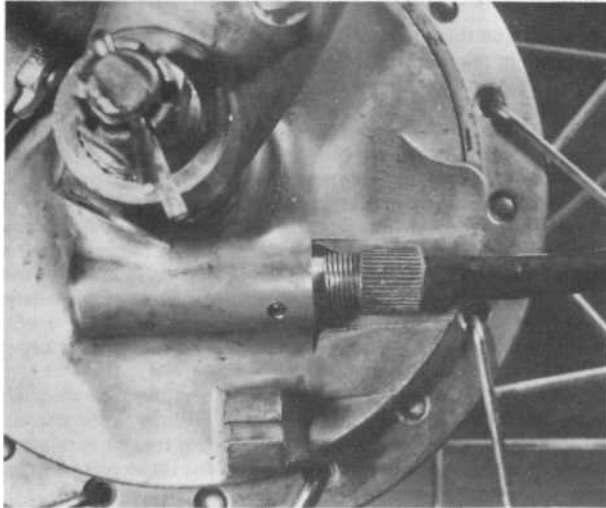
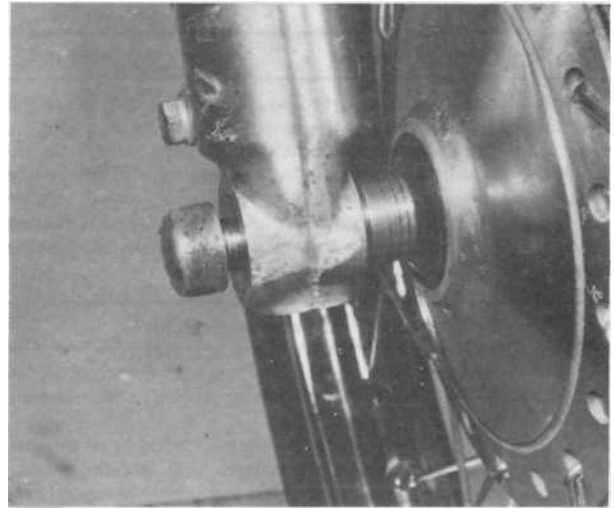


Fig. 5.1 Front wheel and brake - component parts

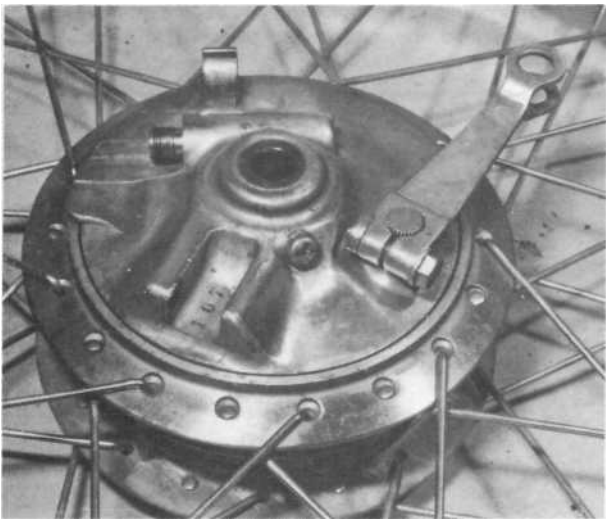
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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Wheel spindle          | 11 Brake plate          | 21 Seal           |
| 2 Spacer                 | 12 Brake shoe -2 off    | 22 Bolt           |
| 3 Hub                    | 13 Camshaft             | 23 Screw          |
| 4 Distance piece         | 14 Return spring -2 off | 24 Split pin      |
| 5 Wheel rim              | 15 Actuating arm        | 25 Trunnion       |
| 6 Tyre (2.50 - 18 - 4PR) | 16 Threaded plate       | 26 Adjusting nut  |
| 7 Inner tube             | 17 Spring               | 27 Bearing - 2off |
| 8 Rim tape               | 18 Castellated nut      | 28 Spoke set      |
| 9 Speedometer drive gear | 19 Washer               | 29 Spoke set      |
| 10 Fibre washer          | 20 Seal                 |                   |



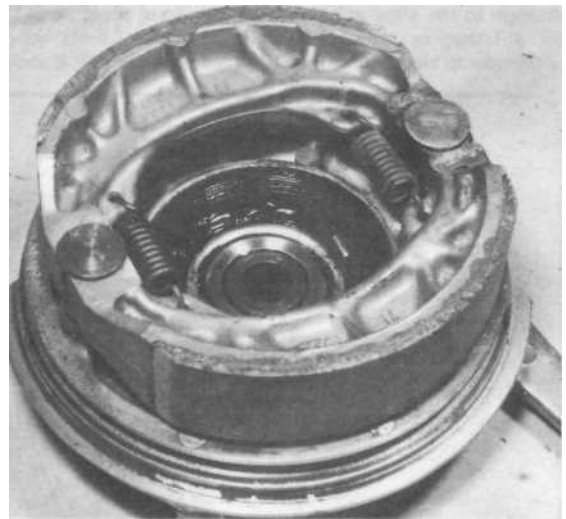
3.2 Detach the speedometer and brake cables



3.3 Withdraw the wheel spindle, and lower the wheel clear



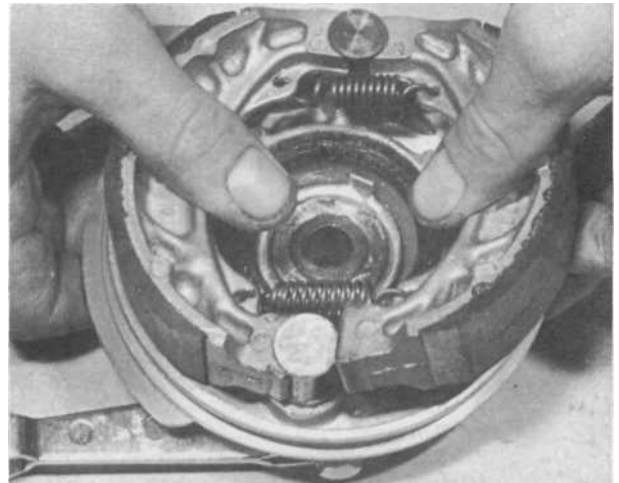
4.1 a Brake plate assembly can be lifted out of drum ...



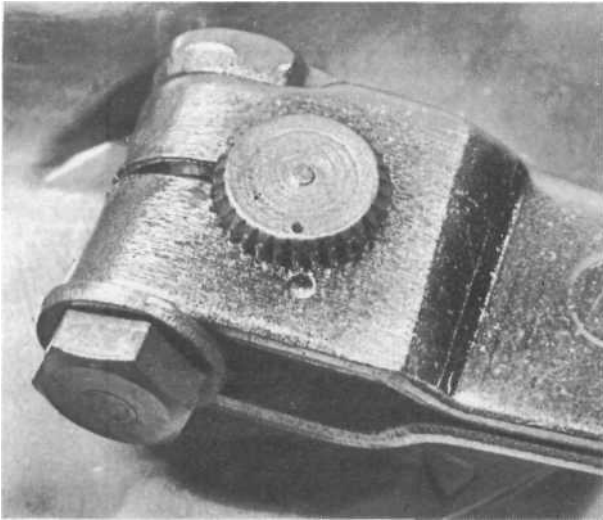
4.1b ... for examination and renovation



4.2 Examine the brake drum surface for signs of scoring



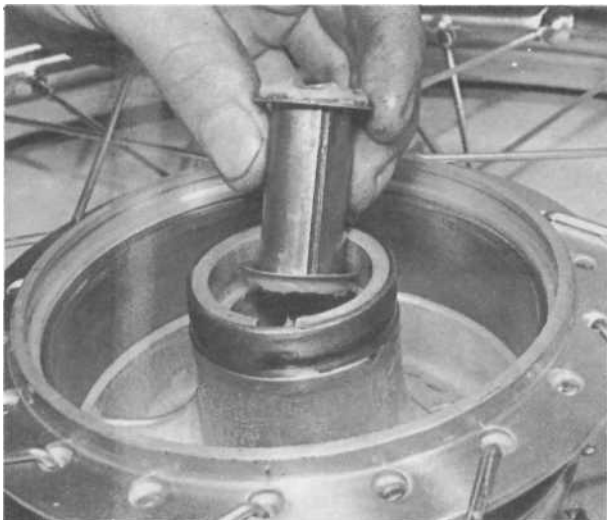
4.5 Method of removing brake shoes for inspection or renewal



4.7 Align punch marks to ensure operating arm is refitted correctly on brake camshaft

## 5 Adjusting the front brake

- 1 Adjusting the front brake is best accomplished with the front wheel free to rotate. Spin the wheel and carefully screw the adjusting nut down until you hear a rubbing sound which indicates that the brake shoes are lightly in contact with the drum surface. Turn the adjuster nut back by  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1 turn until the noise stops. Spin the wheel and apply the brake hard once or twice to settle the brake. Check that the wheel is still free to rotate and that the adjustment has remained the same. This setting should give you 20 - 30 mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  -  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch) free play measured at the extreme tip of the handlebar brake lever.
- 2 Check the condition of the brake cable ensuring that all components are in good condition, properly lubricated and securely fastened. Note that the operating mechanism is at its most efficient when, with the brake correctly adjusted and applied fully, the angle between the cable and the operating arm on the brake backplate does not exceed 90°. This can be



6.3a Do not omit central spacer

adjusted by removing the operating arm from the brake camshaft and rotating it by one or two splines until the angle is correct. Ensure that all components are correctly secured on reassembly.

## 6 Front wheel bearings: removal and replacement

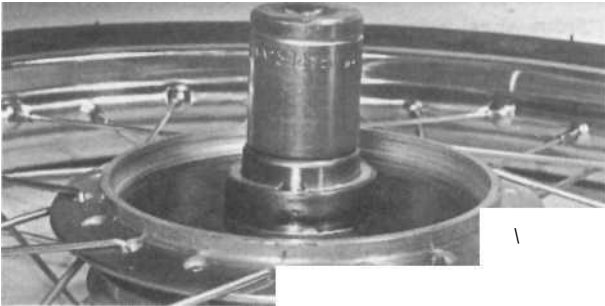
- 1 There are two bearings in the front wheel. If the wheel has any side play when fitted to the machine or any roughness, the wheel bearings need to be renewed.
- 2 Using a small flat ended drift, place it inside the hub against one of the wheel bearings and tap the bearing out of position. Remove the central spacer and then tap out the other bearing from the other side. Drive the bearings outwards in each case.
- 3 Use a good quality grease and grease the new bearings. Tap in one bearing, turn the wheel over, insert the central spacer and then tap in the other bearing. Fit each bearing with the dust seal facing outwards and do not cut or damage it when tapping it home.
- 4 Replace the outer left-hand oil seal which will have become dislodged. Renew it if necessary.

## 7 Front wheel: replacement

- 1 Locate the speedometer drive tabs with the slots in the hub.
- 2 Place the spacer on the left-hand side of the wheel and then, roll the wheel into the forks. The brake anchor slot and peg must locate correctly.
- 3 Hold the wheel in place and push the spindle through until it is right home. The spindle goes through the side opposite to the brake plate.
- 4 Reconnect the front brake cable and adjust the brake. Applying the front brake firmly with one hand, spin on the nut and tighten to a torque setting of 3.5 - 5.0 kgf m (25 - 36 lbf ft); when tight insert a new correct-sized split pin and bend it over.
- 5 Locate the speedometer cable and tighten the locking nut.



6.3b Bearing sealed surface must face outwards



6.3c Tap bearings into place using a socket as a drift



6.4 Renew seals together with bearings

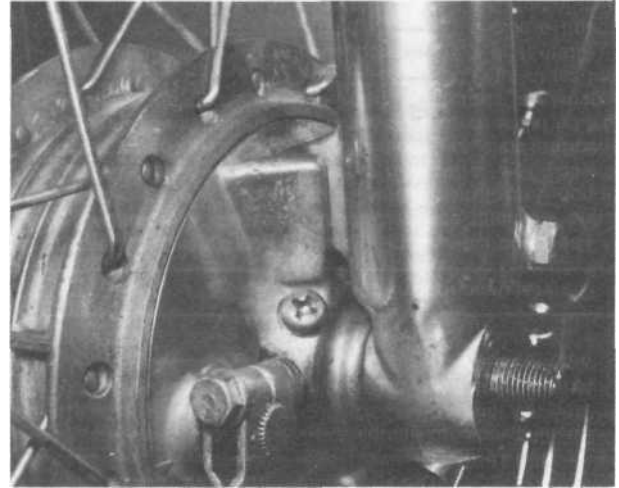
## 8 Rear wheel: examination

1 Place the machine on the centre stand and before removing the rear wheel, follow the procedure described for checking the front wheel for alignment of the rim, loose or broken spokes or any other defects.

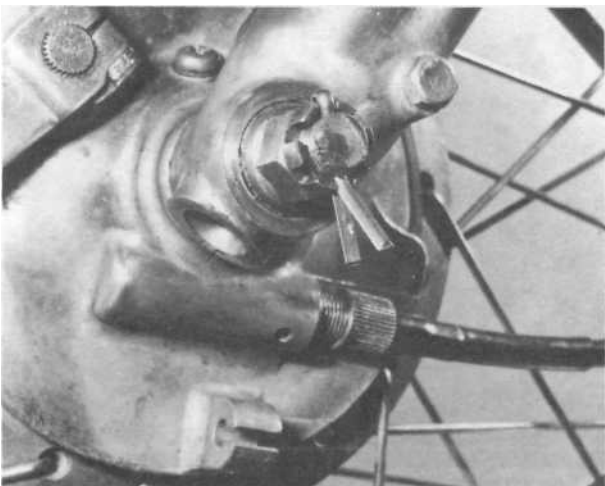
## 9 Rear wheel: removal

1 Start by removing the two halves of the rear chain enclosure, and place these to one side. There is no need to remove the left-hand engine casing. Slacken the rear brake adjuster nut, and remove it to release the brake rod. Reassemble the rear brake rod components to avoid loss.

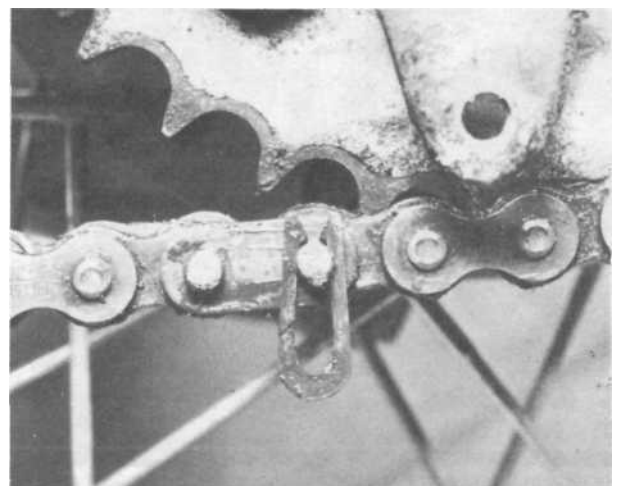
2 Turn the rear wheel until the joining link in the drive chain is accessible, then, using pointed-nosed pliers, prise off the spring link, and separate the chain. Reassemble the joining link parts on one end of the chain.



7.2 Ensure that lug engages in backplate when refitting wheel



7.4 Tighten the wheel spindle nut and fit new split pin

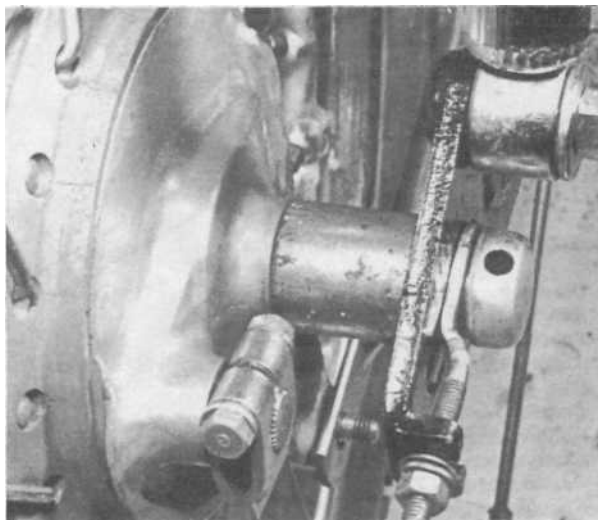


9.2 Remove chain guard and separate the chain

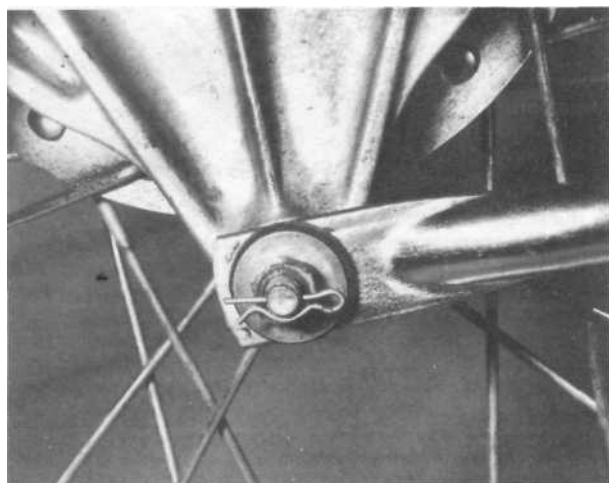
3 Remove the spring pin which retains the torque arm nut, then remove the nut and disengage the torque arm from the brake plate. Slacken off the two wheel spindle drawbolt adjusters, having made a note of their position against the graduations on the fork ends. Pull out the split pin from the castellated wheel spindle nut, and remove the nut. It should be noted that if the spindle nut is on the left-hand side the exhaust system must be removed to allow the wheel spindle to be withdrawn. Alternatively, remove the lower suspension mounting bolts to allow the swinging arm to be moved to clear the end of the silencer. The spindle can now be withdrawn, and the wheel lowered clear of the frame.

#### 10 Rear brake: examination and renovation

1 With the rear wheel removed from the frame, the brake plate assembly can be pulled clear of the drum for examination. The rear brake is identical to the front drum brake described in Section 4, and the remarks in that Section can be applied.



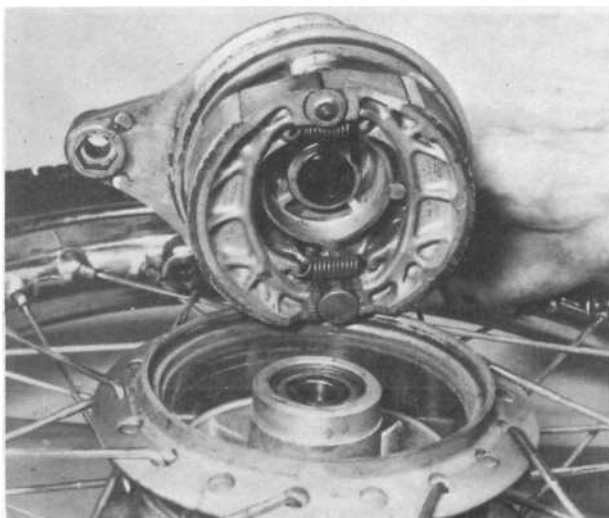
9.3a Exhaust must be removed if spindle is to be withdrawn from right-hand side



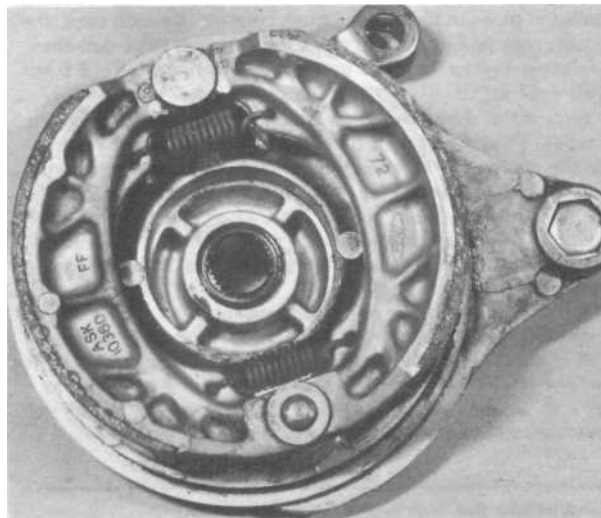
9.3b Torque arm secured by nut and spring pin



9.3c Wheel can be removed from frame



10.1a Lift out the brake plate assembly



10.1b Examine the shoes for signs of wear or contamination

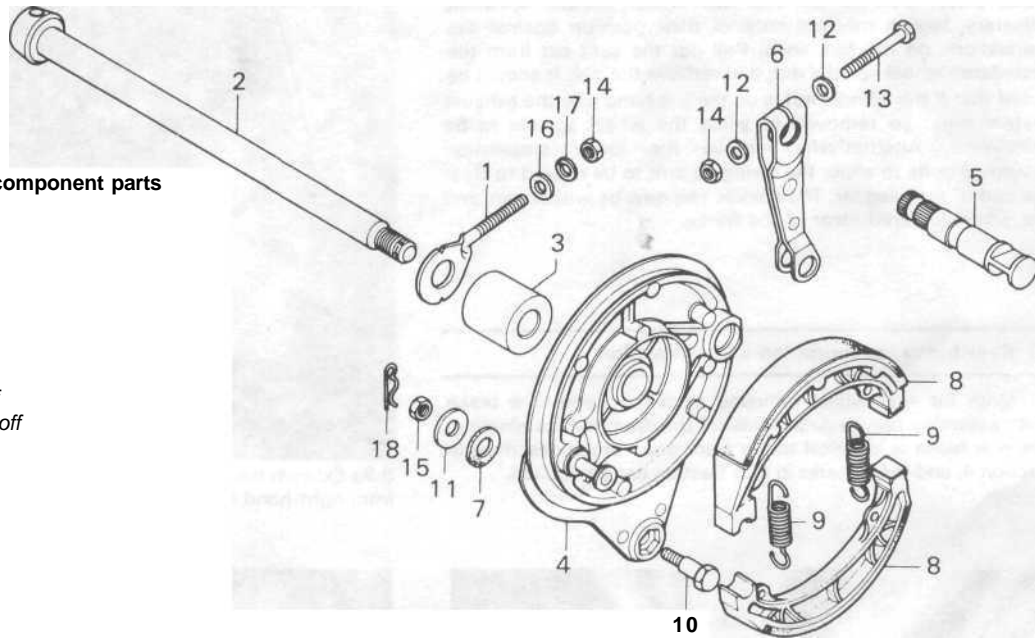


Fig. 5.2 Rear brake - component parts

- 1 Drawbolt
- 2 Rear wheel spindle
- 3 Spacer
- 4 Brake plate
- 5 Cam
- 6 Actuating lever
- 7 Rubber washer
- 8 Brake shoes - 2 off
- 9 Return springs - 2 off
- 10 Shouldered bolt
- 11 Washer
- 12 Washer - 2off
- 13 Bolt
- 14 Nut - 2off
- 15 Nut
- 16 Washer
- 17 Spring washer
- 18 Split pin

### 11 Rear wheel bearings: removal and replacement

- 1 Remove the oil seal and remember it has to be replaced by a new one. If the bearings are worn or rough, both should be renewed.
- 2 Tap out the old bearings and fit new ones, using the method recommended for the front wheel bearings. Do not forget to pack with new, clean grease.

### 12 Rear sprocket and shock absorber rubbers: examination and renovation

1 The rear sprocket is mounted on four pins which engage in bonded rubber bushes pressed into the hub casting. It is retained by a large circlip, which, when removed, allows the sprocket to be pulled free complete with the four driving pins. On older machines, it is possible that the pins may become jammed in place in the bonded bush centres, in which case, the four nuts may be removed to allow the sprocket to be detached. On refitting, tighten the nuts to a torque setting of 5.5 - 6.5 kgf m (40 - 47 lbf ft).

2 Should the above condition arise, or if the bushes are worn, the wheel should be taken to a Honda Service Agent who will have the equipment necessary to extract the old bushes, and fit the new ones. It is extremely unlikely that this operation can be performed at home due to the tight fit of the bushes. In all probability, any attempt to dislodge them will result in the inner metal sleeve tearing out of the rubber, making subsequent removal difficult.

3 Check the condition of the sprocket teeth, if they are hooked, chipped or badly worn, the sprocket must be renewed.

It is considered bad practice to renew one sprocket on its own. The final drive sprockets should always be renewed as a pair and a new chain fitted, otherwise rapid wear will necessitate even earlier renewal on the next occasion.

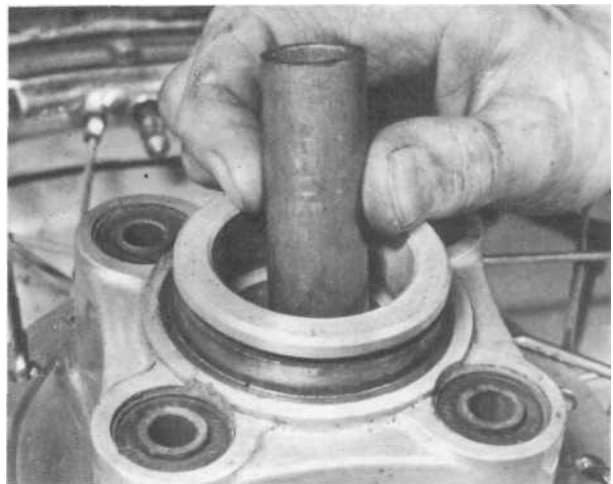
### 13 Adjusting the rear brake

- 1 If the adjustment of the rear brake is correct, the rear brake

pedal will have about 25 mm (1 inch) free play before the brake commences to operate.

2 The length of travel is controlled by the adjuster at the end of the brake operating rod, close to the brake operating arm. If the nut is turned clockwise, the amount of travel is reduced and vice-versa. Always check that the brake is not binding after adjustments have been made.

3 Note that it may be necessary to re-adjust the height of the stop lamp switch if the pedal height has been changed to any marked extent. The switch is located immediately below the right-hand side cover. The body of the switch is threaded, so that it can be raised or lowered, after the locknuts have been slackened. If the stop lamp lights too soon, the switch should be lowered, and vice-versa.



11.2a Spacer is fitted between wheel bearings

**Tyre changing sequence - tubed tyres**



A

Deflate tyre. After pushing tyre beads away from rim flanges push tyre bead into the well of rim at point opposite valve. Insert tyre lever adjacent to valve and work bead over edge of rim.

Use two levers to work bead over edge of rim. Note use of rim protectors



B



C

Remove inner tube from tyre

When first bead is clear, remove tyre as shown



D



E

When fitting, partially inflate inner tube and insert in tyre

Work first bead over rim and feed valve through hole in rim. Partially screw on retaining nut to hold valve in place.



F



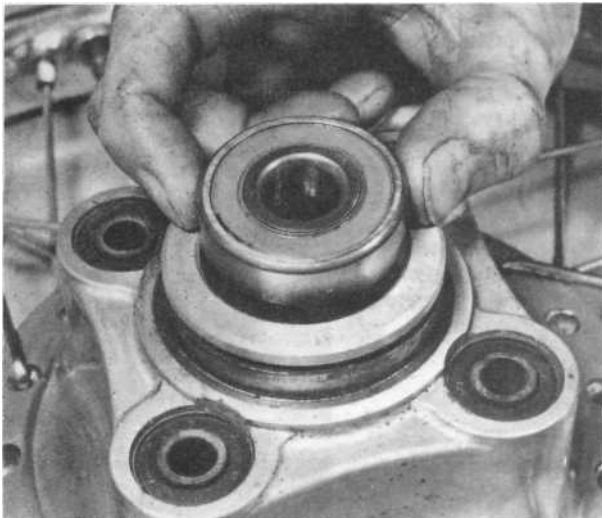
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Check that inner tube is positioned correctly and work second bead over rim using tyre levers. Start at a point opposite valve.

Work final area of bead over rim whilst pushing valve inwards to ensure that inner tube is not trapped



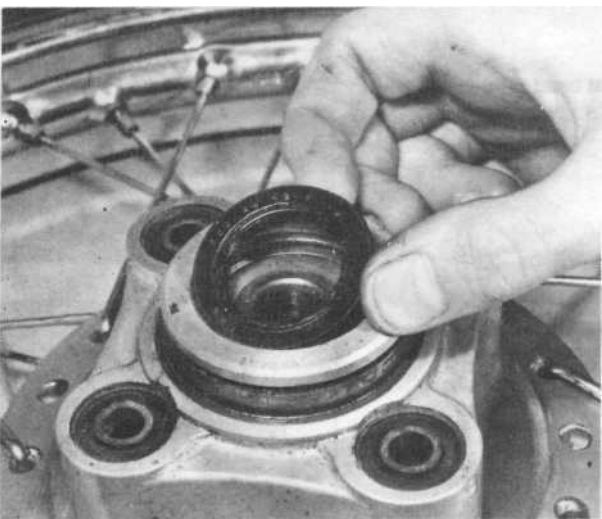
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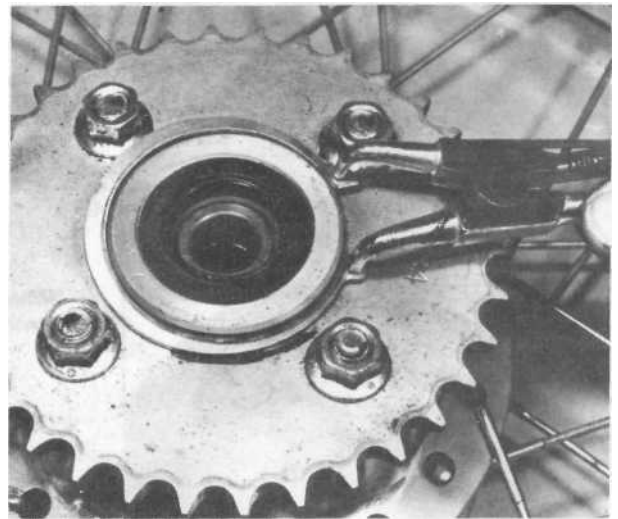
11.2b New bearings must be fitted if worn



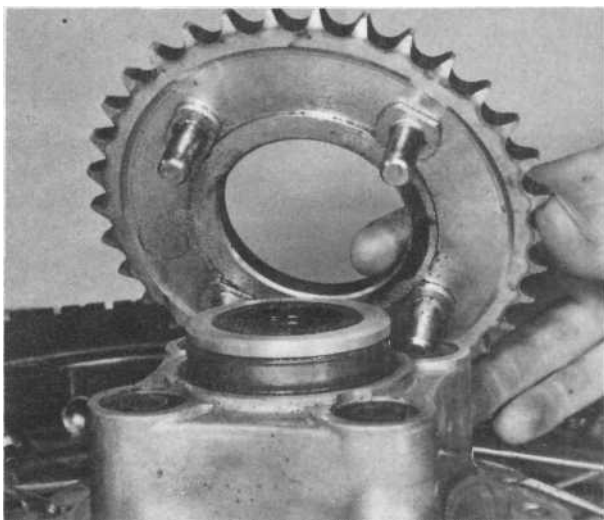
11.2c A large socket makes a useful drift



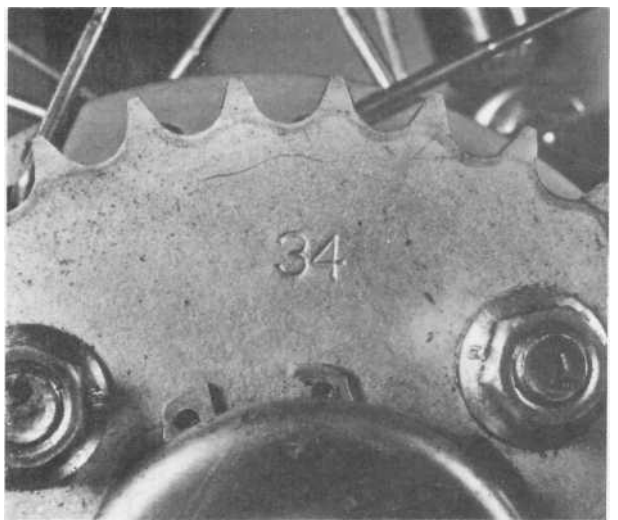
11.2d New seals should be fitted together with bearings



12.1a Sprocket is retained by large diameter circlip



12.1b The pins engage in bonded rubber bushes



12.3 Number of teeth is stamped on the rear wheel sprocket



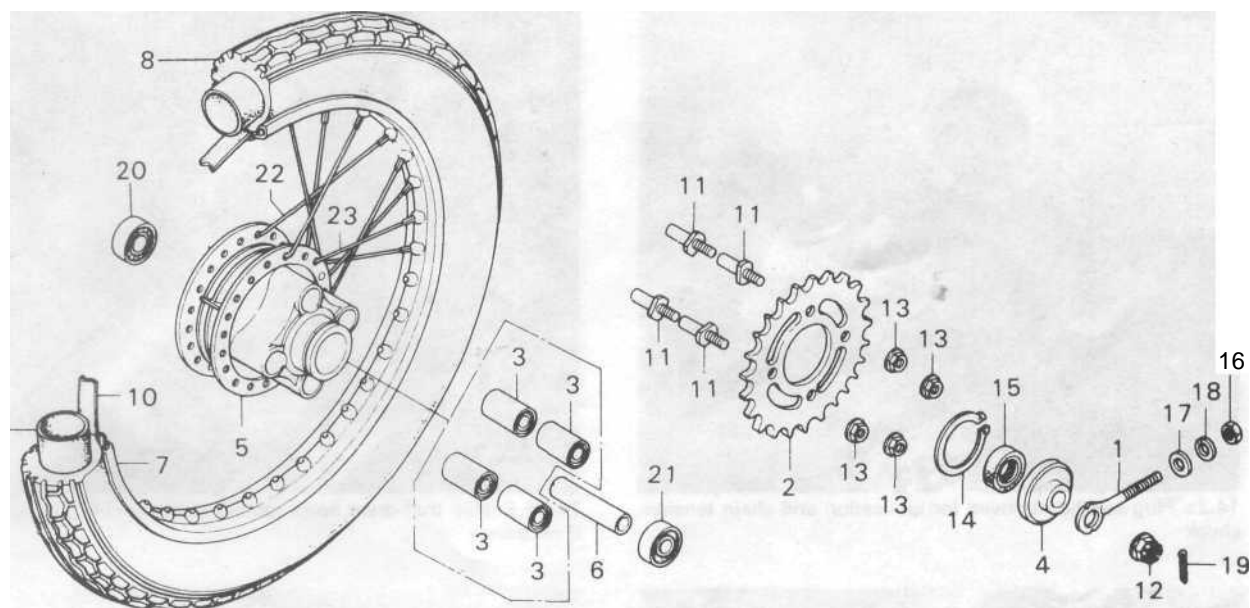


Fig. 5.3. Rear wheel and hub - component parts

- |                              |                                  |                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Drawbolt                   | 9 Inner tube                     | 17 Washer - 2 off        |
| 2 Rear wheel sprocket        | 10 Rim tape                      | 18 Spring washer - 2 off |
| 3 Bonded rubber bush - 4 off | 11 Sprocket mounting pin - 4 off | 19 Split pin             |
| 4 Dust cover                 | 12 Castellated nut               | 20 Bearing               |
| 5 Rear hub                   | 13 Nut - 4 off                   | 21 Bearing               |
| 6 Spacer                     | 14 Circlip                       | 22 Spoke set             |
| 7 Wheel rim                  | 15 Seal                          | 23 Spoke set             |
| 8 Tyre (3.00 x 17 - 6PR)     | 16 Nut - 2 off                   |                          |

#### 14 Final drive chain: examination, adjustment and lubrication

1 The rear chain on CG125 models derives considerable benefit from its complete enclosure. The chain of any motorcycle is subjected to considerable loading in normal use, in addition to which the unfortunate dictates of fashion have resulted in the almost universal adoption of a small and inadequate guard covering the top run of the chain only. The full enclosure of the CG125 means that the chain is operating in almost ideal conditions, and this should be reflected in remarkably long chain life.

2 A small inspection plug is provided through which chain tension can be checked, and intermediate lubrication can take place. It is important that the drain holes in the bottom of the case are kept clear of obstruction, otherwise any water which finds its way into the enclosure will accumulate at the bottom of the case, giving rise to running conditions worse than complete non-enclosure.

3 Periodically the tension will need to be adjusted, to compensate for wear. This is accomplished by placing the machine on the centre stand and slackening the rear wheel spindle nut so that the wheel can be drawn backward by means of the drawbolt adjusters in the fork ends. The rear brake torque arm bolt must also be slackened during this operation. The chain is in correct tension if there is approximately 20 mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  in) slack in the middle of the lower run. Always check when the chain is at its tightest point as a chain rarely wears evenly during service.

4 Always adjust the drawbolts an equal amount in order to preserve wheel alignment. The fork ends are clearly marked with a series of horizontal lines above the adjusters, to provide a simple, visual check. If desired, wheel alignment can be checked by running a plank of wood parallel to the machine, so that it touches the side of the rear tyre. If wheel alignment is correct,

the plank will be equidistant from each side of the front wheel tyre, when tested on both sides of the rear wheel. It will not touch the front wheel tyre because this tyre is of smaller cross section. See accompanying diagram.

5 Do not run the chain overtight to compensate for uneven wear. A tight chain will place undue stress on the gearbox and rear wheel bearings, leading to their early failure. It will also absorb a surprising amount of power.

6 After a period of running, the chain will require lubrication. Lack of oil will greatly accelerate the rate of wear of both the chain and sprockets and will lead to harsh transmission. The application of engine oil will act as a temporary expedient, but it is preferable to remove the chain and clean it in a paraffin bath before it is immersed in a molten lubricant such as 'Linklife' or 'Chainguard'. These lubricants achieve better penetration of the chain links and rollers and are less likely to be thrown off when the chain is in motion.

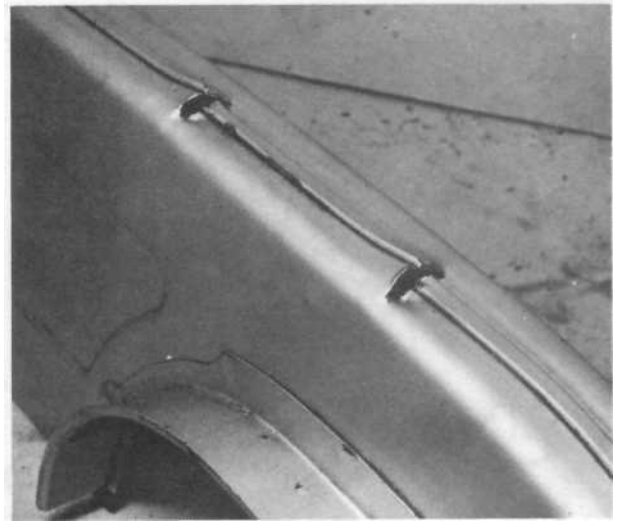
7 To check whether the chain is due for replacement, lay it lengthwise in a straight line and compress it endwise so that all the play is taken up. Anchor one end and measure the length. Now, pull the chain with one end anchored firmly, so that the chain is fully extended by the amount of play in the opposite direction. If there is a difference of more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch per foot in the two measurements, the chain should be replaced in conjunction with the sprockets. Note that this check should be made **after** the chain has been washed out, but **before** any lubricant is applied, otherwise the lubricant may take up some of the play.

8 When replacing the chain, make sure that the spring link is seated correctly, with the closed end facing the direction of travel.

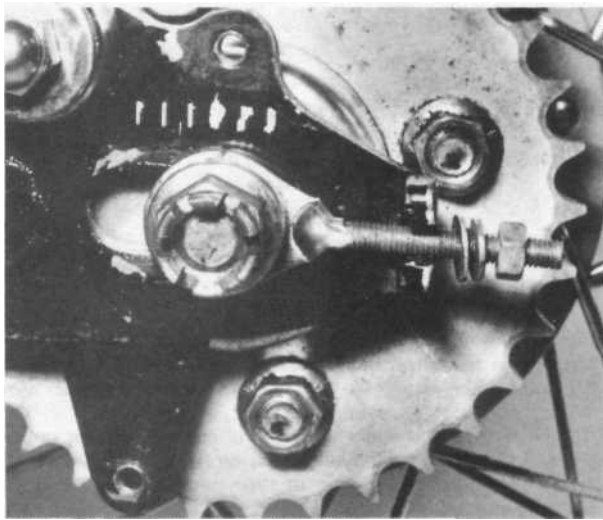
9 An equivalent British-made chain of the correct size is available from Renold Limited. When ordering a new chain always quote the size (length and width of each pitch), the number of links and the machine to which it is fitted.



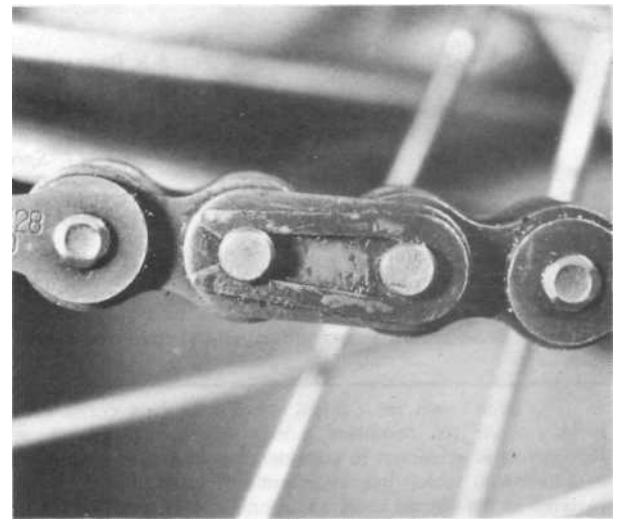
14.2a Plug can be removed for lubrication and chain tension check



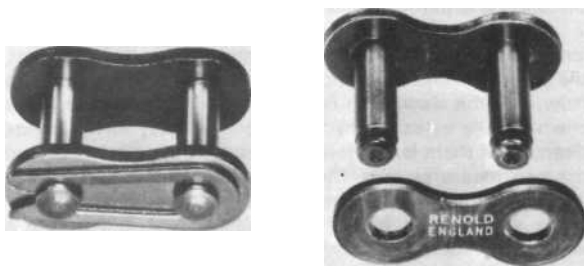
14.2b Ensure that drain holes remain clear- unblock if necessary



14.4 Marks ensure correct wheel alignment



14.8 Closed end of link should face direction of travel



14.9 An equivalent British-made chain is available



**Fig. 5.4 Checking wheel alignment**

*A and C Incorrect*

*B Correct*

## 15 Rear wheel: replacement

1 Clean and grease the rear wheel spindle, check that the sprocket and dust cover have been refitted to the hub left-hand side, and refit the brake plate assembly to the drum. Fit one of the chain adjusting drawbolts under the spindle head.

2 Note that while the spindle can physically be fitted either way round it is usually shown in the manufacturer's literature as being fitted from right to left and is generally found to be fitted this way on new machines. However, if it is fitted from left to right, so that the nut is on the right-hand side, the task of wheel removal is greatly eased by the fact that it is no longer necessary to remove the exhaust system.

3 Fit the wheel to the swinging arm fork ends and refit the spindle, ensuring that both spacers and drawbolts are correctly positioned. Refit and lightly tighten the spindle nut. Connect the brake torque arm to the brake plate, and the brake rod to the actuating lever, then adjust the chain as described in Section 14.

4 Applying the rear brake firmly, tighten the spindle nut to a torque setting of 4.0 - 5.0 kgf m (29 - 36 lbf ft) and secure it by fitting a new split pin with its ends bent over correctly. Tighten securely the torque arm retaining nut and refit its spring pin, then adjust the rear brake and **stoplamp** switch as described in Section 13.

5 Lubricate the chain and refit the enclosure, ensuring that all mating surfaces are correctly engaged before the mounting bolts are secured.

## 16 Tyres: removal and replacement

1 At some time or other the need will arise to remove and replace the tyres, either as the result of a puncture or because a replacement is required to offset wear. To the inexperienced, tyre changing represents a formidable task yet if a few simple rules are observed and the technique learned, the whole operation is surprisingly simple.

2 To remove the tyre from either wheel, first detach the wheel from the machine by following the procedure in Chapter 5.3 or 5.9, depending on whether the front or the rear wheel is involved. Deflate the tyre by removing the valve insert and when it is fully deflated, push the bead of the tyre away from the wheel rim on both sides so that the bead enters the centre well of the rim. Remove the locking cap and push the tyre valve into the tyre itself.

3 Insert a tyre lever close to the valve and lever the edge of the tyre over the outside of the wheel rim. Very little force should be necessary; if resistance is encountered it is probably due to the fact that the tyre beads have not entered the well of the wheel rim all the way round the tyre.

4 Once the tyre has been edged over the wheel rim, it is easy to work around the wheel rim so that the tyre is completely free on one side. At this stage, the inner tube can be removed.

5 Working from the other side of the wheel, ease the other edge of the tyre over the outside of the wheel rim that is furthest away. Continue to work around the rim until the tyre is free completely from the rim.

6 If a puncture has necessitated tyre removal, reinflate the inner tube and immerse it in a bowl of water to trace the source of the leak. Mark its position and deflate the tube. Dry the tube

and clean the area around the puncture with a petrol soaked rag. When the surface has dried, apply the rubber solution and allow this to dry before removing the backing from the patch and applying the patch to the surface.

7 It is best to use a patch of self vulcanising type, which will form a very permanent repair. Note that it may be necessary to remove a protective covering from the top surface of the patch, after it has sealed in position. Inner tubes made from synthetic rubber may require a special type of patch and adhesive, if a satisfactory bond is to be achieved.

8 Before replacing the tyre, check the inside to make sure the agent that caused the **puncture** is not trapped. Check also the outside of the tyre — particularly the tread area, to make sure nothing is trapped that may cause a further puncture.

9 If the inner tube has been patched on a number of past occasions, or if there is a tear or large **hole**, it is preferable to discard it and fit a replacement. Sudden deflation may cause an accident, particularly if it occurs with the front wheel.

10 To replace the tyre, inflate the inner tube sufficiently for it to assume a circular shape but only just. Then put it into the tyre so that it is enclosed completely. Lay the tyre on the wheel at an angle and insert the valve through the rim tape and the hole in the wheel rim. Attach the locking cap on the first few threads, sufficient to hold the valve captive in its correct location.

11 Starting at the point furthest from the valve, push the tyre bead over the edge of the wheel rim until it is located in the central well. Continue to work around the tyre in this fashion until the whole of one side of the tyre is on the rim. It may be necessary to use a tyre lever during the final stages.

12 Make sure there is no pull on the tyre valve and again commencing with the area furthest from the valve, ease the other bead of the tyre over the edge of the rim. Finish with the area close to the valve, pushing the valve up into the tyre until the locking cap touches the rim. This will ensure the inner tube is not trapped when the last section of the bead is edged over the rim with a tyre lever.

13 Check that the inner tube is not trapped at any point. Reinflate the inner tube and check that the tyre is seating correctly around the wheel rim. There should be a thin rib moulded around the wall of the tyre on both sides, which should be equidistant from the wheel rim at all points. If the tyre is unevenly located on the rim, try bouncing the wheel when the tyre is at the recommended pressure. It is probable that one of the beads has not pulled clear of the centre well.

14 Always run the tyres at the recommended pressures and never under or over-inflate. The correct pressures for solo use are given in the Specifications Section of this Chapter.

15 Tyre replacement is aided by dusting the side walls, particularly in the vicinity of the beads, with a liberal coating of French chalk. Washing up liquid can also be used to good effect, but this has the disadvantage of causing the inner surfaces of the wheel rim to rust.

16 Never replace the inner tube and tyre without the rim tape in position. If this precaution is overlooked there is good chance of the ends of the spoke nipples chafing the inner tube and causing a crop of punctures.

17 Never fit a tyre that has a damaged tread or side walls. Apart from the legal aspects, there is a very great risk of a **blow-out**, which can have serious consequences on any two-wheel vehicles.

18 Tyre valves rarely give trouble, but it is always advisable to check whether the valve itself is leaking before removing the tyre. Do not forget to fit the dust cap, which forms an effective second seal.

## 17 Fault diagnosis: wheels, brakes and tyres

| Symptom                                   | Cause  | Remedy  |
|---|--|---|
| Ineffective brakes                        | Worn brake lining or pads<br>Foreign bodies on brake linings surface<br>Incorrect engagement of brake arm<br>serration<br>Worn brake cam | Renew.<br>Clean.<br><br>Reset correctly.<br>Renew.  |
| Handlebars oscillate at low speeds        | Buckle or flat in wheel rim, most likely front wheel<br><br>Tyre not straight on rim   | Check rim alignment by spinning wheel.<br>Correct by retensioning spokes or building on new rim.<br>Check tyre alignment. |
| Machine lacks power and poor acceleration | Brakes binding   | Warm brake drum provides best evidence.<br>Re-adjust brakes.  |
| Brakes grab when applied gently           | Ends of brake shoes not chamfered<br>Elliptical brake drum<br>Badly worn pads  | Chamfer with file.<br>Lightly skim on lathe.<br>Renew.  |
| Brake pull-off spongy                     | Brake cam binding in housing<br>Weak brake shoe springs  | Free and grease.<br>Renew if springs have not become displaced  |
| Harsh transmission                        | Worn or badly adjusted final drive chain<br>Hooked or badly worn sprockets<br>Loose rear sprocket<br>Worn damper rubbers                 | Adjust or renew.<br>Renew as a pair.<br>Check bolts.<br>Renew rubber inserts.   |

# Chapter 6 Electrical system

Refer to Chapter 7 for information relating to the 1985 on Brazilian models

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## Specifications

### Electrical system

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Voltage. . . . .           | 6               |
| Earth connection. . . . .  | Negative (-)    |
| Generator output . . . . . | .81W @ 6000 rpm |
| Fuse rating. . . . .       | .10A            |

### Battery

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Make and type. . . . . | Yuasa 6N6-3B |
| Capacity. . . . .      | .6Ah         |

### Bulbs

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Headlamp. . . . .                        | .6V, 25/25W  |
| Pilot lamp                               |              |
| Early CG125 models. . . . .              | <b>N/App</b> |
| Later CG125 models, CG125 K1, B. . . . . | .6V, 4W      |
| CG125-C, E. . . . .                      | .6V, 3W      |
| Speedometer illumination                 |              |
| CG125, CG125 K1, B. . . . .              | .6V, 1.7W    |
| CG125-C, E. . . . .                      | .6V, 3.4W    |
| Flashing indicator warning. . . . .      | .6V, 1.7W    |
| Neutral indicator                        |              |
| CG125, CG125 K1, B. . . . .              | .6V, 3W      |
| CG125-C, E. . . . .                      | .6V, 3.4W    |
| Flashing indicator lamps. . . . .        | .6V, 18W     |
| Stop/tail lamp. . . . .                  | .6V, 21/5W   |

**Note:** Some CG125-C and E models may use 6V, 17/5.3W stop/tail lamp bulbs - check bulbholder marking for correct bulb rating

## 1 General description

The electrical system is powered by a generator mounted on the left-hand end of the crankshaft. It is normally of ND (Nippon Denso) manufacture, though occasionally a Hitachi unit is used. The latter can be identified by its having three generating coils, as opposed to the ND unit which has two. Care must be taken to obtain parts which are designed for each type of generator, but apart from this, they can be regarded as identical in function.

Alternating current produced by the generator is passed through a silicon rectifier which converts it to direct current, which in turn is fed to the battery. Output from the generator is matched to differing loadings on the system in accordance with the various switch positions.

## 2 Checking the electrical system: general

Many of the test procedures applicable to motorcycle electrical systems require the use of test equipment of the multimeter type. Although the tests themselves are quite straightforward, there is a real danger, particularly on alternator systems, of damaging certain components if wrong connections are made. It is recommended, therefore, that no attempt be made to investigate faults in the charging system, unless the owner is reasonably experienced in the field. A qualified Honda Service Agent will have in his possession the necessary diagnostic equipment to effect an economical repair.

**3 Charging system: checking the output**

1 A defect in the charging system will produce poor headlamp performance, and probably, repeatedly discharged batteries. In order to check that the battery is receiving the correct charge, the following procedure should be adopted:

2 Obtain a 0 - 10 volt dc voltmeter, and connect this between the two battery terminals. Disconnect the battery positive lead (red and white) from the battery, and connect an ammeter capable of measuring 0 - 4 amps at least, and connect this between the positive battery terminal and the lead.

3 Start the engine, and check the charging characteristics with the following figures:

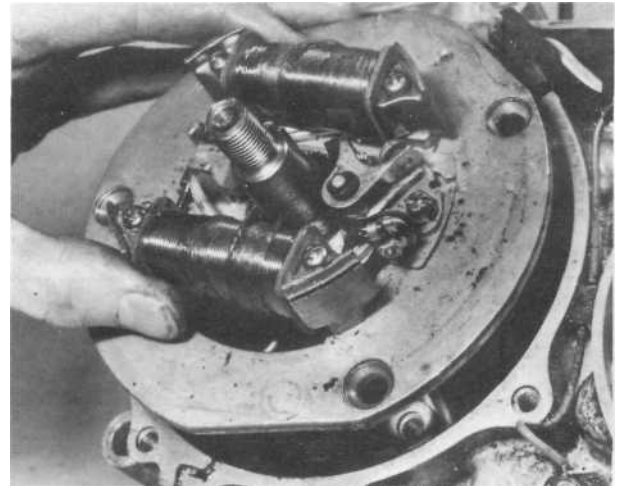
| Switch position |              | Initial charge      | a 4000 rpm            | • 8000 rpm            |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ignition On     | Lighting Off | 6.3v @ 1000 rpm max | 8.5v, 2.0 amp minimum | 8.8v, 3.7 amp maximum |
|                 | Lighting On  | 6.3v @ 1500 rpm max | 8.0v, 0.8 amp minimum | 8.5v, 2.0 amp maximum |

4 While it is essential that the battery is in good condition and fully charged for the results of this test to be accurate, if the readings obtained differ widely from those given the battery should be checked first to ensure that it is not at fault. Check the generator coils as shown in Fig. 6.2, and check also that the rectifier is in good condition, as described in Section 4. Always have your findings checked by an expert using the correct test equipment before attempting repairs or renewing components.

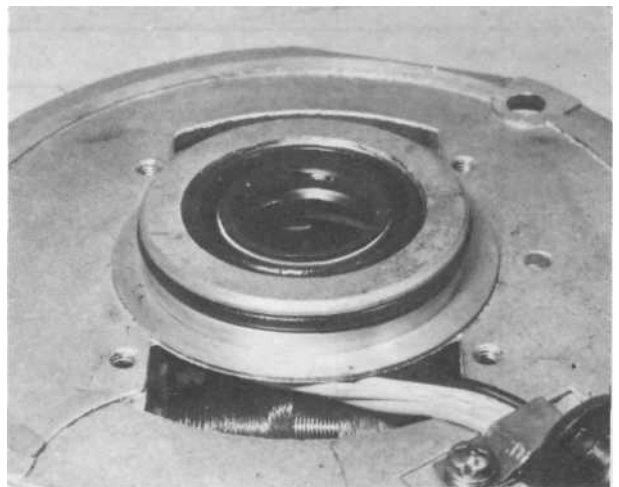
**4 Rectifier: checking for malfunction**

1 The rectifier, as mentioned previously, changes the alternator output from ac to dc. It takes the form of a small sealed unit, mounted in a rubber sleeve at the front of the battery case. It is easily dismantled for examination, if suspected of malfunctioning.

2 Test the unit using a pocket multimeter set on the resistance scale. Place one lead from the meter on each terminal, and note the reading given. Now transpose the leads, and note the second reading. If all is well, no resistance will be found in one position, and infinite resistance in the other. If this is not so, the chances are that the unit is in need of renewal. A Honda Service Agent will be able to verify this, and supply a new component.



3.2a Stator can be removed for testing if required



3.2b Check condition of oil seal and O-ring prior to reassembly

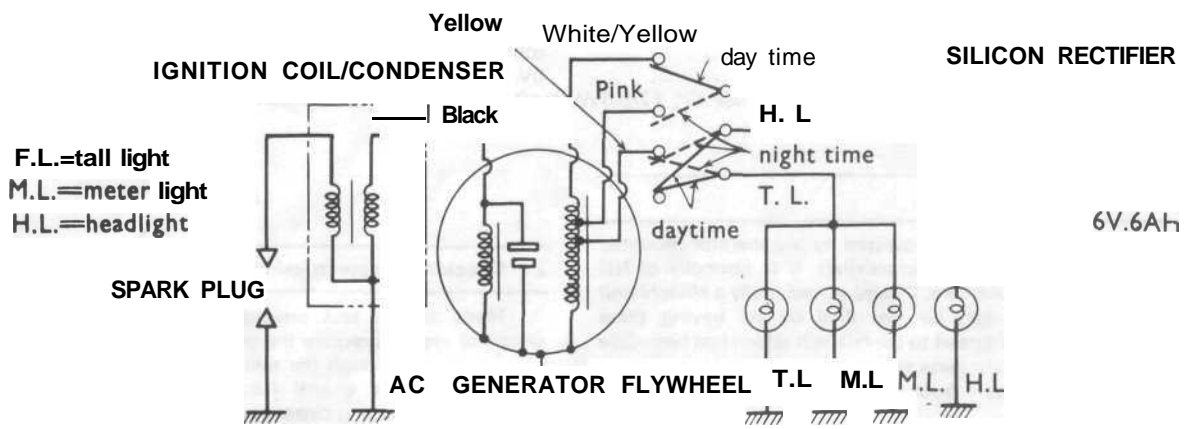


Fig. 6.1 Charging system schematic diagram - early CG125 models

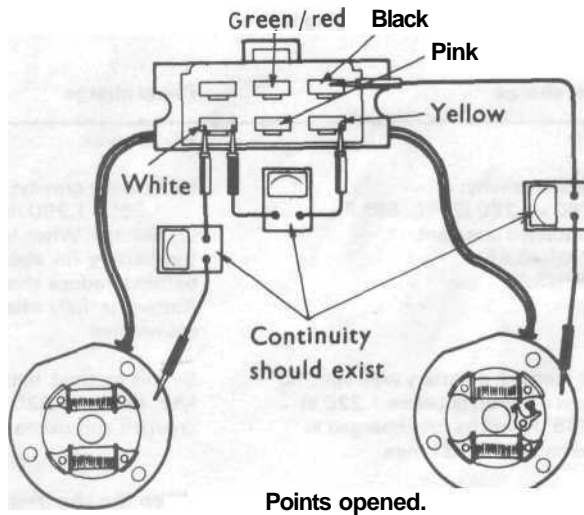
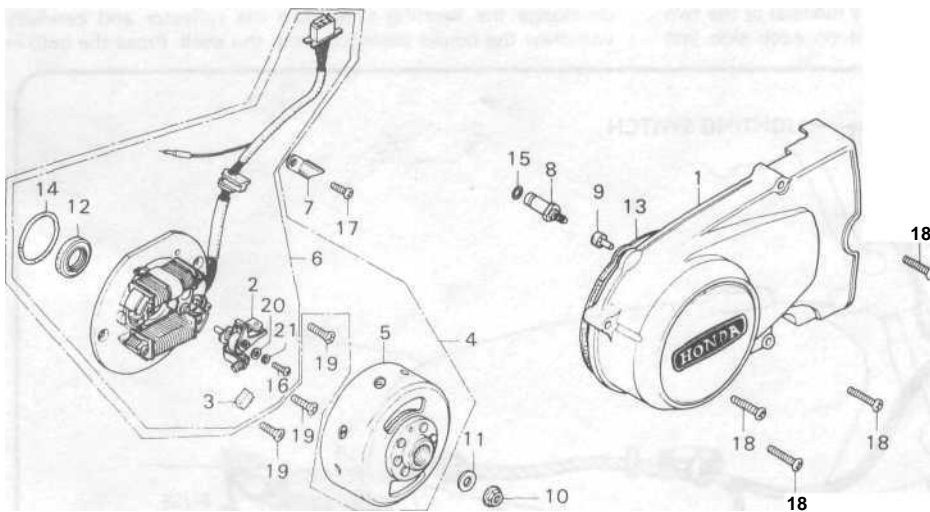


Fig. 6.2 Checking the generator stator

Fig. 6.3 Flywheel generator and left-hand cover



- ; Left-hand outer cover
- 2 Contact breaker assembly
- 3 Lubricating wick
- 4 Generator complete
- 5 Flywheel rotor
- 6 Stator assembly
- 7 Cable guide
- 8 Neutral/switch body
- 9 Neutral switch support rubber
- 10 Flywheel centre nut
- 11 Plain washer
- 12 Oil seal
- 13 Gasket
- 14 O ring
- 15 O ring
- 16 Screw
- 17 Screw
- 18 Screw—4 off
- 19 Screw -3 off
- 20 Plain washer
- 21 Spring washer

3 Symptoms of a damaged rectifier; a persistent flat battery or persistent overcharging. Note that if the battery is connected up incorrectly, a damaged rectifier is very likely to result.

**5 Battery: charging procedure and maintenance**

1 Whilst the machine is in normal use it is unlikely that the battery will require attention other than routine maintenance because the generator will keep it fully charged. However, if the machine is used for a succession of short journeys only, mainly during the hours of darkness when the lights are in full use, it is possible that the output from the generator may fail to keep pace with the heavy electrical demand. Under these circumstances it will be necessary to remove the battery from time to time to have it charged independently.

2 The battery is located behind the left-hand side panel. It is

secured by a strap which, when released, will permit the battery to be withdrawn after disconnection of the leads. Remember that the machine has a negative earth system.

3 The normal off-machine charge rate is 0.6 amp. A more rapid charge up to 2 amps can be given in an emergency, but this should be avoided if possible because it will shorten the life of the battery. See accompanying table.

4 When the battery is removed from the machine, clean the battery top. If the terminals are corroded scrape them clean and cover them with Vaseline (not grease) to protect them from further attack. If a vent tube is fitted, make sure it is not obstructed and that it is arranged so that it will not discharge over any parts of the machine. If topping-up is necessary, use only distilled water to maintain the electrolyte level between the upper and lower level lines on the transparent casing.

5 If the machine is laid up for any period of time, the battery should be removed and given a 'refresher' charge every six weeks or so, in order to maintain it in good condition.

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### Battery charging instructions

|                                   | Normal charge   | Rapid charge  |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Charging current rate</b>      | 0.6 AH  | 2.0 AH max.   |
| <b>• Checking for full charge</b> | (1) Specific gravity:<br>1.260- 1.280 (20°C: 68° F)<br>maintained constant<br>(2) 0.2AH -0.6AH<br>(3) 7.5V - 8.3V                             | (1) Specific gravity:<br>1.260 - 1.280 maintained at 20° C (68°F)<br>(2) Voltage: When large volume of gas is emitted from the battery (in about 2-3 hours for fully discharged battery), reduce charging rate to 0.2A.<br>Battery is fully charged when a voltage of 7.5V is maintained. |
| <b>Charging duration</b>          | By this method, a battery with specific gravity of electrolyte below 1.220 at 20°C (68°F) will be fully charged in approximately 12-13 hours. | By this method, battery with specific gravity of electrolyte below 1.220 at 20°C (68°F) will be fully charged approximately 1-2 hours.  |
| <b>Remarks</b>                    |   | When the charging is urgent, quick charging method may be used, however the recommended charging current rate should be under 2.0A.   |

### 6 Headlamp: replacing bulbs and adjusting beam height

1 To remove the headlamp lens/reflector unit, unscrew the single screw at the bottom of the unit (early models) or the two screws which pass through the shell, one on each side just

below the headlamp mounting bolts (CG125-C and E models). With the securing screw(s) removed, the headlamp unit can be detached from the shell to expose the bulbholders.

2 On early models lift the holder against spring pressure, disengage the locating tang from the reflector and carefully withdraw the holder assembly from the shell. Press the bulb in

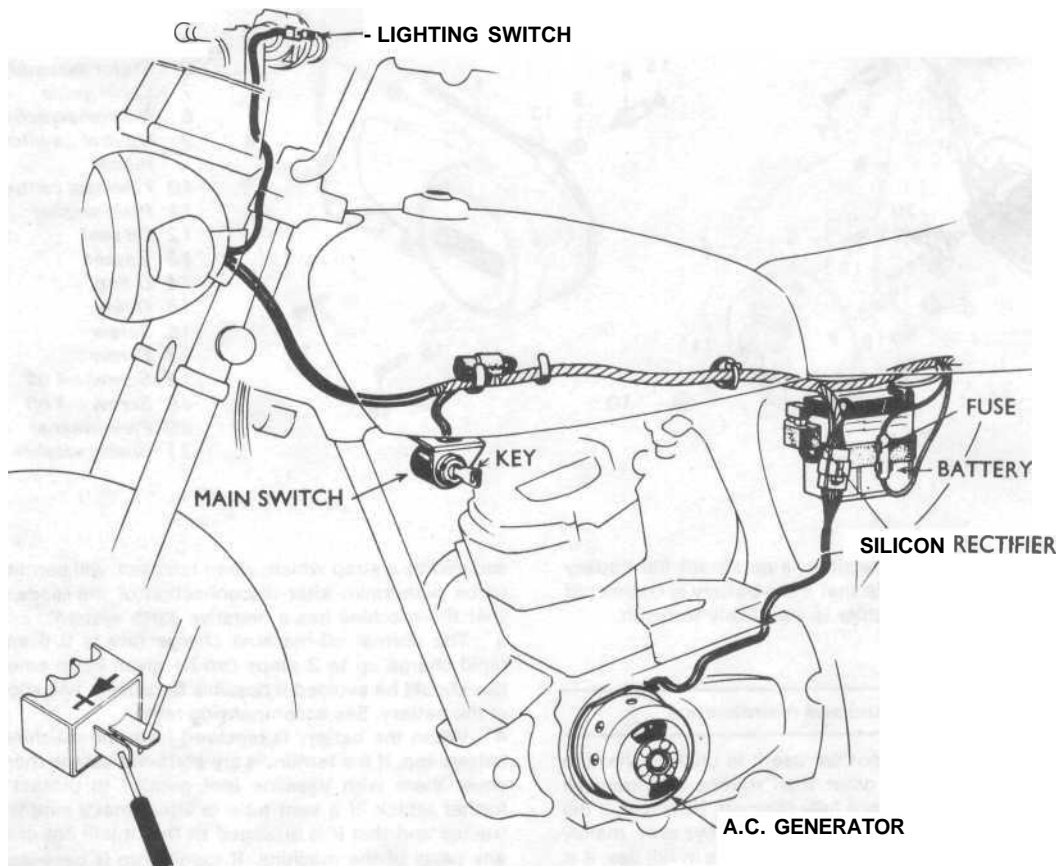
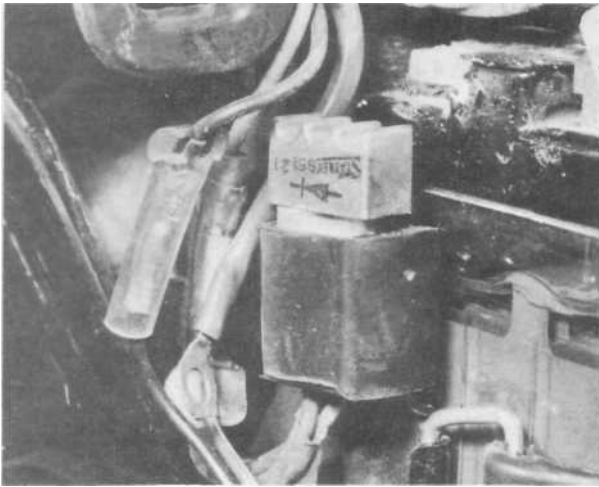


Fig. 6.5 Rectifier – testing using multimeter

Fig. 6.4 Charging system - component location (early CG125 models)





4.1 Rectifier is rubber-mounted to battery carrier

and twist it anticlockwise to release it. On CG125-C and E models twist the holder anticlockwise to release it, and withdraw it, noting how the locating tangs must be engaged with the matching reflector cutouts if the holder is to be refitted correctly. Detach the bulb as described above. On refitting (all models) ensure that the bulb locating tangs engage with the matching bulbholder slots; never use force or the bulb will be broken.

3 On all except early CG125 models unplug the pilot lamp bulbholder from its rubber grommet, then press the bulb into the holder and twist it anticlockwise to release it. Reverse this procedure to fit the new bulb.

4 **Note:** on all models the lighting system voltage is regulated by the bulbs themselves; always ensure that all bulbs are of exactly the specified rating.

5 Headlamp beam height adjustment is made by slackening the mounting bolts and tilting the headlamp assembly to the required setting; tighten the bolts securely once the setting is correct.

6 To set the beam height the machine should be placed on level ground facing a wall 25 feet away. Measure the distance from the headlamp centre to the ground when the machine is standing on its wheels with the rider (and pillion passenger, if one is regularly carried) normally seated and the suspension and tyre pressures correctly set for the load carried. With the engine running and the headlamp switched to main beam the centre of the concentrated area of light should be at the same height on the wall as the headlamp is from the ground.



6.1 Lens/reflector unit is secured by screw through rim - early models



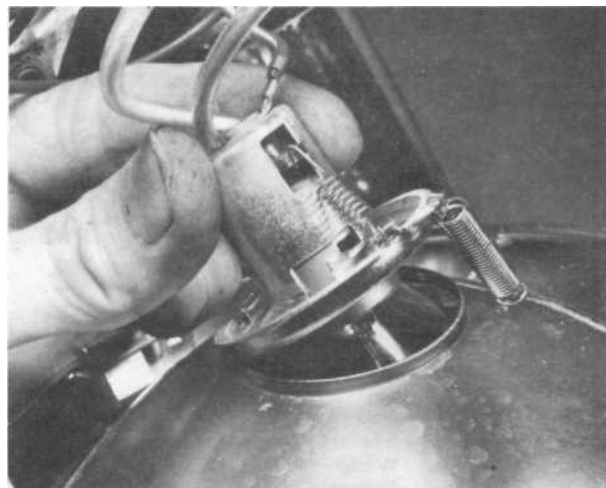
5.4 Maintain electrolyte between two level marks

7 If the headlamp rim and reflector are to be dismantled at any time, note the location of the reflector before disturbing it, so that it can be refitted the correct way round. Wrap the assembly in a layer of rag and use a strong pair of needle-nose pliers to disengage each of the four W-clips in turn; note carefully exactly how these are engaged on the edge of the reflector and under the rim. On early models the reflector and glass are a single unit, but CG125-C and E models are fitted with separate glasses and reflectors, with a foam plastic gasket sealing the joint. In all cases note the small locating lug on the glass and/or reflector which must engage with the matching slot in the rim.

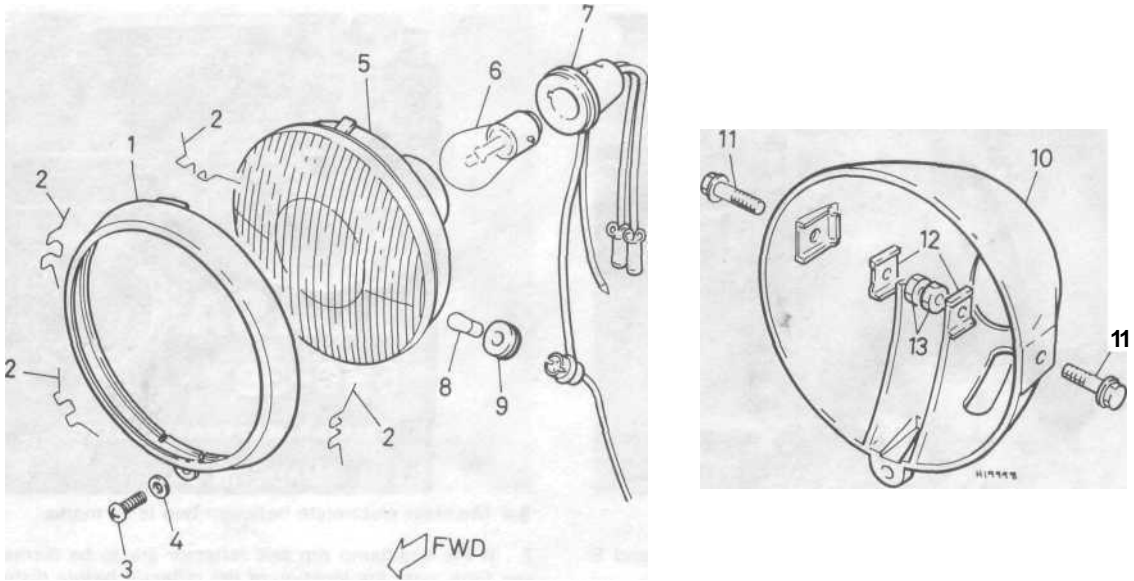
#### 7 Tail and stop lamp: replacing bulbs

1 The combined tail and stop lamp is fitted with a double filament bulb having offset pins to prevent its unintentional reversal in the bulb holder. The lamp unit serves a two-fold purpose - to illuminate the rear of the machine and the rear number plate, and to give visual warning when the rear brake is applied.

2 To gain access to the bulb, remove the two screws holding the red plastic lens in position. The bulb is released by pressing inwards and with an anti-clockwise turning action; the bulb will now come out.

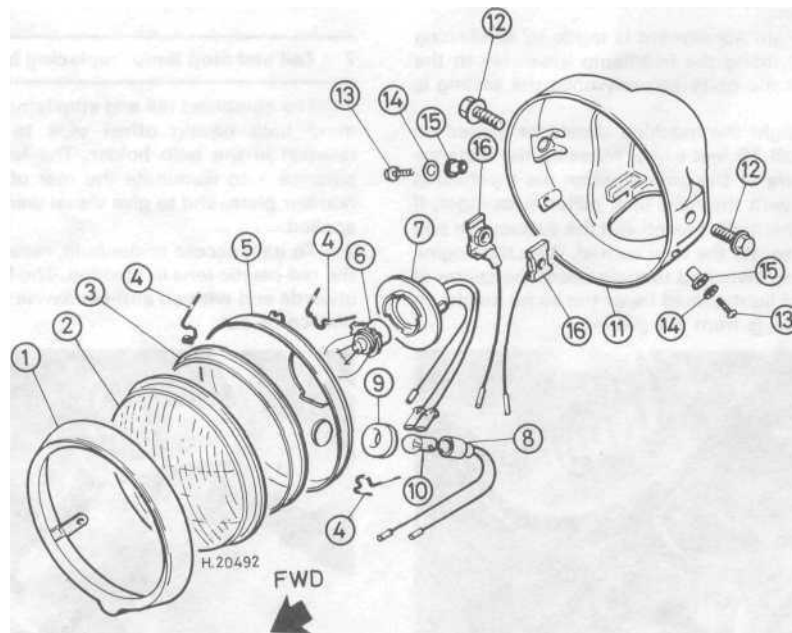


6.2 Bulb is mounted in spring-loaded holder - early models



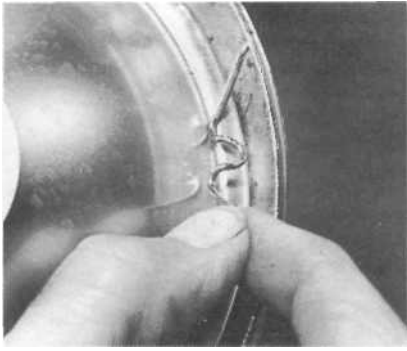
**Fig. 6.6 Headlamp unit- CG125. CG125 K1 and B models**

- |                  |                    |                                   |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Rim            | 6 Headlamp bulb    | 11 Bolt -2 off                    |
| 2 W-clip - 4 off | 7 Bulbholder       | 12 Washer - 2 off                 |
| 3 Screw          | 8 Pilot lamp bulb* | 13 Nut - 2 off                    |
| 4 Washer         | 9 Grommet          |                                   |
| 5 Reflector      | 10 Shell           | *not fitted to early CG125 models |



**Fig. 6.7 Headlamp unit - CG125-C and E models**

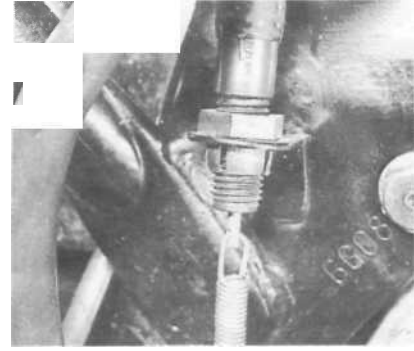
- |                  |                    |                          |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Rim            | 7 Bulbholder       | 12 Bolt - 2 off          |
| 2 Glass          | 8 Bulbholder       | 13 Screw - 2 off         |
| 3 Gasket         | 9 Grommet          | 14 Spring washer - 2 off |
| 4 W-clip - 4 off | 10 Pilot lamp bulb | 15 Spacer - 2 off        |
| 5 Reflector      | 11 Shell           | 16 Nut - 2 off           |
| 6 Headlamp bulb  |                    |                          |



6.7 Note how W-clips are fitted before disturbing them



7.2 Tail lamp lens is retained by two screws



8.1 Brake switch can be adjusted by means of nut

### 8 Rear brake stop lamp switch: adjusting

1 To adjust the stop lamp switch hold the switch body and with the correct size spanner screw down the adjuster nut thus raising the rear brake light switch and making it operate sooner. Never adjust too tightly; the light should come on just as the first braking pressure is felt.

### 9 Front brake stop lamp switch: location and replacement

1 In order to give as much warning as possible to other road users of the braking of the machine, a front brake switch is incorporated in the front brake lever assembly.

2 There is no means of adjustment if it malfunctions, in which case the switch must be renewed.

3 To replace the switch, the headlamp reflector unit must be taken off and the wire from the switch disconnected. Take off the front brake lever and feed the switch and wires back out towards the lever pivot. Replace the new switch in the reverse order.

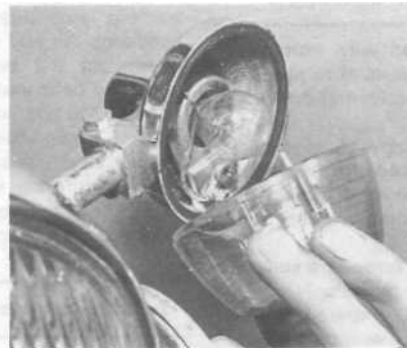
### 10 Instrument illumination and warning lamps: replacing bulbs

1 The instrument illumination and warning lamp bulbs are retained by rubber bulbholders which are a push-fit in the base of the speedometer and/or warning lamp cluster, as appropriate. To renew speedometer-mounted bulbs, pull the bulbholder free, and remove the bulb by turning it anticlockwise. New bulbs are fitted by reversing the above procedure.

2 On CG125-C and E models it may be necessary to remove its mounting bolts and to lower the headlamp assembly so that the two screws can be removed which secure the cluster housing to the bracket; the housing can then be raised sufficiently for the bulbholders to be unplugged. These bulbs are of the capless type and are pressed into their sockets; be careful not to damage the fine wire terminals on fitting the new bulb.



10.1 Instrument bulb holders are a push-fit in base



11.2 Remove lens to change bulb - check condition of seal



12.1 Flasher unit is rubber-mounted to rear of battery

### 11 Flashing indicator lamps

1 The forward facing indicator lamps are connected to 'stalks' which are attached to the headlamp brackets. The hollow stalks carry the leads to the lens unit. The rear facing lamps are mounted on similar, shorter stalks, at a point immediately to the rear of the dualseat.

2 In each case, access to the bulb is gained by removing the plastic lens cover, which is retained by two screws. Bayonet fitting bulbs of the single filament type are used.

### 12 Flasher unit: location and replacement

1 The flasher relay unit is located under the dualseat, being rubber-mounted to the frame top tube.

2 If the flasher unit is functioning correctly, a series of audible clicks will be heard when the indicator lamps are in action. If the unit malfunctions and all the bulbs are in working order, the usual symptom is one initial flash before the unit goes dead; it will be necessary to replace the complete unit if the fault cannot be attributed to any other cause.

3 Take great care when handling the unit because it is easily damaged if dropped.

### 13 Headlamp dip switch

1 The headlamp dip switch is incorporated in the handlebar controls and is used to dip the main headlamp beam to avoid dazzling oncoming traffic.

2 Should this unit malfunction it is necessary to fit a new replacement since repairs are usually impracticable. A sudden failure when changing from one beam to the other can plunge the lighting system into darkness, with disastrous consequences.

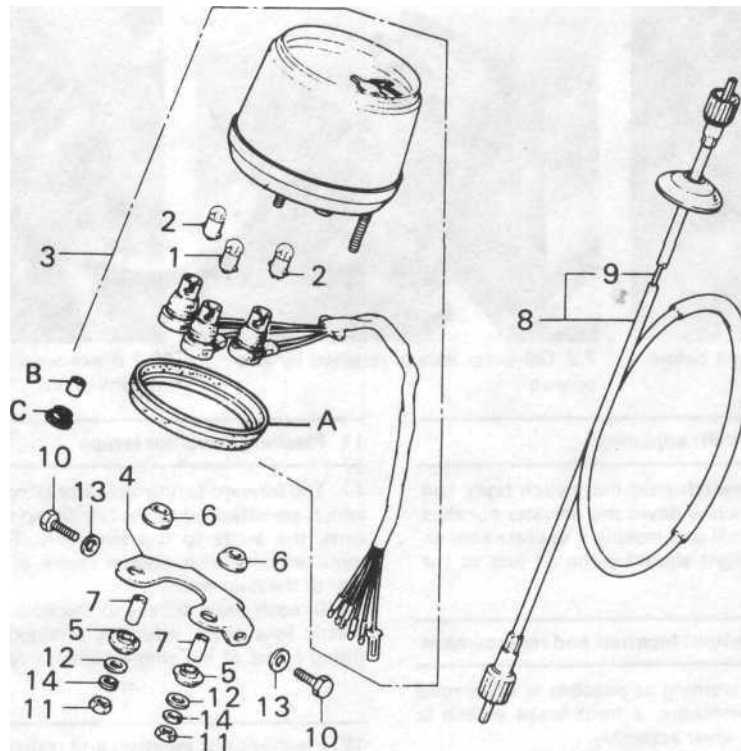


Fig. 6.8 Speedometer - early models (later models similar)

- |   |                        |    |                            |    |                       |
|---|------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Bulb (6v 3w)           | 7  | Spacer - 2 off             | 13 | Washer - 2off         |
| 2 | Bulb (6v 1.7w) - 2 off | 8  | Speedometer cable complete | 14 | Spring washer - 2 off |
| 3 | Speedometer assembly   | 9  | Inner cable                | A  | Seat                  |
| 4 | Mounting bracket       | 10 | Bolt - 2off                | B  | Spacer                |
| 5 | Rubber ring - 2 off    | 11 | Nut                        | C  | Rubber ring           |
| 6 | Rubber washer - 2 off  | 12 | Washer - 2off              |    |                       |

#### 14 Horn push and horn: adjustment

- The horn push button is incorporated in the handlebar control and must be replaced if it malfunctions.
- The horn is situated below the petrol tank at the front and has an adjustment screw inset into the rear. This is a volume screw which may need adjustment from time to time to compensate for wear inside the horn.
- To adjust the horn, depress the horn button (with the ignition on) and screw the adjuster in or out to obtain maximum horn volume. Turn off the ignition when adjustment is correct.

#### 15 Fuse: location and replacement

- The fuse is incorporated in the red lead wire from the battery, enclosed in a nylon case. It is incorporated to protect the wiring and electrical components from accidental damage should a short circuit occur.
- If the electrical system will not operate, a blown fuse should be suspected, but before the fuse is replaced the electrical system should be inspected to trace the reason for the failure of the fuse. If this precaution is not observed the replacement will almost certainly blow as well.
- The fuse is rated at 10 amps and at least one spare should be carried at all times. In an extreme emergency and only when the cause of the failure has been rectified and no spare is available, a get-you-home repair can be made by wrapping silver paper around the blown fuse and re-inserting it in the fuse holder. It must be stressed that this is only an emergency

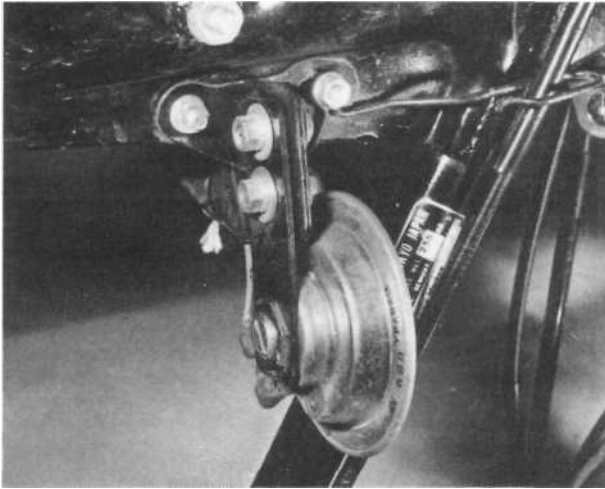
measure and the fuse should be replaced at the earliest possible opportunity, as it affords no protection at all to the electrical system when bridged in this fashion.

#### 16 Ignition switch: location and replacement

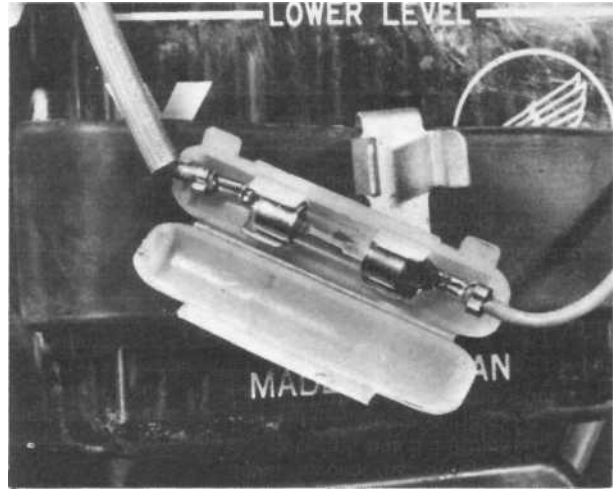
- On early models the ignition switch is secured to a bracket rubber-mounted to the frame top tube, underneath the front left-hand side of the petrol tank. If the switch is to be renewed the tank must be removed so that the switch wires can be disconnected; unscrew the plated retaining ring to release the switch from its bracket. On refitting, use a hammer and a small punch to tighten the ring without marking it.
- On CG125-C and E models the switch is mounted in the warning lamp cluster, next to the speedometer. Remove the headlamp rim and reflector unit (see Section 6), then trace and disconnect the switch wires. Remove the headlamp shell mounting bolts and allow the shell to hang down on the wiring. Remove the two screws which secure the cluster housing to its bracket, unplug the warning lamps and withdraw the housing. Use an electrical screwdriver or similar to disengage the clips which secure the switch to the housing. On refitting align the switch with the housing and press it into position from above until the clips snap into place.

#### 17 Resistor: function and testing

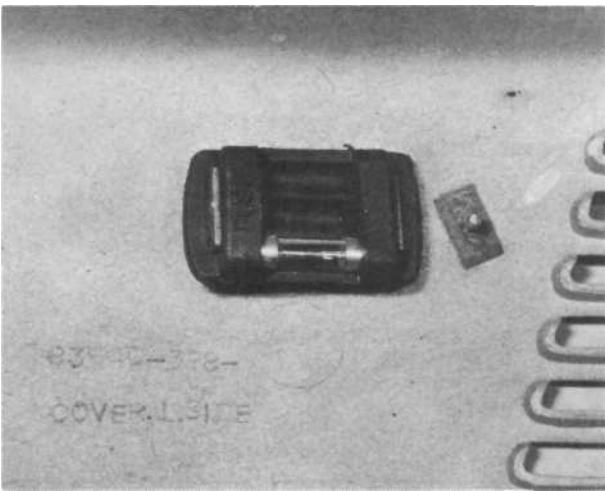
- Except for early CG125 models, all models are fitted with a resistor which is bolted to the front fork lower yoke. Its function



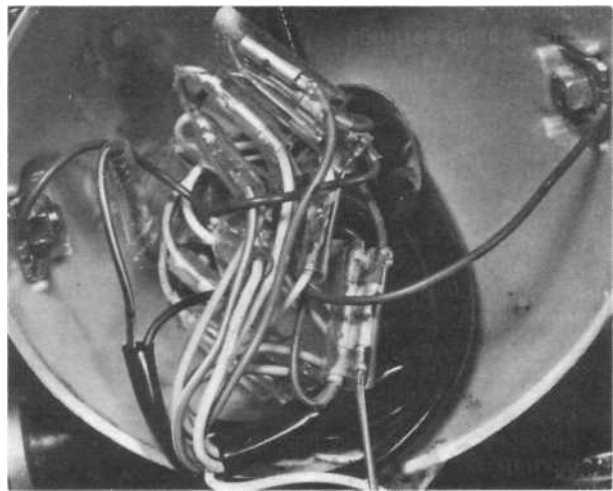
14.2 Horn is located here



15.1 Main fuse holder clips to battery case



15.2 Spare fuses should be kept in holder inside panel



17.2 Wiring is colour-coded to facilitate tracing of faults

is to drain off excess power generated when only the side lights are in use and to convert it to heat which is dissipated by the air stream. When the main headlamp is in use, the resistor is switched out of the circuit so that full current is available to meet the increased electrical demand.

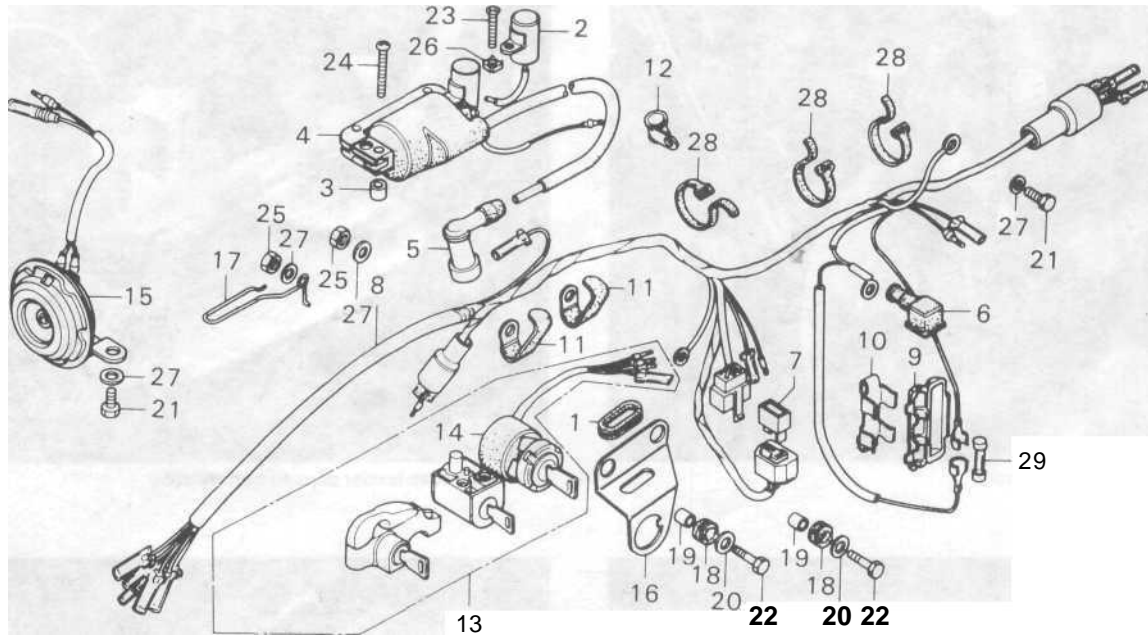
2 If the pilot light burns out with recurring frequency but the headlamp is unaffected, the resistor should be suspected. Because it is a sealed unit a new replacement should be fitted. For those with the necessary equipment the resistor can be tested. Connect a multimeter, set to the most sensitive resistance function, between the brown wire terminal and earth. The correct resistance for the unit fitted to CG125-C and E models is 2 ohms; a similar reading can be expected from the unit fitted to earlier models. If the reading obtained is significantly different, the resistor must be considered faulty and renewed.

### 18 Wiring: layout and examination

1 The cables of the wiring harness are colour-coded and will correspond with the accompanying wiring diagrams.

2 Visual inspection will show whether any breaks or frayed outer coverings are giving rise to short circuits which will cause the main fuse to blow. Another source of trouble is the snap connectors and spade terminals, which may make a poor connection if they are not pushed home fully.

3 Intermittent short circuits can sometimes be traced to a chafed wire passing through, or close to, a metal component, such as a frame member. Avoid tight bends in the cables or situations where the cables can be trapped or stretched, especially in the vicinity of the handlebars or steering head.

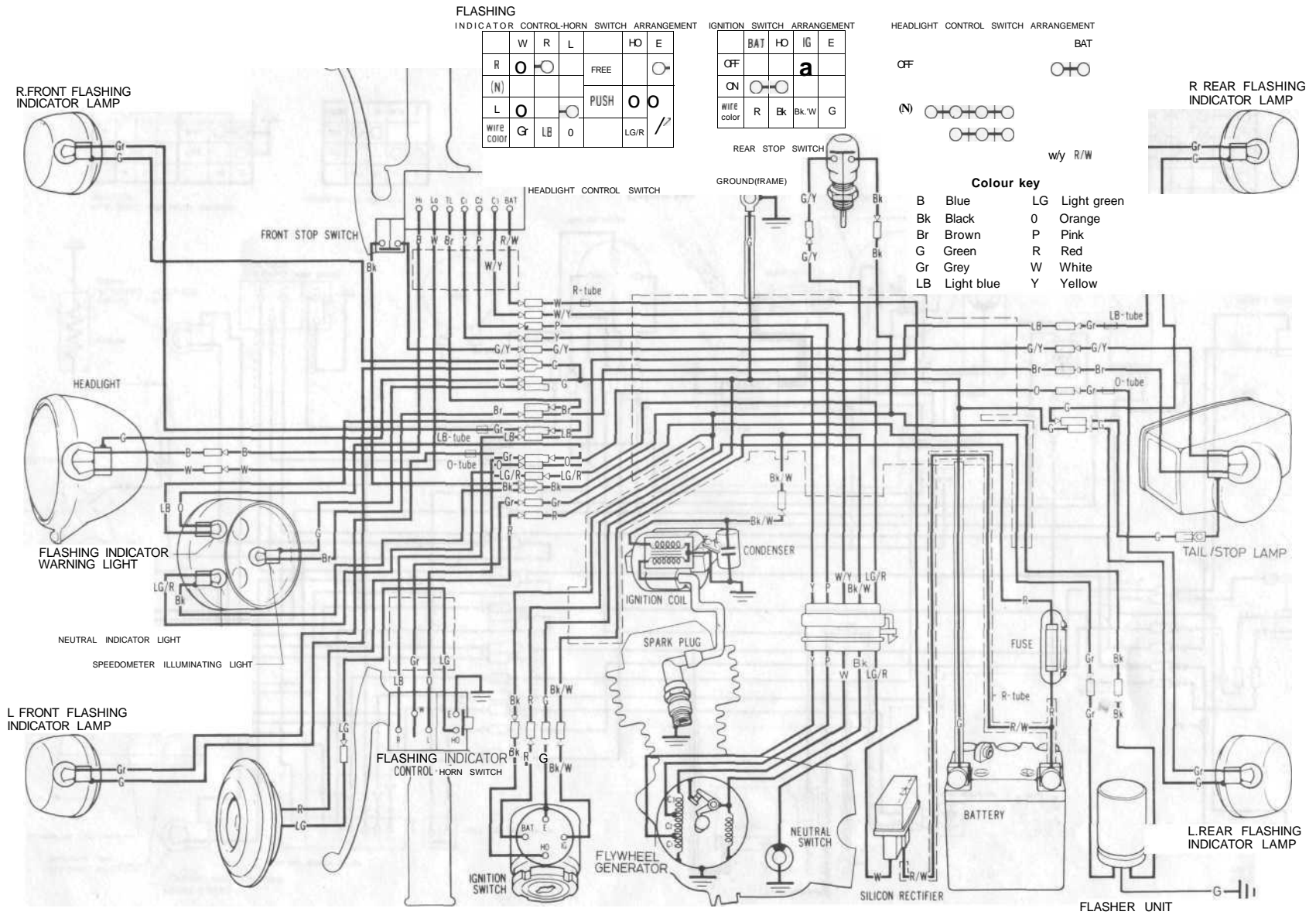


**Fig. 6.9 Electrical system component parts - CG125, CG125 K1 and B models**

|    |                        |    |                            |    |                   |
|----|------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Grommet                | 11 | Wiring clip - 2 off        | 21 | Bolt - 2off       |
| 2  | Condenser              | 12 | HT cable guide             | 22 | Bolt - 2off       |
| 3  | Distance piece - 2 off | 13 | Key and locking components | 23 | Screw             |
| 4  | Ignition coil          | 14 | Ignition switch            | 24 | Screw             |
| 5  | Plug cap               | 15 | Horn                       | 25 | Nut - 2off        |
| 6  | Insulating cover       | 16 | Switch bracket             | 26 | Spacer            |
| 7  | Rectifier unit         | 17 | Cable guide                | 27 | Washer - 4off     |
| 8  | Wiring harness         | 18 | Rubber mounting - 2 off    | 28 | Cable clip - 3off |
| 9  | Fuse holder            | 19 | Collar - 2off              | 29 | Fuse              |
| 10 | Fuse holder clip       | 20 | Washer - 2off              |    |                   |

### 19 Fault diagnosis : electrical system

| Symptom                      | Cause                            | Remedy   |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Complete electrical failure  | Blown fuse<br>Isolated battery   | Check wiring and electrical components for short circuit before fitting new 10 A fuse.<br>Check battery connections, also whether connections show signs of corrosion. |
| Dim lights, horn inoperative | Discharged battery               | Recharge battery with battery charger and check whether generator is giving correct output.  |
| Constantly 'blowing' bulbs   | Vibration, poor earth connection | Check whether bulb holders are secured correctly.<br>Check earth return or connections to frame.   |



**FLASHING INDICATOR CONTROL-HORN SWITCH ARRANGEMENT**

|            | W | R  | L | HO   | E    |
|------------|---|----|---|------|------|
| R          | O | ○  |   | FREE | ○    |
| (N)        |   |    |   |      |      |
| L          | O |    | ○ | PUSH | O    |
| WIFE color | G | LB | O |      | LG/R |

**IGNITION SWITCH ARRANGEMENT**

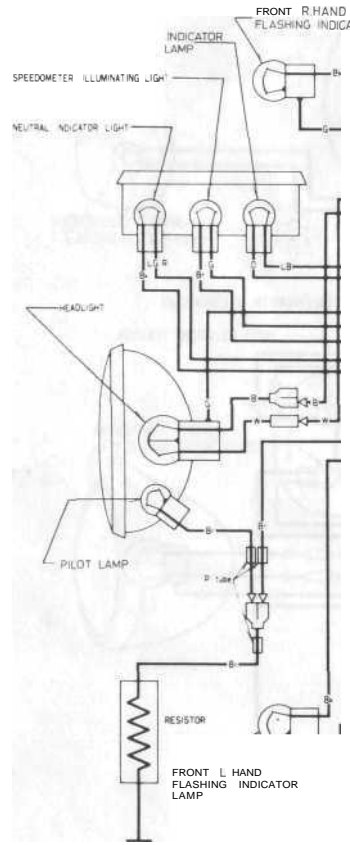
|            | BAT | HO | IG   | E |
|------------|-----|----|------|---|
| OFF        |     |    | a    |   |
| ON         | ○   | ○  |      |   |
| WIFE color | R   | Bk | Bk/W | G |

**HEADLIGHT CONTROL SWITCH ARRANGEMENT**

|     | BAT |
|-----|-----|
| OFF | ○   |
| (N) | ○   |
|     | ○   |
|     | ○   |

- Colour key**
- B Blue
  - Bk Black
  - Br Brown
  - G Green
  - Gr Grey
  - LB Light blue
  - LG Light green
  - O Orange
  - P Pink
  - R Red
  - W White
  - Y Yellow

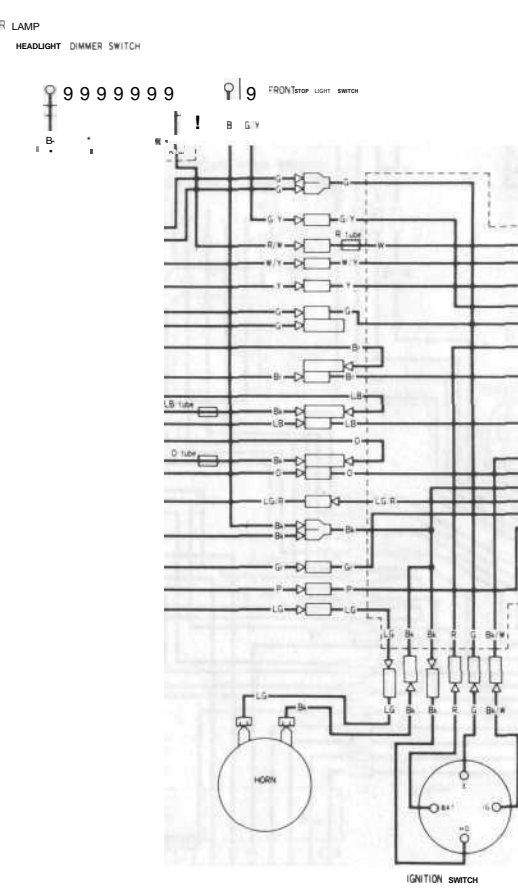
Wiring diagram - early CG125 models



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|       |   |    |      |      |   |
|-------|---|----|------|------|---|
|       | W | R  | ..   |      | E |
| R     | ● | ○  | RES  |      | ○ |
| N     |   |    | PUSH | ○    | ● |
|       | ○ | ○  | COL  | LG/R |   |
| COLOR |   | LB | o    |      |   |

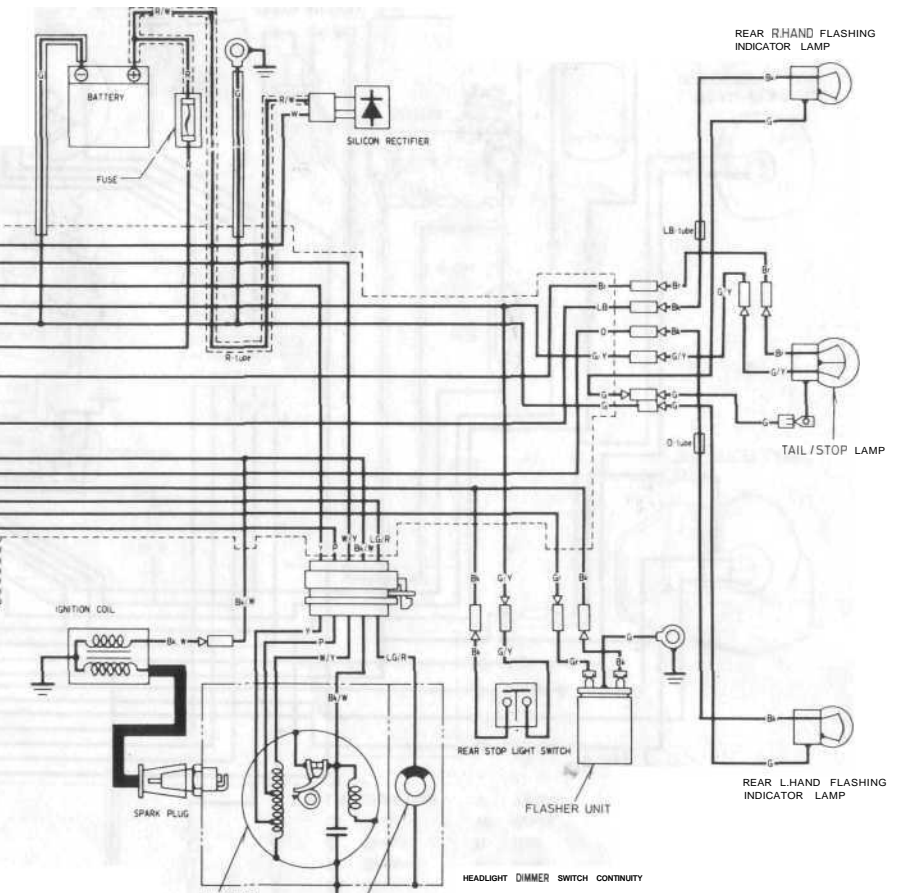


IGNITION SWITCH CONTINUITY

|       |    |    |    |   |
|-------|----|----|----|---|
|       | BK | HO | IG | E |
| OFF   |    |    | ○  |   |
| ON    | ●  | ●  |    |   |
| COLOR | R  | Bk | S  |   |

Colour key

|    |            |    |             |
|----|------------|----|-------------|
| B  | Blue       | LG | Light green |
| Bk | Black      | O  | Orange      |
| Br | Brown      | P  | Pink        |
| G  | Green      | R  | Red         |
| Gr | Grey       | W  | White       |
| LB | Light blue | Y  | Yellow      |

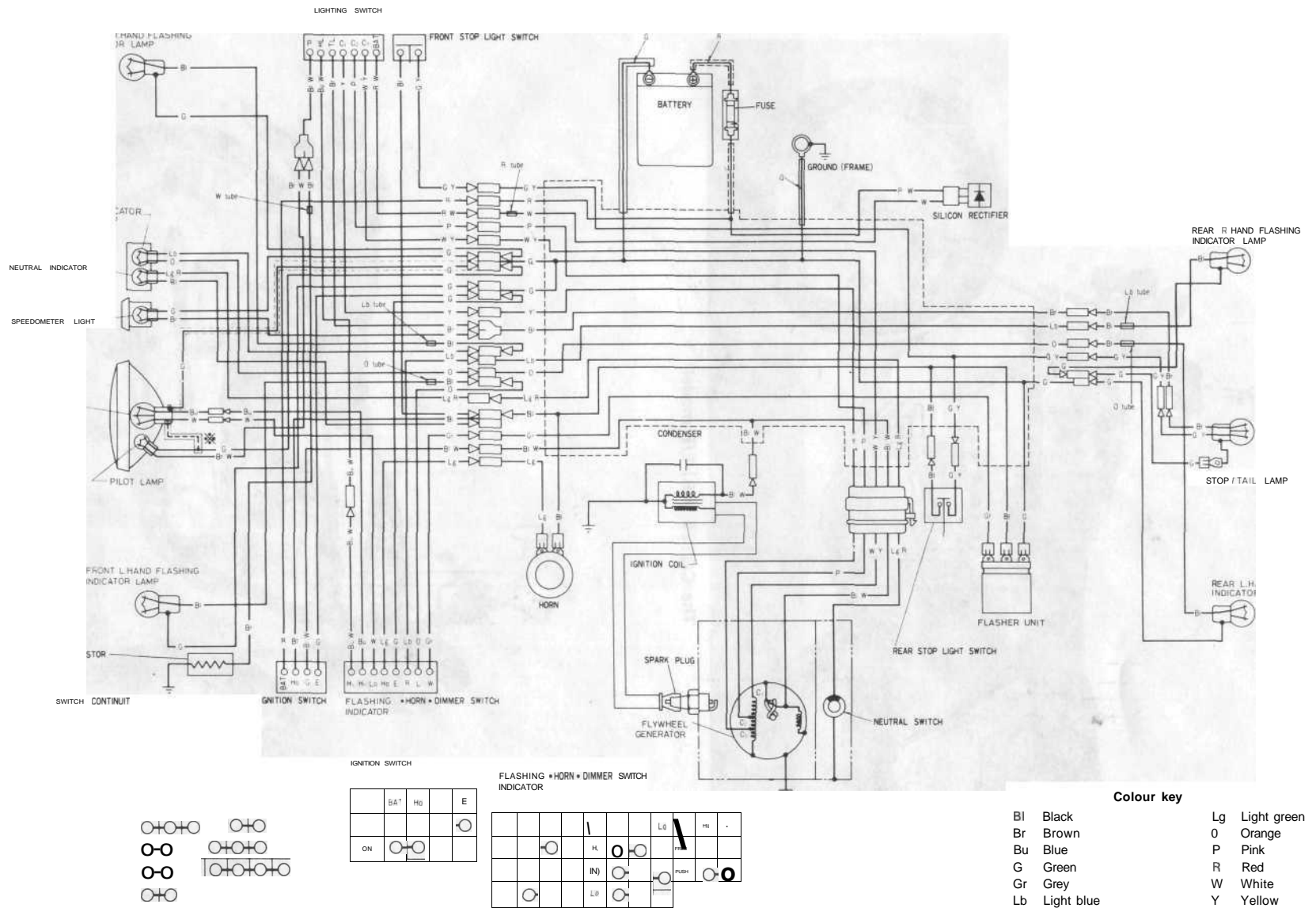


HEADLIGHT DIMMER SWITCH CONTINUITY

|       |   |   |    |    |     |
|-------|---|---|----|----|-----|
|       | X | » | TL | CI | C3  |
| DF    |   |   |    |    | ○   |
| L     | ○ |   | ○  | ○  | ○   |
| ON    | P |   | ○  | ○  | ○   |
|       | ○ |   | ○  | ○  | ○   |
| COLOR | B | » | a  | Br | ●   |
|       |   |   |    |    | P   |
|       |   |   |    |    | W/Y |

Wiring diagram - later CG125 models and CG125 K1, B models





Wiring diagram - CG125-C and E models



The CG125 (BR)-E/F model



The CG125 (BR)-J model

# Chapter 7 The 1985 on models

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## Specifications

**Note:** The following specifications apply to the CG125-E/F, J and K (Brazilian-built) models imported from April 1985 onwards. Information is given only where different from that applicable to the CG125-E (Japanese-built) model described in Chapters 1 to 6 of this manual.

| Model dimensions and weight | CG125(BR)-E/F, J           | CG125(BR)-K       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Overall length.....         | 1936 mm (76.2 in)          | 1985 mm (78.1 in) |
| Overall width.....          | 745 mm (29.3 in)           | 735 mm (28.9 in)  |
| Overall height.....         | 1050 mm (41.3 in)          | 1040 mm (40.9 in) |
| Wheelbase.....              | 1280 in (50.4 in)          | 1295 mm (51.0 in) |
| Seat height.....            | 760 mm (29.9 in)           | 770 mm (30.3 in)  |
| Ground clearance.....       | 150 mm (5.9 in)            | 150 mm (5.9 in)   |
| Dry weight.....             | 99 - 101 kg (218 - 223 lb) | 105 kg (232 lbs)  |

## Quick glance maintenance data

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Spark plug type - CG125(BR)-K.....        | NGK DPR8EA-9 or ND X24EPR-U9          |
| Front fork leg oil capacity - per leg:    |                                       |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....           | 85 cc (2.99 Imp fl oz)                |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                    | 82.5 ± 2.5 cc (2.90 ± 0.09 Imp fl oz) |
| Front brake lever free play - at tip..... | 1.0-2.0 mm (0.4 - 0.8 in)             |

## Specifications relating to Chapter 1

### Piston

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Skirt OD wear limit.....                     | 56.40 mm (2.2205 in)                    |
| Gudgeon pin OD.....                          | 14.994 - 15.000 mm (0.5903 - 0.5906 in) |
| Gudgeon pin bore ID.....                     | 15.002 - 15.008 mm (0.5906-0.5909 in)   |
| Piston to gudgeon pin maximum clearance..... | 0.020 mm (0.0008 in)                    |

### Piston rings

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Ring to groove clearance:                   |                                       |
| Top.....                                    | 0.015 - 0.050 mm (0.0006 - 0.0020 in) |
| Second.....                                 | 0.015 - 0.045 mm (0.0006 - 0.0018 in) |
| Wear limit - both rings.....                | 0.090 mm (0.0035 in)                  |
| Top and second ring end gap wear limit..... | 0.500 mm (0.0197 in)                  |
| Oil scraper ring end gap.....               | 0.200 - 0.900 mm (0.0079 - 0.0354 in) |

**Note:** Piston ring installed end gap must be measured at 10 mm (0.4 in) above **bottom** of cylinder bore

**Cylinder bore**

|                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Gasket surface maximum warpage..... | 0.100 mm (0.0039 in)                  |
| Piston to cylinder clearance.....   | 0.010 - 0.040 mm (0.0004 - 0.0016 in) |
| Wear limit.....                     | 0.100 mm (0.0039 in)                  |

**Cylinder head**

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Gasket surface maximum warpage..... | 0.100 mm (0.0039 in) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|

**Crankshaft**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Connecting rod small-end bore ID.....    | 15.010 - 15.028 mm (0.5909 - 0.5917 in) |
| Wear limit.....                          | 15.060 mm (0.5929 in)                   |
| Big-end bearing maximum radial play..... | 0.050 mm (0.0020 in)                    |
| Crankshaft maximum runout.....           | 0.050 mm (0.0020 in)                    |

**Gearbox**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Reduction ratios:                             |   |
| Primary drive.....                            | 3.333 : 1 (21/70T)                        |
| 1st.....                                      | 2.769 : 1 (13/36T)                        |
| 2nd.....                                      | 1.882 : 1 (17/32T)                        |
| 3rd.....                                      | 1.400 : 1 (20/28T)                        |
| 4th.....                                      | 1.130 : 1 (23/26T)                        |
| 5th.....                                      | 0.960 : 1 (25/24T)                        |
| Final drive.....                              | 2.929 : 1 (14/41 T)                       |
| Selector fork claw end minimum thickness..... | 4.50 mm (0.1772 in)                       |
| Selector fork shaft diameter.....             | 1 1.976 - 1 1.994 mm (0.4715 - 0.4722 in) |

**Torque wrench settings**

| Component                                    | kgf m     | lbf ft    |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Cylinder head cover bolts.....               | 0.8 - 1.2 | 6 - 9     |
| Rocker assembly mounting bolts:              |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....              | 1.5 - 2.0 | 11 - 14.5 |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                       | 2.1       | 15        |
| Special bolt into cam follower pivot:        |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....              | 1.5 - 2.0 | 11 - 14.5 |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                       | 2.1       | 15        |
| Cylinder head sleeve bolt:                   |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....              | 2.3 - 2.8 | 16.5 - 20 |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                       | 3.3       | 23        |
| Crankcase and crankcase cover screws.....    | 0.8 - 1.2 | 6 - 9     |
| Selector drum camplate bolt.....             | 1.0 - 1.6 | 7 - 11.5  |
| Selector drum stopper arm bolt.....          | 0.8 - 1.2 | 6 - 9     |
| Generator stator screws.....                 | 0.8 - 1.2 | 6 - 9     |
| Gearbox sprocket mounting bolts.....         | 1.0 - 1.6 | 7 - 11.5  |
| Endfloat plug mounting bolt.....             | 1.0 - 1.6 | 7 - 11.5  |
| Engine oil drain plug (where fitted).....    | 2.0 - 3.0 | 14.5 - 22 |
| Oil filter gauze cap:                        |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....              | 1.0 - 3.5 | 7 - 25    |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                       | 1.5       | 11        |
| Engine mounting bolts CG125(BR)-K model..... | 3.5       | 25        |
| Footrest bar mounting bolts:                 |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....              | 1.8 - 2.5 | 13 - 18   |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                       | 2.7       | 20        |

**Specifications relating to Chapter 2****Fuel tank capacity**

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Overall.....              | 12 litres (2.6 Imp gal)  |
| Including reserve of..... | 2.6 litres (0.6 Imp gal) |

**Carburettor**

|   | CG125(BR)-E/F, J  | CG125(BR)-K       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| ID number.....  | PD47C-A or D-A    | PD47F-A           |
| Main jet.....   | 90 (95°)          | 95                |
| Pilot (slow) jet.....   | 38                | 35                |
| Needle jet.....   | E2052J (E2352H*)  | Not available     |
| Needle jet clip position - grooves from top.....                              | 4th (2nd*)        | Not available     |
| Pilot screw - turns out from fully closed.....                                | 1                 | 1½                |
| Float height.....   | 14.0 mm (0.55 in) | 14.0 mm (0.55 in) |
| Idle speed.....   | 1400 ± 100 rpm    | 1400 ± 100 rpm    |
| See Section 13 for details of modified specifications denoted by the asterisk |                   |                   |

**Oil pump**

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Outer rotor to pump body clearance..... | 0.30 - 0.36 mm (0.0118 - 0.0142 in) |
| Wear limit.....                         | 0.40 mm (0.0157 in)                 |

**Torque wrench settings**

| Component                                 | kgf m     | lbf ft    |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Petrol tap filter bowl.....               | 0.3 - 0.5 | 2 - 3.5   |
| Engine oil drain plug (where fitted)..... | 2.0 - 3.0 | 14.5 - 22 |
| Oil filter gauze cap:                     |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....           | 1.0 - 3.5 | 7 - 25    |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                    | 1.5       | 11        |

**Specifications relating to Chapter 3****Ignition timing**

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Initial - 'F' mark aligned..... | 15° BTDC static or at idle speed |
| Advance starts at.....          | 1800 ± 150 rpm                   |
| Full advance at.....            | 35 ± 1.5° BTDC @ 3800 ± 150 rpm  |

**Ignition system**

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ignition HT coil spark gap..... | 6 mm (0.24 in) minimum |
| Condenser capacity.....         | 0.25 ± 10% microfarad  |

**Spark plug**

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Type - CG125(BR)-K model..... | NGK DPR8EA-9 or ND X24EPR-U9 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|

**Torque wrench settings**

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Generator stator screws..... | 0.8 - 1.2 kgf m (6 - 9 lbf ft) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|

**Specifications relating to Chapter 4****Front forks**

|                                 |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Travel.....                     | 115 mm (4.53 in)                      |
| Spring free length:             |                                       |
| Standard.....                   | 457 mm (17.9921 in)                   |
| Wear limit.....                 | 448 mm (17.6378 in)                   |
| Stanchion maximum warpage.....  | 0.2 mm (0.0079 in)                    |
| Oil capacity - per leg:         |                                       |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models..... | 85 cc (2.99 Imp fl oz)                |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....          | 82.5 ± 2.5 cc (2.90 ± 0.09 Imp fl oz) |

**Rear suspension**

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Travel:                             |                      |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....     | 64 mm (2.52 in)      |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....              | 80 mm (3.15 in)      |
| Suspension unit spring free length: |                      |
| Standard.....                       | 197.7 mm (7.7835 in) |
| Wear limit.....                     | 194.0 mm (7.6378 in) |

**Note:** Springs must be fitted with closer-pitched coils at the top

**Torque wrench settings**

| Component  | kgf m     | lbf ft    |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Steering stem nut.....                                       | 6.0 - 7.0 | 43 - 50.5 |
| Steering head bearing adjuster lockring - assembly only..... | 1.4-1.8   | 10 - 13   |
| Top yoke pinch bolts.....                                    | 1.0-1.2   | 7 - 9     |
| Lower yoke pinch bolts:                                      |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....                              | 2.0 - 2.5 | 14.5 - 18 |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                                       | 3.3       | 24        |
| Handlebar clamp bolts:                                       |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....                              | 0.9 - 1.1 | 6.5 - 8   |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                                       | 1.2       | 9         |
| Fork top bolt:   |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....                              | 4.0 - 5.0 | 29 - 36   |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                                       | 3.5       | 25        |
| Damper rod Allen screw.....                                  | 0.8-1.2   | 6 - 9     |
| Swinging arm pivot bolt nut:                                 |           |           |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models.....                              | 3.5 - 5.0 | 25 - 36   |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....                                       | 9.0       | 65        |
| Rear suspension unit mounting nuts.....                      | 3.0 - 4.0 | 22 - 29   |
| Rear suspension unit top mounting eye locknut.....           | 1.5 - 2.0 | 11 - 14.5 |
| Footrest bar mounting bolts.....                             | 1.8 - 2.5 | 13 - 18   |

**Specifications relating to Chapter 5****Wheels**

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Rim size:  |           |
| Front..... | 1.60 x 18 |
| Rear.....  | 1.85 x 18 |

**Brakes**

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Front brake drum inside diameter: |                    |
| Standard.....                     | 130 mm (5.1181 in) |
| Wear limit.....                   | 131 mm (5.1575 in) |

| Tyres                           | Front                             | Rear                              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sizes:                          |                                   |                                   |
| CG125(BR)-E/F and J models..... | 2.75 - 18 42P                     | 90/90 - 18 51P                    |
| CG125(BR)-K model.....          | 2.75 - 18 42P                     | 90/90 - 18 57P                    |
| Pressures - tyres cold:         |                                   |                                   |
| Solo.....                       | 25 psi (1.75 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | 28 psi (2.00 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Pillion.....                    | 25 psi (1.75 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | 32 psi (2.25 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |

**Torque wrench settings**

| Component                             | kgf m      | lbf ft    |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Front wheel spindle nut:              |            |           |
| Castellated nut — with split pin..... | 4.0 — 5.0  | 29 - 36   |
| Self-locking nut.....                 | 5.0 - 7.0  | 36 - 50.5 |
| Brake actuating arm pinch bolts.....  | 0.8 - 1.2  | 6 - 9     |
| Rear wheel spindle nut:               |            |           |
| Castellated nut — with split pin..... | 5.0 — 7.0  | 36 - 50.5 |
| Self-locking nut.....                 | 8.0 - 10.0 | 58 - 72   |
| Rear brake torque arm mountings.....  | 1.8 — 2.5  | 13 - 18   |

**Specifications relating to Chapter 6****Electrical system**

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Voltage.....          | 12             |
| Generator output..... | 94W @ 5000 rpm |

**Battery**

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Make and type..... | Yuasa Yumicron YB2.5L-A |
| Capacity.....      | 2.5Ah                   |
| Charging rate:     |                         |
| Normal.....        | 0.25 amp                |
| Maximum.....       | 0.40 amp                |

**Charging system output**

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Charge starts at..... | 1500 rpm maximum          |
| Output:               |                           |
| @ 4000 rpm.....       | 0.9 amp minimum/17.8 volt |
| @ 8000 rpm.....       | 3.0 amp maximum/18.1 volt |

**Note:** Test conducted with lights switched on, to main beam

**Bulbs**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Headlamp.....   | 12V, 35/35W       |
| Pilot lamp.....   | 12V, 3.4W         |
| All instrument illuminating and warning lamp bulbs..... | 12V, 3W or 3.4W   |
| Flashing indicator lamps.....                           | 12V, 1.8W or 21W* |
| Stop/tail lamp.....                                     | 12V, 21/5W        |

\*Check flasher unit rating and bulb holder marking to ensure correct bulb wattages are used

**1 Introduction**

1 The first six Chapters of this Manual describe the Japanese-built CG125 models imported into the UK from June 1976 to April 1985. This Chapter describes the models imported from that date, which have all been built in Honda's subsidiary factory in Brazil; they are therefore known commonly as the Brazilian-built CG125 or CG125 (BR).

2 With the exception of the information on the (TP)FC carburettor, which was also fitted to the Japanese-built CG125-C and E models, all information in this Chapter relates specifically to the Brazilian-built models. Information is given only where different from that given for the Japanese-built CG125-E model described in Chapters 1 to 6.

3 If working on one of the Brazilian models, first check the relevant part of this Chapter. If no information is given it can be assumed that the procedure or specification is unchanged from that given in the relevant part of Chapters 1 to 6.

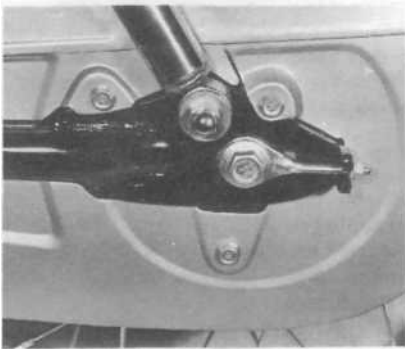
4 As with their Japanese predecessors, the Brazilian models have appeared in a number of slightly different versions. Each can be identified as follows:

5 The first model was imported from April 1985 to April 1988 and is referred to as the CG125 (BR) - E or F; either suffix letter may be used. Its frame numbers began with CG125BR-8100001 and its engine numbers with CG125BRE-8100001. Models are finished in red or black.

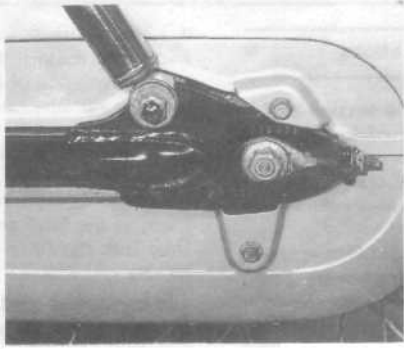
6 The second model was imported from April 1988 to September 1991 and is known as the CG125(BR)-J. Its frame numbers run from CG125BR-8106211 to 8115880 (engine numbers are not available). Finished in red, blue or white, it can be easily identified by its plastic front mudguard, as opposed to the chrome-plated steel item fitted to all earlier models.

7 The third and current version is the CG125(BR)-K. Its frame number starts at JC18-1000002, and its engine number at JC18E-5000006. Colours available are red or blue. Apart from minor modifications to its cycle parts, the UK market version can be distinguished from its predecessor by its tail fairing and the large CG graphic on the fuel tank.

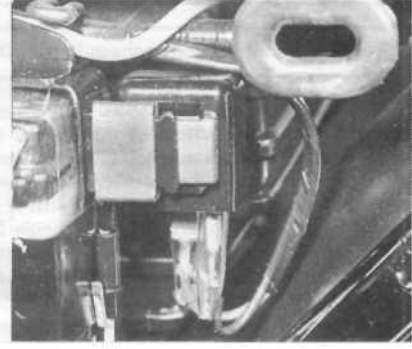
8 The Brazilian models differ from their Japanese predecessors chiefly in the appearance of their cycle parts and bodywork, the engine unit being largely identical. A 12 volt electrical system is fitted, the speedometer and warning lamp cluster are mounted in a single panel, a larger front brake is fitted inside a conical-shaped hub and the tank, seat, rear mudguard and side panels have been redesigned to give an updated appearance. Amongst other detail differences the pillion passenger footrest mountings are modified, the rear chain enclosure halves are secured by five bolts instead of four on BR-E/F and BR-J models (reverted to four bolts on BR-K model), a grab rail is fitted as standard, new handlebar switches are fitted and many minor components received detail alterations in the change from Japanese to Brazilian manufacturers.



1.7a Chain enclosure is secured by three bolts at the rear on BR-E/F and BR-J models ...



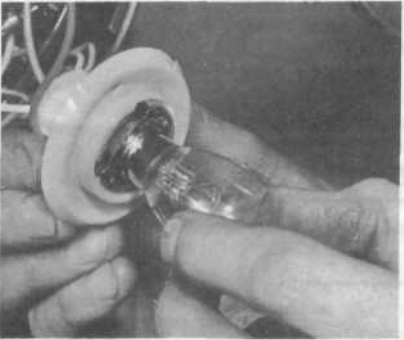
1.7b ... and by two bolts at the rear on BR-K model



1.7c Note later type of flasher unit



1.7d Headlamp bulb removal - procedure is similar to earlier models



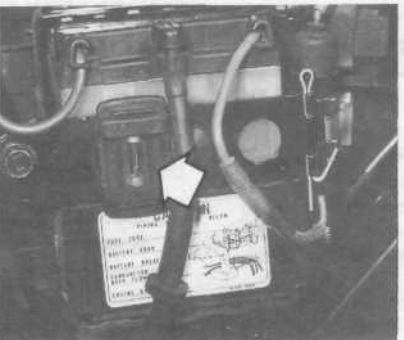
1.7e ... ensure bulb locating tangs engage with matching slots in holder



1.7f Pilot lamp bulbholder is a press fit in reflector ...



1.7g ... bulb is of bayonet type - always ensure correct wattage bulb is fitted



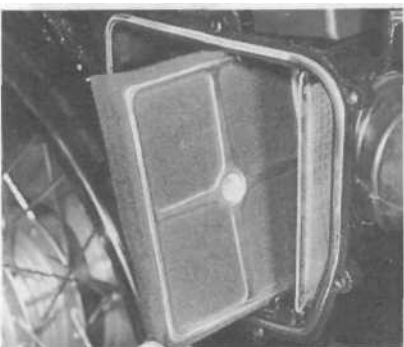
2.1 Modified battery retaining strap - note spare fuse location (arrow) on BR-K model



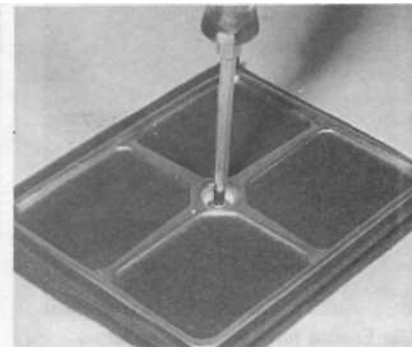
4.2 Air filter cover is retained by six screws - note sealing gasket



4.3 Note two flame traps - one is fitted next to filter element



4.4a Withdraw element assembly ...



4.4b ... and remove single retaining screw to dismantle

## 2 Routine maintenance: schedule modifications

1 With reference to the Routine maintenance section at the front of this manual, note that the service schedule has been altered slightly. The pre-ride (daily) check, the monthly/600 mile check and the three-monthly/1800 mile check remain unchanged. Note, however, that the battery is now retained by a metal strap which is secured by a single bolt.

2 The tasks described under the six-monthly/3600 mile check must be carried out at four-monthly intervals, or every 2500 miles/4000 km. They also include checking the petrol tap filter (Section 4) and checking the side stand (Section 6). Note also the revised procedure required for air filter cleaning, and checking brake wear. See Sections 3 and 5.

3 At every eight months, or 5000 miles/8000 km carry out all tasks listed under the four monthly heading (ie the previous six monthly check, plus two items above) then renew the spark plug and clean the engine oil centrifugal filter. Both of these items being given under the annual heading for earlier models.

4 Once annually, or every 7500 miles/12 000 km carry out all maintenance operations listed, then check the steering head bearings and change the front fork oil. **Note:** When changing the fork oil the front of the machine must be supported securely so that the front wheel is clear of the ground **before** the fork top bolts are removed. Note also the different fork oil capacity.

## 3 Routine maintenance: changing the engine oil - CG125(BR)-K model

1 Unlike previous models, the BR-K does not have an engine oil drain plug in the crankcase. Instead, the engine oil is drained by removing the large hexagon-headed cap which houses the oil filter gauze.

2 Refer to the procedure given in Routine maintenance, noting the revised torque setting for the oil filter gauze cap in this chapter's specifications.

## 4 Routine maintenance: air filter and fuel tap

### Cleaning the air filter element

1 Although the filter element is still of the oil-damped polyurethane foam type, as found on earlier models, the servicing procedure is slightly modified as follows:

2 Remove the right-hand side panel, using the ignition key to release the lock at its lower front corner, then remove the six screws which secure the air filter cover. Withdraw the cover, noting its sealing gasket.

3 Note the presence of the two wire mesh flame traps fitted on the carburettor side of the filter casing; these should be withdrawn and cleaned in a high flash-point solvent. Although they should not get dirty or suffer any damage, they should be checked for the presence of any particles of foreign matter and should be renewed if they are split or torn.

4 The element itself consists of a foam block supported by a two-piece metal frame that slides into a groove in the filter casing, with one of the flame traps. Withdraw the assembly and remove the single retaining screw to separate the component parts.

5 Check the element for splits, tears or severe clogging and renew it if necessary. Clean the element as described in Routine maintenance and reassemble the element components. Refit them to the filter casing so that no unfiltered air can leak past, then refit the filter cover, with its sealing gasket, and the side panel.

### Cleaning the petrol tap filters

6 Switch the tap to the 'Off' position and unscrew the filter bowl from the tap base, then remove the O-ring and filter gauze. Check the condition of the sealing O-ring and renew it if it is seriously compressed, distorted or damaged. Clean the filter gauze using a fine-bristled toothbrush or similar; remove all traces of dirt or debris and renew the gauze if it is split or damaged. Thoroughly clean the filter bowl; if excessive signs of dirt or water are found in the petrol, remove the tank, empty the petrol into a clean container and remove the fuel tap by unscrewing its retaining gland nut.

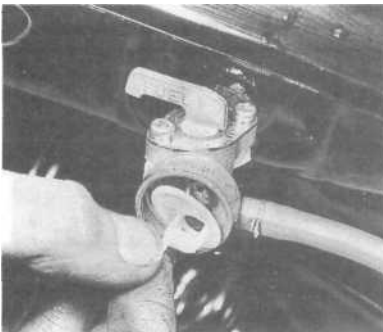
7 Remove the tubular filter gauze from the tap stack pipe, noting the presence of a small spacer and of the sealing O-ring, and clean it using a fine-bristled brush; if the gauze is split, twisted or damaged it should be renewed. Flush the tank until all traces of dirt or water are removed. The tap cannot be dismantled further and must be renewed as a complete assembly if the lever is leaking or defective in any way. If its passages are blocked, use compressed air to blow them clear.

8 On reassembly, renew the sealing O-ring if damaged or worn. Fit the filter gauze, spacer and O-ring into the tap and refit the assembly to the tank. Check that the tap is correctly aligned before tightening the gland nut; do not overtighten the gland nut or its threads may be stripped, necessitating the renewal of the tap.

9 Fit the filter gauze to the tap, ensuring that it is located correctly, then press the O-ring into place to retain it. Use only a close-fitting ring spanner to tighten the filter bowl, which should be secured by just enough to nip up the O-ring; do not overtighten it as this will only damage the filter bowl, distort the O-ring and promote fuel leaks. The recommended torque setting is only 0.3 - 0.5 kgf m (2 - 3.5 lbf ft). If any leaks are found in the tap they can be cured only by the renewal of the tap assembly or the defective seal.

## 5 Routine maintenance: checking brake shoe wear

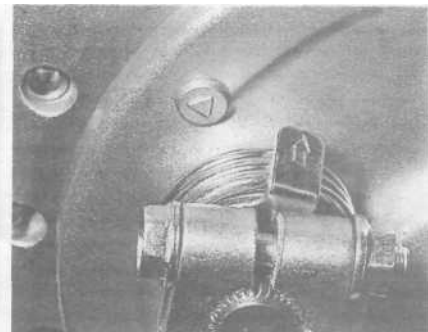
On these models brake shoe wear can be checked by applying the brake firmly and looking at the wear indicator marks on the backplate. If the indicator pointer on the camshaft is aligned with, or has moved beyond, the fixed index mark cast on the backplate, the shoes are worn out and must be renewed as a pair. This involves the removal of the wheel from the



4.9a Ensure filter gauze is correctly located on refitting



4.9b Do not overtighten filter bowl note sealing O-ring



5.1 Wear indicators are fitted to permit quick check of brake shoe wear



machine so that the brake components can then be dismantled, cleaned, checked for wear, and reassembled. It is important that moving parts such as the brake camshaft are lubricated with a smear of high melting-point grease on reassembly.

## 6 Routine maintenance: checking the side stand

1 Examine the side stand for cracks or bending, and lubricate the pivot with a multi-purpose or graphited grease. The side stand pivots about a single shouldered bolt; check that its retaining nut is securely fastened. Check the return spring and renew it, if weak or strained; if the pivot is correctly lubricated and the spring sufficiently strong, a pull of 2 — 3 kg (4.4 — 6.6 lb) as measured with a spring balance hooked on to the stand foot, should be required to retract the stand when it is in the 'down' position (machine supported on centre stand).

2 Inspect the rubber pad on the side stand for wear. If it is worn down to or past the wear mark, it should be renewed. Renew with a pad marked 'Below 259 lb only'.

## 7 Compression test: all models

1 At regular intervals it is useful to check the compression pressure to gain some idea of the degree of engine wear that has taken place; if engine performance is faulty the compression test can be a useful diagnostic aid.

2 Engine compression pressure is tested using a compression gauge with an adaptor suitable for a 1.2 mm spark plug thread. The engine must be fully warmed up, with the valve clearances accurately set and all cylinder head retaining nuts tightened to the correct torque settings. Open fully the throttle twistgrip and

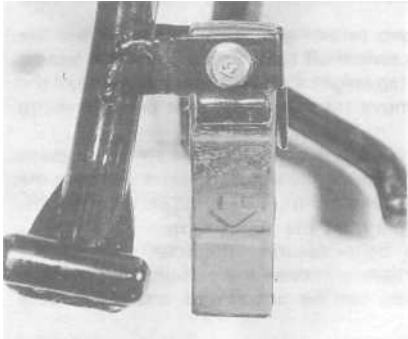
turn the engine over several times with the kickstart, noting the values recorded by the gauge.

3 If the readings obtained are significantly lower than those specified in Chapter 1, the engine is excessively worn and must be stripped for repair. The areas of wear are the piston/cylinder group, the head gasket, or the valves. The piston/cylinder group can be checked by removing the gauge, pouring a small amount of oil into the cylinder bore, then repeating the test. If the pressure recorded is significantly increased, the piston, piston rings or cylinder barrel are at fault; if the pressure remains unchanged, the head gasket or valves are faulty.

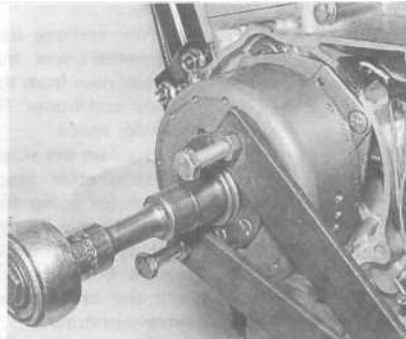
4 In the rare event of a pressure being recorded that is higher than that specified, this can be due only to an excessive build-up of carbon in the combustion chamber, which must be removed to restore full engine performance. However since it is extremely unlikely that an engine will run for long enough to build up such excessive deposits without a proportionate amount of mechanical wear taking place, the cause of such an excessive build-up must be established and rectified.

## 8 Engine modifications: general

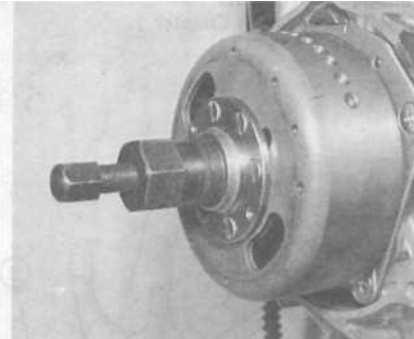
1 Chapter 1, Section 6 mentions two special Honda service tools which are required during the dismantling and reassembly of the engine. Note that the part numbers are changed for these later models. The centrifugal oil filter nut peg spanner is now 07716 - 0020100, and must be used with handle/extension bar 07716 - 0020500. Alternatively a similar tool can easily be fabricated as described in Chapter 1. The generator rotor flywheel puller is now 07733 - 0010000. Owners should note, however, that much cheaper pattern versions of this puller are available which will fit Brazilian- and Japanese-built machines; these pullers will fit nearly all modern small-capacity Japanese



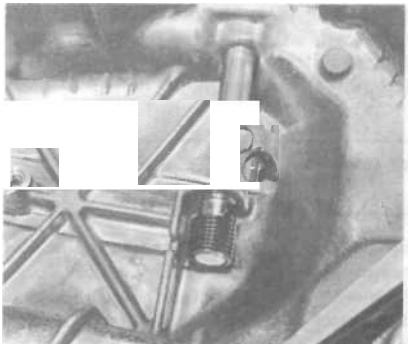
6.2 Side stand rubber pad must be renewed when worn to limit mark shown by arrow



8.1a Manufacturer's special tools can be replaced by home-made items as shown ...



8.1b ... or by proprietary pattern versions such as the flywheel puller shown



8.3a Note slightly modified clutch release arm - extract roll pin to permit removal



8.3b Clutch pushrod is now in one piece



11.1 Petrol tank rear mounting is secured by a single bolt

machines and can be easily obtained from a good motorcycle dealer.

2 Note that the piston crown marking mentioned in Chapter 1, Section 39 is now AD. Its purpose is the same; to identify the (larger) inlet valve cutaway which must face to the rear on reassembly.

3 The clutch release mechanism is very slightly modified (see accompanying photographs).

4 The crankcases and crankcase covers are now secured by hexagon-headed screws which will require the use of a very slim, deep, 8 mm (spanner size) socket if they are to be removed and refitted without risk of damage. Sockets of the appropriate type are usually only available in the smaller drive sizes; ensure that the necessary tools and adaptors are purchased with the socket.

### 9 Dismantling and rebuilding the engine/gearbox unit: separating the crankcase halves

1 In Chapter 1 owners are recommended to lift off the crankcase right-hand half, leaving all internal components in the deeper left-hand casing.

2 For later models, work will be found much easier if the crankcase left-hand half is lifted off, leaving all components in the right-hand half.

3 On reassembly, therefore, mesh together the gearbox clusters and fit them to their bearings in the crankcase right-hand half. Ensure that all thrust washers are refitted and that both shafts rotate freely.

4 Refit the gear selector components as described in Section 10, then refit the kickstart shaft and crankshaft as described in Chapter 1.

5 Fit a new gasket over the two locating dowels, lubricate all bearings and refit the crankcase left-hand half, following the instructions given in Chapter 1.

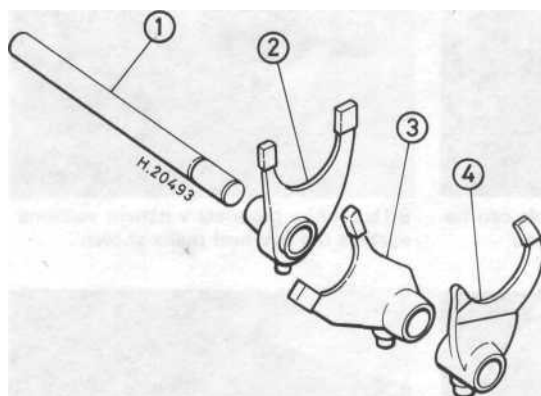


Fig. 7.1 Modified selector mechanism components

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Fork shaft               | 3 Centre selector fork    |
| 2 Right-hand selector fork | 4 Left-hand selector fork |

See Fig. 1.5 for details of remaining components

### 10 Gear selector mechanism: general

1 Although generally unchanged the selector mechanism has received a few detail modifications. Refer to the accompanying illustration for details.

2 On removal, note that the selector fork shaft can be withdrawn as soon as the crankcase halves have been separated. Rotate the forks away from the selector drum, withdraw the drum and then lift out each fork in turn, making notes or marks as required to ensure correct identification of each fork and of which way up it is fitted.

3 On reassembly the right-hand fork should be refitted to the layshaft 3rd gear pinion, with its marking facing upwards (ie, to the left). The centre fork is fitted to the mainshaft 4th gear pinion. The left-hand fork is fitted to the layshaft 5th gear pinion, with its marking facing downwards (ie, towards the other forks).

4 Insert the selector drum so that the neutral switch contact aligns with the switch terminal and manoeuvre the fork guide pins into their respective grooves. Lubricate and insert the selector fork shaft, then rotate the drum to check that all gears can be selected, then return to the neutral position.

### 11 Petrol tank: removal and refitting

The petrol tank rear mounting is now secured by a single bolt and washer (see accompanying photograph). On refitting, always ensure that the tank rear mounting bracket is settled correctly on the rubber spacer before tightening the bolt.

### 12 (T)PFC carburettor: removal - CG125-C, E and Brazilian models

1 First remove its two retaining screws and withdraw the carburettor cover, then switch off the petrol tap and disconnect the feed pipe from the tap spigot. Pull the drain tube clear of the engine and frame. Remove the right-hand side panel for extra working space.

2 Slacken the screw clamp which secures the air filter hose to the carburettor. Slacken the adjuster locknut and unscrew the accelerator pump cable adjuster from its bracket, then disconnect the cable end nipple from the pump cam.

3 Unscrew the two bolts securing the inlet stub to the cylinder head, then partially withdraw the carburettor assembly until the carburettor top can be unscrewed and the throttle valve withdrawn.

4 The throttle valve assembly can be dismantled as described in Chapter 2, Section 5. Note that the valve can be detached easily with the carburettor in place by removing the seat and either removing the petrol tank or lifting it at the rear.

5 The inlet stub can be detached by removing the two nuts which secure it to the carburettor. Examine the O-rings at each end of the stub; these must be renewed to prevent induction leaks if they are in any way flattened, worn, or damaged.

### 13 (T)PFC carburettor: overhaul - CG125-C, E and Brazilian models

1 The float bowl can be detached complete with the accelerator pump diaphragm and rod assembly in place, if required. All other components of the carburettor are the same as the later type of carburettor described in Chapter 2; refer, therefore, to that Chapter for all information unless shown below. Do **not** disturb the accelerator pump linkage unless absolutely necessary; it is pre-set at the factory and will not require adjustment in normal use unless disturbed.

2 Unscrew the three retaining screws to release the pump cover from the base of the float bowl. Withdraw the cover, noting the presence of the coil spring, followed by the diaphragm and rod. Check that the diaphragm is free from cracks or splits, that the rod is straight and that the two are securely fastened. Renew any component that is found to be worn or damaged.

3 Remove the float bowl as described in Chapter 2 and examine the rod gaiter; renew it if it is split or damaged.

4 There are two spring-loaded one-way ball valves in the pump system. The first is situated in the pump feed, in the centre of the pump cover, while the second is on the delivery side, screwed into the float bowl mating surface. Always dismantle these two valves separately to avoid any risk of interchanging components. Each is removed by unscrewing the jet, whereupon the coil spring and ball can be tipped out. Blow clear the passageways with compressed air, clean the valve components in petrol and reassemble. Note the springs should be fitted inside the jets before the jets are screwed into place.

5 If the pump linkage must be dismantled, slacken the adjuster locknut and unscrew the adjuster screw until the pump

cam arm is released, then remove its retaining screw and withdraw the bracket. The components can then be withdrawn, noting carefully how each engages with the other and with the return spring. Renew any component that is worn or damaged.

6 On reassembling the linkage lubricate all bearing surfaces with molybdenum disulphide-based grease. When all components are in place check the pump operation to ensure correct installation and smooth return under spring pressure. Use the cam arm adjuster to eliminate all clearance between the cam and arm, and between the arm and rod as a preliminary setting for final adjustment (see Section 1 5).

7 As described above, all other carburettor components are serviced according to the instructions given in Chapter 2. On reassembly, fit all components in the reverse of the dismantling procedure, noting the general instructions given in Chapter 2.

8 A modified main jet and needle jet are fitted to CG125 (BR)-J models from frame number 8107614 to cure poor running as a result of hesitation at certain throttle positions. If this problem is experienced on earlier CG125 (BR) models it is possible to fit the later components (see specifications) which are available from an authorized Honda dealer.

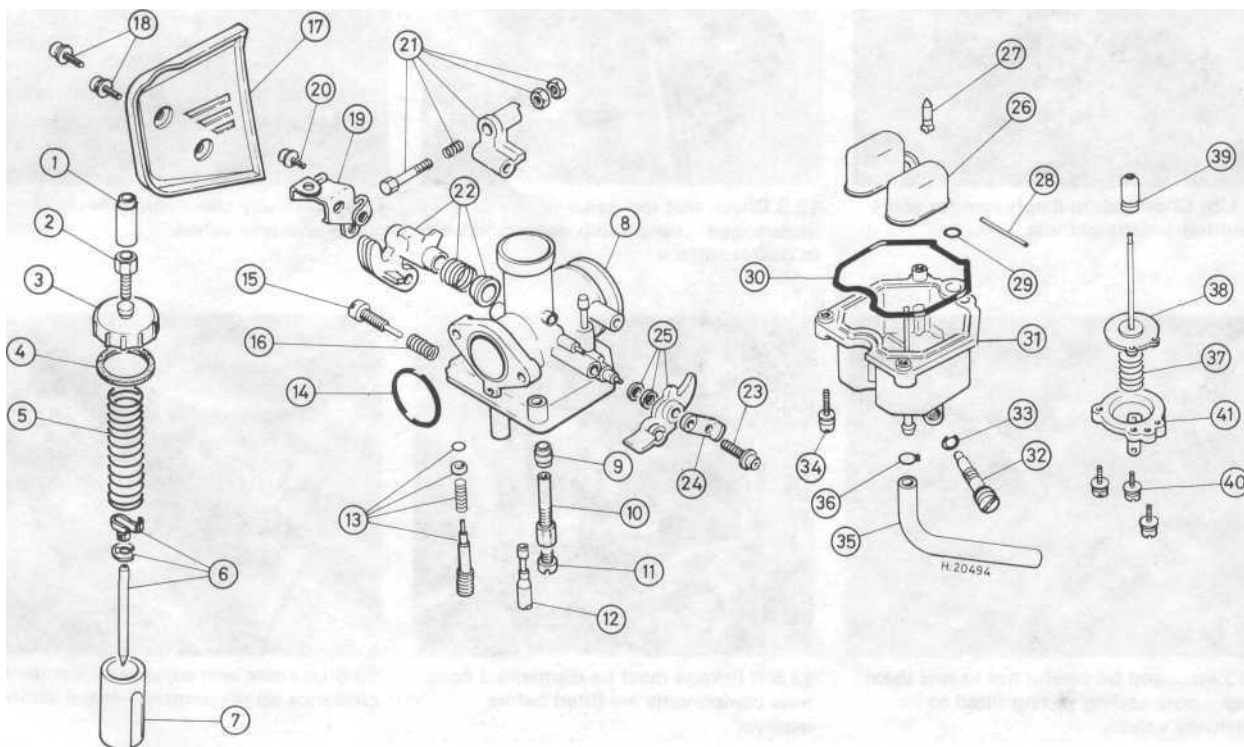
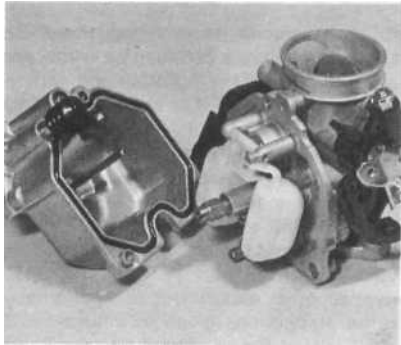
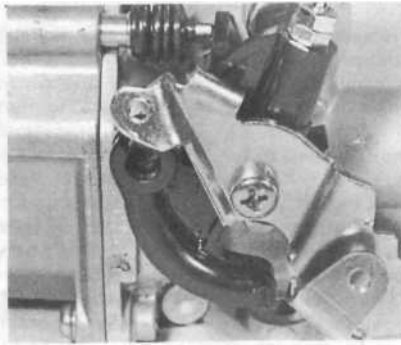


Fig. 7.2 (T)PFC Carburettor - CG125-C, E and Brazilian models

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| 1 Rubber cover          | 15 Throttle stop screw                 | 29 O-ring                 |
| 2 Cable adjuster        | 16 Spring                              | 30 O-ring                 |
| 3 Carburettor top       | 17 Carburettor cover                   | 31 Float bowl             |
| 4 Gasket                | 18 Screw - 2 off                       | 32 Drain screw            |
| 5 Return spring         | 19 Accelerator pump bracket            | 33 O-ring                 |
| 6 Jet needle assembly   | 20 Screw                               | 34 Screw - 3 off          |
| 7 Throttle valve        | 21 Accelerator pump free play adjuster | 35 Drain pipe             |
| 8 Carburettor body      | 22 Accelerator pump cam assembly       | 36 Clip                   |
| 9 Needle jet            | 23 Screw                               | 37 Spring                 |
| 10 Jet holder           | 24 Retaining plate                     | 38 Pump rod/diaphragm     |
| 11 Main jet             | 25 Choke lever                         | 39 Rod gaiter             |
| 12 Pilot jet            | 26 Float                               | 40 Screw - 3 off          |
| 13 Pilot screw assembly | 27 Float needle valve                  | 41 Accelerator pump cover |
| 14 O-ring               | 28 Float pivot pin                     |                           |



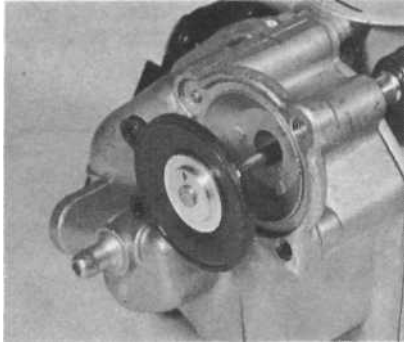
13.1a Float bowl can be removed complete with pump assembly



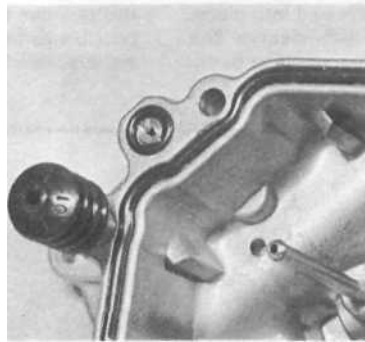
13.1b Do not dismantle accelerator pump linkage unless absolutely necessary



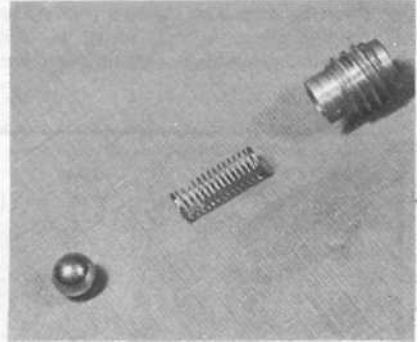
13.2a Pump cover is retained by three screws - note coil spring and valve in centre of cover



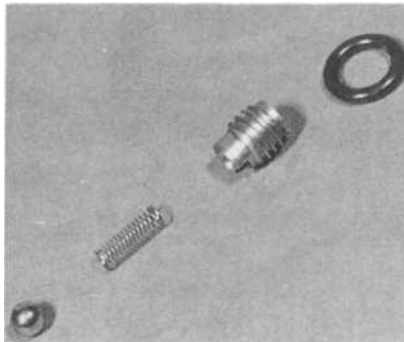
13.2b Check pump diaphragm for splits and rod for straightness



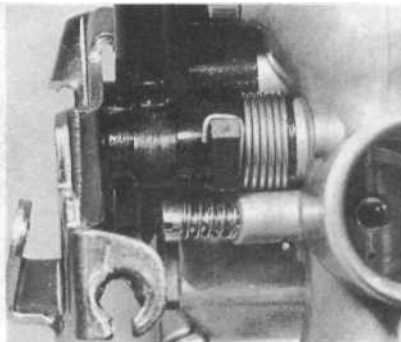
13.3 Check that rod gaiter is undamaged - note pump delivery valve in gasket surface



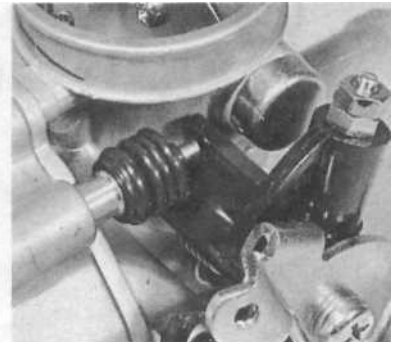
13.4a Carefully clean components of pump one-way valves ...



13.4b ... and be careful not to mix them up - note sealing O-ring fitted to delivery valve



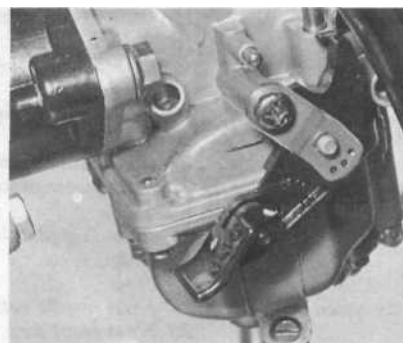
13.5 If linkage must be dismantled note how components are fitted before removal



13.6 Use cam arm adjuster to eliminate clearance on reassembly - initial setting



13.7a Carburettor jets are the same as earlier models - note removable pilot jet



13.7b Check choke assembly is correct note simple detent mechanism

#### 14 (T)PFC carburettor: refitting CG125-C, E and Brazilian models

1 Refit the throttle valve assembly ensuring that the groove in the valve engages with the locating pin set in the carburettor body, and that the needle enters correctly into the jet, then tighten the carburettor top securely. Check that the valve opens and closes smoothly.

2 Ensuring that new sealing O-rings are used if necessary, refit the inlet stub to the carburettor and the carburettor assembly to the cylinder head. Tighten the mounting nuts and bolts securely, but do not overtighten them.

3 Connect the accelerator pump cable end nipple to the pump cam, then fit the cable adjuster to the bracket. Refit the air filter hose and tighten its clamp screw securely. Refit the right-hand side panel and connect the feed pipe to the petrol tap. Switch the petrol tap on and check for leaks. Route the drain tube correctly to the rear of the engine/gearbox unit.

4 Check that the throttle and accelerator cables are adjusted with reasonable accuracy, but leave them slightly slack until final adjustment, as described in the next Section.

#### 15 (T)PFC carburettor: adjustment - CG125-C, E and Brazilian models

1 The procedure for setting the float height, idle mixture setting and idle speed are exactly as described in Chapter 2, but note the different settings specified in this Chapter. Note also that if a plastic float assembly is fitted the float height can be corrected only by renewing the faulty component; no adjustment is possible.

2 To adjust the throttle cable, note that the twistgrip adjuster should be used to eliminate slack from the upper cable (twistgrip to junction box) while the carburettor top adjuster (where fitted) is used to eliminate slack from the lower cable.

Note that individual machines will vary considerably due to production tolerances in cable component length and to the different rates of 'stretch' that must be expected; correct adjustment, therefore, may well be obtained only by using both adjusters to achieve a compromise setting. This is simplified on later models which have only the twistgrip adjuster. The throttle cable must have 2 - 6 mm (0.08 - 0.24 in) free play measured in terms of twistgrip rotation. When the throttle cable is correctly set, tighten the (twistgrip) adjuster locknut, refit the rubber sleeve over both adjusters and check that the idle speed remains steady after the throttle has been opened and closed several times, and at all handlebar positions.

3 When the idle speed and throttle cable setting are correct, adjust the accelerator cable so that the reference mark etched in the pump cam aligns exactly with the index mark cut in the linkage bracket when the throttle is fully open (engine switched off). Tighten the locknut and re-check the setting. Set the required amount of free play in the pump linkage by slackening its adjuster locknut and screwing the adjuster screw in through  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 turn while holding the adjuster holding nut steady. Retain the setting while the locknut is tightened securely, then refit the carburettor cover. Check the correct operation of the pump linkage.

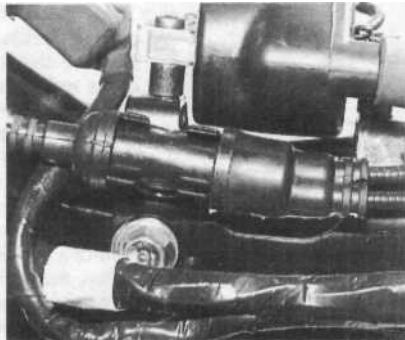
4 Note that if the carburettor has been completely dismantled the pump passages may require priming before they function normally, and that they may, therefore, take some time to fill after the machine has been started and run for the first time.

#### 16 Oil pump: general

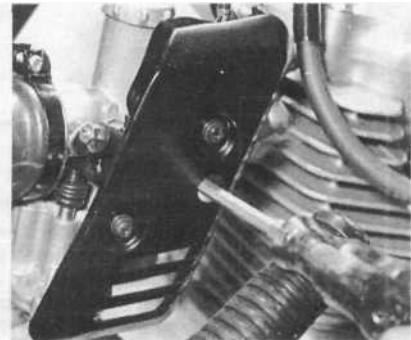
On servicing the oil pump, note that a tachometer drive worm has been incorporated in the assembly. Since it fits into an extended housing and replaces the pump spindle shown in Chapters 1 and 2, servicing procedures remain the same. When checking the oil pump note the additional clearance specified in this Chapter, as well as those given in Chapter 2.



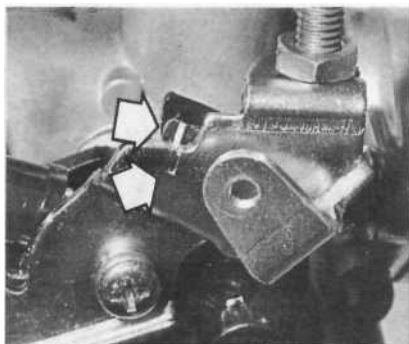
15.1 If float assembly is one-piece plastic item, incorrect float height can be cured only by renewing worn components



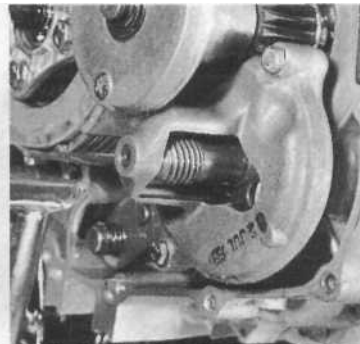
15.2a Presence of junction block may complicate throttle cable adjustment



15.2b Adjusting idle speed - throttle stop screw is reached via hole in cover



15.3 With throttle fully open, marks on pump linkage cam and bracket should align

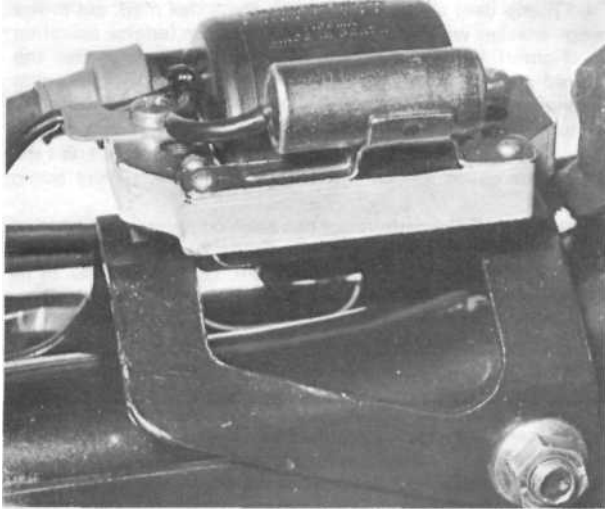


16.1 Note tachometer drive worm - not used on UK models

**17 Condenser: general**

1 Note that while the condenser is mounted as described in Chapter 3, it is no longer listed as a separate item and can only be purchased (as a genuine Honda replacement part) as part of the ignition HT coil assembly.

2 Owners are therefore advised to find a good Honda Service Agent who will find a suitable separate replacement from his stocks and fit it to the coil.



17.1 Condenser location - not listed as a separate part

**18 Handlebar: mountings**

When installing the handlebars, align the handlebar punch marks with the upper edge of the top yoke mounting, then fit the clamps with their punch-marked ends to the front. Tighten the front clamp bolts first, to the specified torque setting, then tighten the rear clamp bolts, also to the specified setting. Do **not** try and overtighten the bolts to close the gap between the clamp rear ends and the top yoke.

**19 Front fork legs: removal**

1 Position the machine on its centre stand and support it under the crankcase to prevent it toppling when the front wheel is withdrawn. Remove the front wheel and mudguard, unscrew the two reflectors from the bottom yoke cover and remove the two cover mounting bolts to release the cover. Slacken the fork leg top bolts while the legs are still clamped in the yokes.

2 Slacken fully both top and bottom yoke pinch bolts and withdraw each leg by pulling it downwards out of the yokes. If corrosion obstructs removal of the leg, apply a liberal quantity of penetrating fluid, allow time for it to work, then release the leg by rotating it in the yoke as it is pulled downwards. In extremely stubborn cases, tap smartly on the top of each bolt using a hammer and a wooden drift; take great care not to damage the bolts. Alternatively, if care is used it is permissible to open up the split clamp of each yoke slightly by removing the pinch bolt and working the flat blade of a screwdriver into the clamp. Exercise extreme caution when doing this, as the clamps can be overstressed and broken easily.

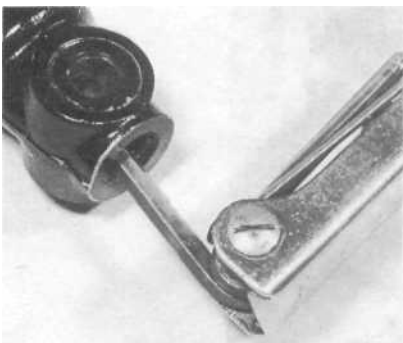
**20 Front fork legs: dismantling and overhaul**

1 Dismantle and rebuild the fork legs separately, and store the components of each leg in separate, clearly marked containers, so that there is no risk of exchanging components, thus promoting undue wear.

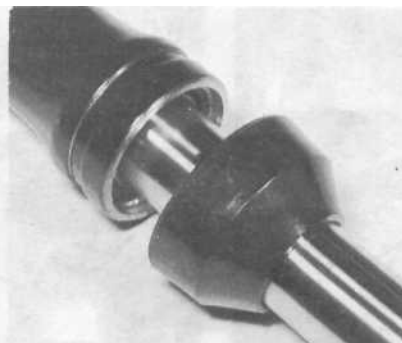
2 First slacken the damper rod Allen bolt at the bottom of each lower leg. If the damper rod is not locked, in this case by the pressure of the fork spring, it will rotate with the bolt. Tap smartly on the bolt head with a hammer and a suitable drift, then unscrew it. If it breaks free and can be unscrewed do not remove it completely at this stage; if it breaks free but merely rotates with the rod try compressing the fork leg against a solid object to apply more spring pressure. If all else fails proceed with the dismantling and use the more positive method of damper rod locking described below.

3 Remove the fork top bolt. If this was not slackened while still in the machine, as described in the previous Section, clamp the stanchion upper end in a vice using padded jaw covers to prevent scratching. Unscrew the bolt carefully; place a thickly-wadded piece of rag over the bolt before it is finally removed. The bolts are under some pressure from the fork spring and may be ejected with considerable force; use firm hand pressure to counter this until the bolt threads are released.

4 Remove the fork spring **noting carefully** which way up it was fitted. Invert the leg over a container and tip out the fork oil; depress the leg slowly to expel as much oil as possible. Carefully prise the dust seal off the lower leg and use a pointed instrument to displace the wire circlip.



20.2 Unscrew damper rod Allen screw to release stanchion from lower leg



20.4a Remove dust seal from lower leg ...



20.4b ... and displace circlip to permit removal of fork oil seal

5 Remove the damper rod Allen bolt. If this has broken free from the lower leg but will not unscrew from the damper rod, obtain a piece of hardwood dowel of the same length and diameter as the fork spring(s) and grind a coarse taper on one end. Compress the stanchion fully into the lower leg and insert the dowel into the stanchion so that its tapered end engages with the head of the damper rod. Either rest the dowel outer end against a solid object so that the maximum pressure can be applied to lock the damper rod, clamp it in a vice, or clamp a self-locking wrench on to it so that an assistant can apply pressure and prevent rotation at the same time.

6 Remove the stanchion from the lower leg and invert it to tip out the damper rod and rebound spring, then invert the lower

leg to tip out the damper rod seat. The oil seal can be prised out of the lower leg using a large flat-bladed screwdriver which has had any sharp edges ground off; be very careful not to damage the top edge or to scratch the seal housing when using this method. **Do not apply excessive pressure**; if the seal proves difficult to remove, pour boiling water over the outside of the lower leg to expand the alloy sufficiently to release its grip on the seal.

7 All components can be checked for wear and renewed if necessary following the general instructions given in Chapter 4. If the damping action has deteriorated renew the damper rod piston ring and be very careful to clean all components.

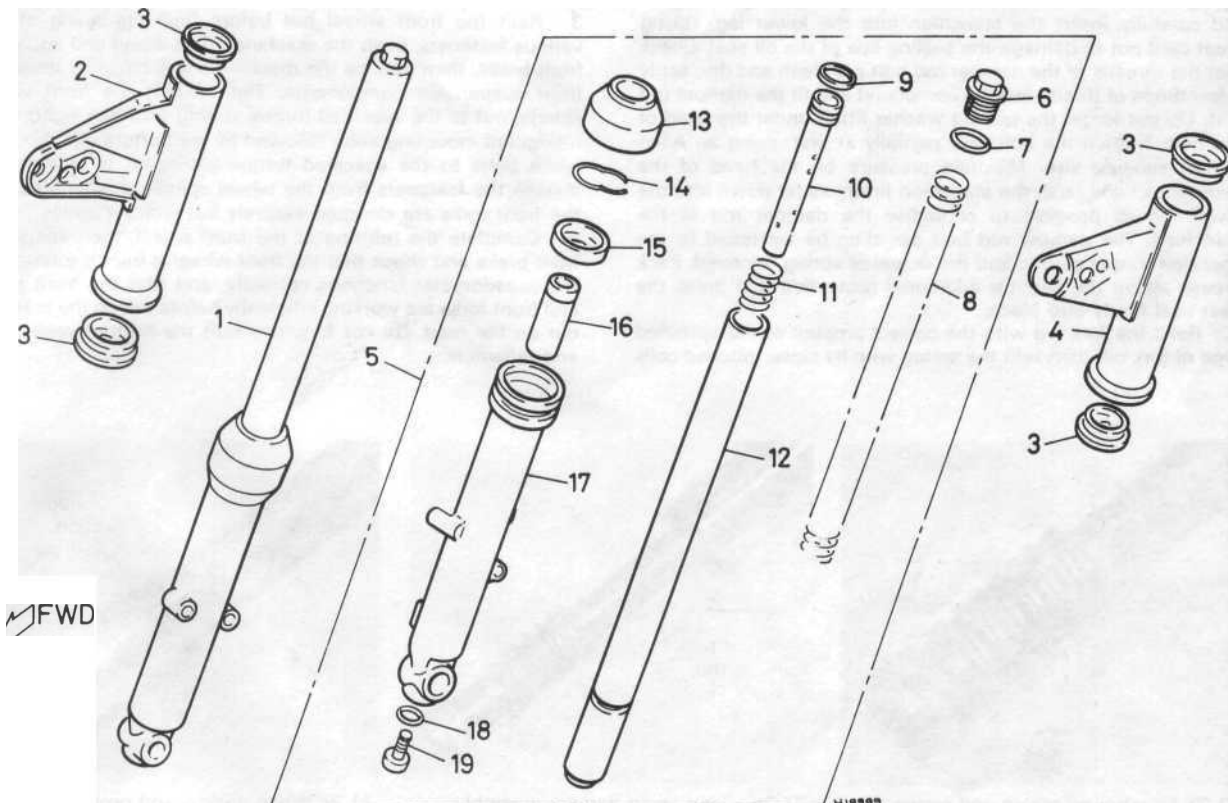


Fig. 7.3 Front forks

- 1 Right-hand fork leg
- 2 Right-hand headlamp bracket
- 3 Guide - 4 off
- 4 Left-hand headlamp bracket
- 5 Left-hand fork leg
- 6 Top bolt
- 7 O-ring

- 8 Fork spring
- 9 Piston ring
- 10 Damper rod
- 11 Rebound spring
- 12 Stanchion
- 13 Dust seal

- 14 Circ lip
- 15 Oil seal
- 16 Damper rod seat
- 17 Lower leg
- 18 Sealing washer
- 19 Allen bolt

## 21 Front fork legs: reassembly

1 On reassembly, all components should have been checked for wear and renewed as necessary and should be completely clean and dry.

2 Clamp the lower leg vertically in a vice by its spindle lug. Coat the inner and outer diameters of the new seal with the recommended fork oil and push the seal squarely into the bore of the fork lower leg by hand. Ensure that the seal is fitted squarely, then tap it fully into position, using a hammer and a suitably sized drift such as a socket spanner, which should bear only on the seal's hard outer edge. Tap the seal into the bore of the lower leg just enough to expose the circlip groove. Refit the retaining circlip securely in its groove. Refit the damper rod assembly to the stanchion, pushing it down with the spring or wooden dowel, then place the damper rod seat over the damper rod end, using a smear of grease to stick it in place. Smear the sliding surface of the stanchion with a light coating of fork oil and carefully insert the stanchion into the lower leg, taking great care not to damage the sealing lips of the oil seal. Check that the threads of the damper rod bolt are clean and dry, apply a few drops of thread locking compound and fit the damper rod bolt. Do not forget the sealing washer fitted under the head of the bolt. Tighten the bolt only partially at first, using an Allen key of suitable size. Maintain pressure on the head of the damper rod and push the stanchion firmly as far down into the lower leg as possible to centralise the damper rod in the stanchion. The damper rod bolt can then be tightened to the specified torque setting and the dowel or spring removed. Pack grease above the seal for additional protection and press the dust seal firmly into place.

3 Refill the fork leg with the correct amount of the specified type of fork oil, then refit the spring with its closer-pitched coils

at the top. Refit the fork leg top bolt; tighten it to its specified torque setting when the stanchion is held either in a vice with padded jaws or in the machine's fork yokes.

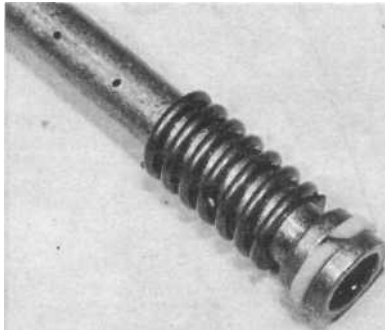
## 22 Front fork legs: refitting

1 On refitting, check that the upper length of each stanchion is clean and polished, and that all traces of dirt and corrosion have been removed. Apply a thin smear of grease to ease the passage of the stanchion through the yokes and to prevent corrosion. When the stanchion is in position, ie with its top end flush with the upper surface of the top yoke so that the fork top bolt is standing proud, tighten the pinch bolts just enough to retain the leg. Unless tightened prior to inserting the legs in the yokes, tighten the fork top bolts to the specified torque setting.

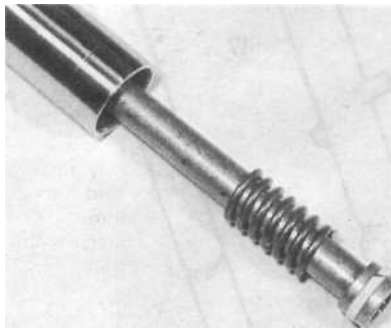
2 Refit the mudguard and tighten lightly the mounting bolts; check that in fully tightening these bolts the fork lower legs are not twisted out of line or stressed in any way.

3 Refit the front wheel but before final tightening of the various fasteners, push the machine off its stand and apply the front brake, then bounce the machine a few times to settle the front suspension components. Tighten first the front wheel spindle nut to the specified torque setting and then tighten the mudguard mounting bolts followed by the bottom and top yoke pinch bolts to the specified torque setting. It is essential to tighten the fasteners from the wheel spindle upwards so that the front forks are clamped securely but without stress.

4 Complete the refitting of the front wheel, then adjust the front brake and check that the front wheel is free to rotate, that the speedometer functions correctly, and that the front brake and front forks are working efficiently before taking the machine out on the road. Do not forget to refit the bottom yoke cover and reflectors.



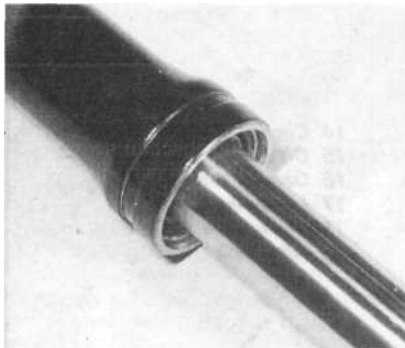
21.2a Fit rebound spring and piston ring to damper rod ...



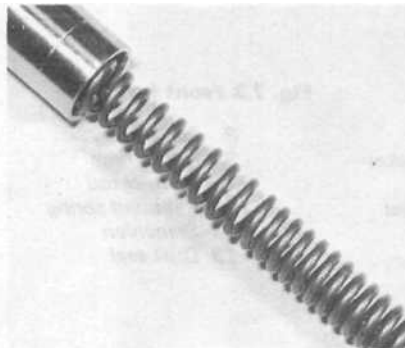
21.2b ... and insert damper assembly into top of stanchion



21.2c When damper rod projects from stanchion lower end, fit damper rod seat



21.2d Take care not to damage oil seal as stanchion is refitted to lower leg

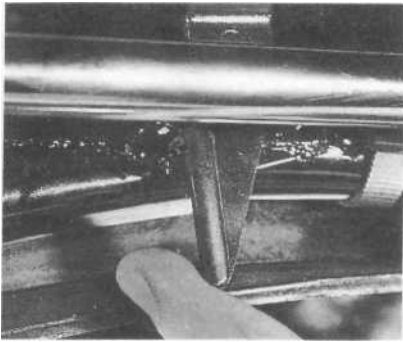


21.3a Fork springs are refitted with closer-pitched coils at the top

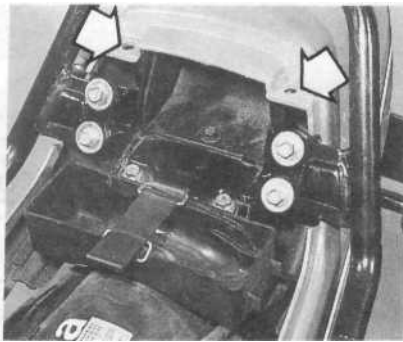


21.3b Refill fork leg with exactly the correct amount of oil

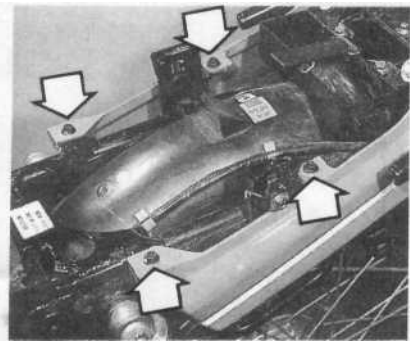




24.3 Press latch on each side to release seat (tail fairing will obscure latches on BR-K model)



24.5a Remove grab rail (four bolts), then two rear bolts (arrows) ...



24.5b ... followed by four bolts (arrows) to free tail fairing

### 23 Swinging arm: check, removal and refitting CG125(BR)-K model

#### Check

1 With the machine on its centre stand, grasp both swinging arm ends and attempt to move them from side to side. If a significant amount of side play exists the bearings should be renewed.

#### Removal and refitting

2 Remove the rear wheel and chainguard as described in Chapter 5 (having referred first to Section 26 of this Chapter) and disconnect the chain. The torque arm should be disconnected from the swinging arm.

3 Detach the rear suspension units from their bottom mountings and lower the swinging arm to the ground.

4 Remove the nut and washer from the end of the swinging arm pivot shaft and pull the shaft out of the swinging arm and frame mountings. The swinging arm is now free.

5 Pull the caps off the swinging arm pivot bosses and slide out the bearing sleeves. If the headed bushes are in need of renewal, the old ones are best withdrawn using a slide-hammer with an internally expanding adaptor. If using a drift to remove the old bushes, move it around the inner face to ensure that the bush leaves the housing squarely.

6 Clean the housing thoroughly before installing the new bushes. Each bush should be installed with care to prevent damage to its head - the use of a drawbolt and suitably-sized plain washers is advised to ensure that the bushes enter their housing squarely.

7 Grease each bearing sleeve and insert them into the bushes. Apply grease to the inner face of the caps and fit them to each side of the housings. Grease the pivot shaft, then offer up the swinging arm and insert the pivot shaft fully. Install the plain washer and nut on its opposite end and tighten the nut to the specified torque setting. Check that the swinging arm is able to move freely and that there is no discernible side play in the pivot.

8 Refit all disturbed components in a reverse of the removal procedure.

### 24 Side panels, seat and tail fairing: removal and refitting

#### Side panels

1 On all models except the CG125(BR)-K, the side panels are secured by a simple lock at their lower front mounting points. To release the lock, insert the ignition key into the lock and rotate it until it unlocks. Reverse the procedure on refitting.

2 On the CG125(BR)-K model, the side panels are secured by a screw at the lower mounting point. Remove the screw and pull the panel stubs out of their mounting grommets to release.

#### Seat

3 The seat is removable to allow easy access to the toolbox, and on BR-K models to the small storage box in the tail fairing. It is secured by two latches, one on each side at the seat's rear end, just behind the suspension unit top mountings. Press each latch to the rear to release, and where applicable, unlock the helmet lock to release the wire clip.

4 On refitting, hook the seat front mounting under its locating bracket and press the seat down at the rear so that its two latches snap into engagement. Where fitted, slip the wire clip into the helmet lock to provide a measure of security.

#### Tail fairing - CG125(BR)-K only

5 Remove the seat as described above, then release the grab rail by removing its four mounting bolts. Remove the six tail fairing mounting bolts and manoeuvre it free of the frame.

6 Reverse the removal procedure to refit the tail fairing, noting that a plain washer, damping rubber and spacer must be fitted

### 25 Speedometer: removal and refitting

1 The speedometer is mounted in a panel with the ignition switch and warning lamp cluster. To remove the complete assembly remove the headlamp rim and reflector unit, then trace and disconnect the wiring from the panel. Disconnect the speedometer drive cable.

2 Unscrew the two bolts which secure the panel to the top yoke, withdraw the panel and unplug the bulb holders.

3 Invert the assembly and withdraw the bolts which retain the mounting bracket, noting the arrangement of washers and damper rubbers.

4 Remove all the small screws which secure the panel top and bottom covers and the warning lamp cluster housing. The speedometer head is secured by two screws. When all screws have been released the various components can be separated.

5 Reassembly is the reverse of the dismantling procedure.

### 26 Wheels: general

1 In spite of its different appearance the front wheel is the same in layout as those of the earlier models described in Chapter 5. Detail changes are shown in the accompanying illustration. The rear wheel differs only in rim size. Servicing procedures, therefore, remain the same.

2 When removing and refitting wheels, note that some later models are fitted with self-locking spindle nuts instead of having castellated nuts and split pins. Ensure that the appropriate torque wrench setting is used on refitting, see Specifications.

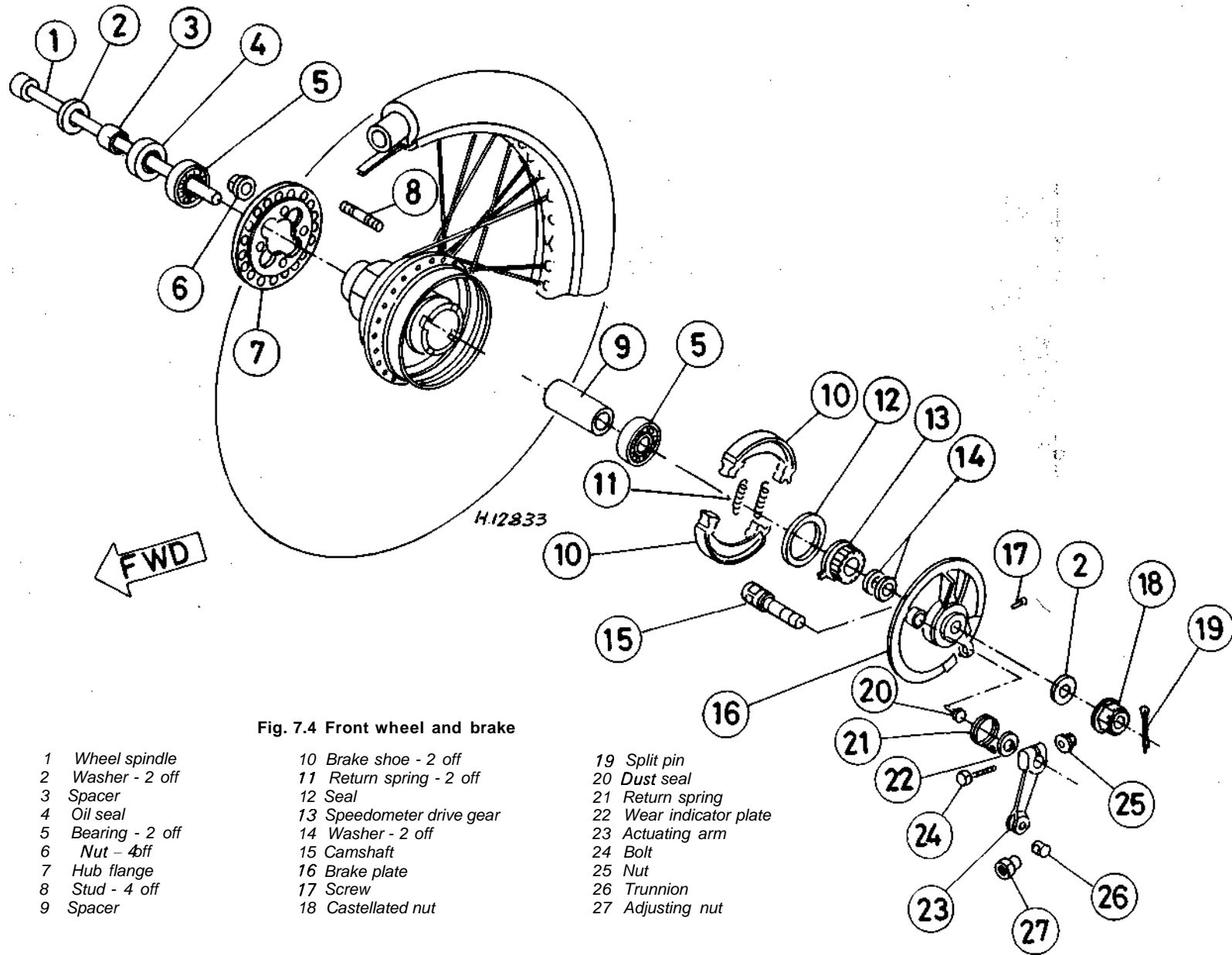


Fig. 7.4 Front wheel and brake

- 1 Wheel spindle
- 2 Washer - 2 off
- 3 Spacer
- 4 Oil seal
- 5 Bearing - 2 off
- 6 Nut -  $\phi$ ff
- 7 Hub flange
- 8 Stud - 4 off
- 9 Spacer

- 10 Brake shoe - 2 off
- 11 Return spring - 2 off
- 12 Seal
- 13 Speedometer drive gear
- 14 Washer - 2 off
- 15 Camshaft
- 16 Brake plate
- 17 Screw
- 18 Castellated nut

- 19 Split pin
- 20 Dust seal
- 21 Return spring
- 22 Wear indicator plate
- 23 Actuating arm
- 24 Bolt
- 25 Nut
- 26 Trunnion
- 27 Adjusting nut

## 27 Brakes: overhaul

1 When overhauling the brakes check that the brake operating cam is working smoothly and is not binding in its pivot. The cam can be removed by withdrawing the pinch bolt from the actuating arm and pulling the arm off the shaft. Before removing the arm, if the manufacturer's alignment punch marks cannot be seen, it is advisable to mark its position in relation to the shaft so that it can be relocated correctly with the wear indicator pointer.

2 Remove any deposits of hardened grease or corrosion from the bearing surface of the brake cam and shoe by rubbing it lightly with a strip of fine emery paper or by applying solvent with a piece of rag. Lightly grease the length of the shaft and the face of the operating cam prior to reassembly. Clean and grease the pivot stub which is set in the backplate.

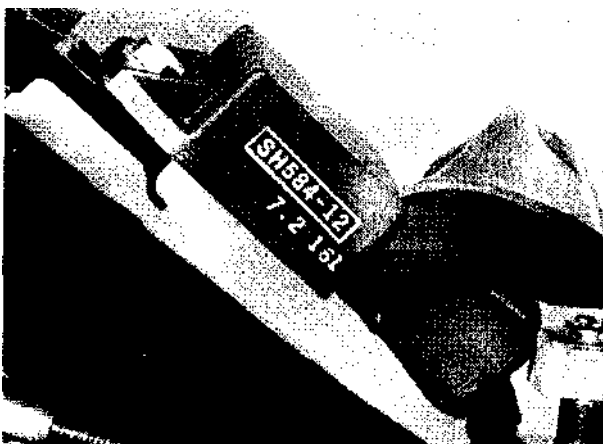
3 On the front brake only, check the condition of the felt seal which prevents the escape of grease from the end of the camshaft. If it is in any way damaged or too dirty to be of further use, it must be renewed before the shaft is relocated in the backplate. Dip the seal in clean engine oil before refitting it, pack grease into the backplate passage and refit the camshaft. Hook the return spring inner end into the backplate hole.

4 On front and rear brakes, fit the wear indicator to the camshaft, aligning the indicator inner tab with the matching slot in the camshaft splines. Check that the camshaft is rotated to its correct position then refit the actuating arm, aligning its punch mark with that of the camshaft. On front brakes only, hook the return spring outer end over the arm. Tighten the arm pinch bolt to the specified torque setting, then refit the brake shoes.

5 On all models, note that the brake operating mechanism is at its most efficient when, with the brake correctly adjusted and applied fully, the angle between the cable or rod and the actuating arm on the brake backplate does not exceed 90°. This can be adjusted by removing the actuating arm from the brake camshaft and rotating it by one or two splines until the angle is correct. Ensure that all components are correctly secured on reassembly.

## 28 Regulator/rectifier unit: location and testing

1 The 12 volt electrical system fitted to these models uses a combined regulator/rectifier unit to replace the rectifier and resistor fitted to the earlier models.



28.2 Location of regulator/rectifier unit - later models shown

2 The unit is fitted either under the seat, in front of the rear mudguard, or under the petrol tank immediately behind the steering head. Remove the seat (and petrol tank, if necessary) to gain access to it. The unit is a heavily finned sealed metal unit; on later models it is rubber-mounted to the frame top tube and is covered by a rubber sheath.

3 The regulator side of the unit can be tested only by a general check of the charging system output, as described in Chapter 6, Section 3. If the results obtained differ widely from those specified in this Chapter then one or more components of the system is faulty. While basic tests of the generator coils can be made as described in Chapter 6, if a charging system fault is suspected the machine should be taken to a Honda Service Agent for testing by an expert. The only way of curing a faulty regulator/rectifier unit is to renew it; owners are advised to have their findings confirmed by an expert using the correct test equipment before condemning a component.

4 The rectifier side of the unit can be checked by measuring the resistances each way across the red and white wire terminals, as described in Chapter 6, Section 4. If the rectifier diode is faulty, the complete unit must be renewed.

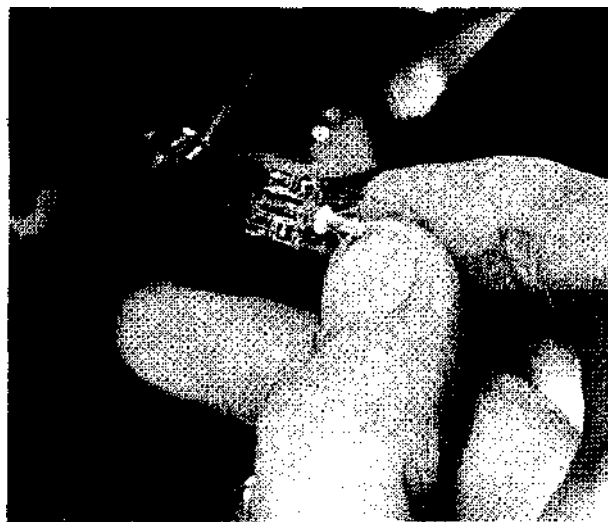
5 Always ensure that the unit's connections are clean and securely fastened and that its mountings are secure.

## 29 Ignition switch: removal and refitting

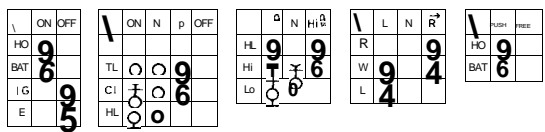
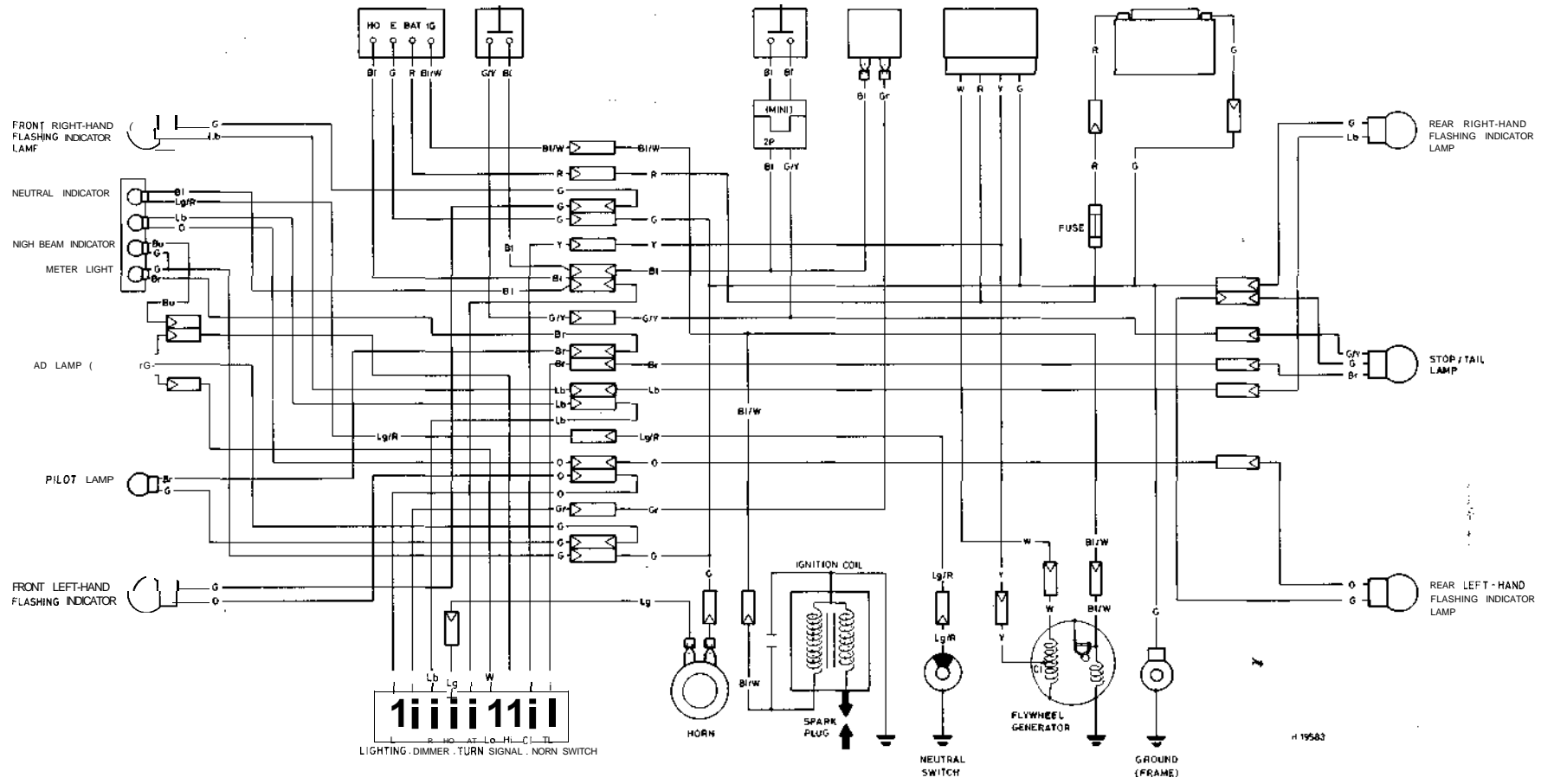
Note that the ignition switch mounting in the instrument panel is the same as that described in Chapter 6 for the earlier models. It will be necessary to remove the complete panel and dismantle it, as described in Section 25, to gain access to the switch mounting.

## 30 Instrument panel bulbs: removal and refitting

Although the panel is very different in appearance the instrument and warning lamp bulbs are fitted in the same way as described in Chapter 6 for the later models. Note that it may be necessary to remove the two mounting bolts and to lift the panel upwards to gain access to an awkwardly placed bulbholder.



30.1 Instrument panel bulbs are of capless type - remove and refit as described for earlier models



- Colour key**
- Bl Black
  - Br Brown
  - Bu Blue
  - G Green
  - Gr Grey
  - Lb Light blue
  - Lg Light green
  - O Orange
  - P Pink
  - R Red
  - W White
  - Y Yellow

Wiring diagram - CG125(BR)-E/F, J and K models

# Conversion factors

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## Length (distance)

|             |         |                    |          |             |
|-------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Inches (in) | X 25.4  | = Millimetres (mm) | X 0.0394 | Inches (in) |
| Feet (ft)   | X 0.305 | = Metres (m)       | X 3.281  | Feet (ft)   |
| Miles       | X 1.609 | = Kilometres (km)  | X 0.621  | Miles       |

## Volume(capacity)

|  |          |  |         |  |
|--|----------|--|---------|--|
| Cubic inches (cu in; in <sup>3</sup> ) | X 16.387 | = Cubic centimetres (cc; cm <sup>3</sup> ) | X 0.061 | Cubic inches (cu in; in <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Imperial pints (Imp pt)                | X 0.568  | = Litres (l)                               | X 1.76  | Imperial pints (Imp pt)                |
| Imperial quarts (Imp qt)               | X 1.137  | = Litres (l)                               | X 0.88  | Imperial quarts (Imp qt)               |
| Imperial quarts (Imp qt)               | X 1.201  | = US quarts (US qt)                        | X 0.833 | Imperial quarts (Imp qt)               |
| US quarts (US qt)                      | X 0.946  | = Litres (l)                               | X 1.057 | US quarts (US qt)                      |
| Imperial gallons (Imp gal)             | X 4.546  | = Litres (l)                               | X 0.22  | Imperial gallons (Imp gal)             |
| Imperial gallons (Imp gal)             | X 1.201  | = US gallons (US gal)                      | X 0.833 | Imperial gallons (Imp gal)             |
| US gallons (US gal)                    | X 3.785  | = Litres (l)                               | X 0.264 | US gallons (US gal)                    |

## Mass (weight)

|             |         |                  |         |             |
|-------------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------|
| Ounces (oz) | X 28.35 | = Grams (g)      | X 0.035 | Ounces (oz) |
| Pounds (lb) | X 0.454 | = Kilograms (kg) | X 2.205 | Pounds (lb) |

## Force

|                        |         |                             |         |                        |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Ounces-force (ozf; oz) | X 0.278 | = Newtons (N)               | X 3.6   | Ounces-force (ozf; oz) |
| Pounds-force (lbf; lb) | X 4.448 | = Newtons (N)               | X 0.225 | Pounds-force (lbf; lb) |
| Newtons (N)            | X 0.1   | = Kilograms-force (kgf; kg) | X 9.81  | Newtons (N)            |

## Pressure

|   |          |   |          |   |
|---|----------|---|----------|---|
| Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) | X 0.070  | = Kilograms-force per square centimetre (kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> ; kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | X 14.223 | Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) | X 0.068  | = Atmospheres (atm)   | X 14.696 | Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) | X 0.069  | = Bars  | X 14.5   | Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) | X 6.895  | = Kilopascals (kPa)   | X 0.145  | Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Kilopascals (kPa)   | X 0.01   | = Kilograms-force per square centimetre (kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> ; kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | X 98.1   | Kilopascals (kPa)   |
| Millibar (mbar)   | X 100    | = Pascals (Pa)  | X 0.01   | Millibar (mbar)   |
| Millibar (mbar)   | X 0.0145 | = Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> )     | X 68.947 | Millibar (mbar)   |
| Millibar (mbar)   | X 0.75   | = Millimetres of mercury (mmHg)   | X 1.333  | Millibar (mbar)   |
| Millibar (mbar)   | X 0.401  | = Inches of water (inH <sub>2</sub> O)  | X 2.491  | Millibar (mbar)   |
| Millimetres of mercury (mmHg)   | X 0.535  | = Inches of water (inH <sub>2</sub> O)  | X 1.868  | Millimetres of mercury (mmHg)   |
| inches of water (inH <sub>2</sub> O)  | X 0.036  | = Pounds-force per square inch (psi; lbf/in <sup>2</sup> ; lb/in <sup>2</sup> )     | X 27.68  | Inches of water (inH <sub>2</sub> O)  |

## Torque (moment of force)

|                                    |         |  |         |                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------|--|---------|------------------------------------|
| Pounds-force inches (lbf in; lbin) | X 1.152 | = Kilograms-force centimetre (kgf cm; kg cm) | X 0.868 | Pounds-force inches (lbf in; lbin) |
| Pounds-force inches (lbf in; lbin) | X 0.113 | = Newton metres (Nm)                         | X 8.85  | Pounds-force inches (lbf in; lbin) |
| Pounds-force inches (lbf in; lbin) | X 0.083 | = Pounds-force feet (lbf ft; lb ft)          | X 12    | Pounds-force inches (lbf in; lbin) |
| Pounds-force feet (lbf ft; lb ft)  | X 0.138 | = Kilograms-force metres (kgf m; kg m)       | X 7.233 | Pounds-force feet (lbf ft; lb ft)  |
| Pounds-force feet (lbf ft; lb ft)  | X 1.356 | = Newton metres (Nm)                         | X 0.738 | Pounds-force feet (lbf ft; lb ft)  |
| Newton metres (Nm)                 | X 0.102 | = Kilograms-force metres (kgf m; kg m)       | X 9.804 | Newton metres (Nm)                 |

## Power

|                 |         |             |          |                   |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|----------|-------------------|
| Horsepower (hp) | X 745.7 | = Watts (W) | X 0.0013 | = Horsepower (hp) |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|----------|-------------------|

## Velocity (speed)

|                                |         |                                    |         |                                  |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Miles per hour (miles/hr; mph) | X 1.609 | = Kilometres per hour (km/hr; kph) | X 0.621 | = Miles per hour (miles/hr; mph) |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|

## Fuel consumption\*

|                                  |         |                             |         |                                  |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Miles per gallon, Imperial (mpg) | X 0.354 | Kilometres per litre (km/l) | X 2.825 | Miles per gallon, Imperial (mpg) |
| Miles per gallon, US (mpg)       | X 0.425 | Kilometres per litre (km/l) | X 2.352 | Miles per gallon, US (mpg)       |

## Temperature

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Degrees Fahrenheit = (°C x 1.8) + 32 | Degrees Celsius (Degrees Centigrade; °C) = (°F - 32) x 0.56 |
|--------------------------------------|---|

*'It is common practice to convert from miles per gallon (mpg) to litres/100kilometres (l/100km), where mpg (Imperial) x l/100 km = 282 and mpg (US) x l/100 km = 235*

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