

## When we redesigned the new XL's, our minds were in the dirt.

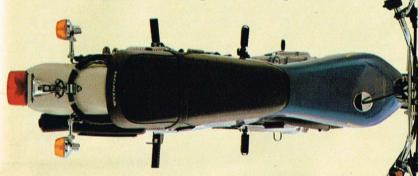
You're starting to see them around already. Just introduced, but already catching on big. The new XL on/off-road bikes from Honda.

You see them on campuses. Around campsites. And moving across some of the roughest country

anywhere. With ease.

Because while the XL's have always been known as excellent road bikes, some folks have had the notion that they weren't quite as noble in the dirt. So, we've added features and made some changes designed to set that little matter straight. Once and for all. And in the process, the Honda XL's may just have become the best dirt bikes in their category anywhere.

For instance: On the new XL-350 and XL-250 there's a completely redesigned and improved



Off-road comfort is increased with the redesigned XL-250 and XL-350 seats. Narrower tank holds more fuel.

frame that makes both XL's feel lighter, easier to handle than ever before. And this same engineering innovation allows for a repositioned carburetor — in the center of the head, where it belongs, for better flow and a narrower, easier

riding position. In fact, the whole bike is narrower. Something we know today's riders want. The tank, the front of the seat, and the frame itself. The cushioned steel footpegs have been lowered, too, and the revised steering geometry gives better straight-line stability and lets the front end track even more smoothly than ever through the

While we were making the

250 and 350 narrower, we



New CR-type front shocks

provide a full 7.1 inches of

The XL-250 and 350 frames have been redesigned to provide improved steering geometry and a narrower riding position

made some things bigger, too. The fuel tanks on both are bigger. The steel skid plates are

bigger. And the power...well, you'll just have to experience that for yourself.

There's a rerouted exhaust system and up pipe, quieter, lots more convenient and with enhanced ground clearance.

The XL-175 and XL-125 feature new exhaust systems designed to produce more lowend torque. And the tough, colormolded plastic fenders on these XL's help protect you from mud, slush or whatever your favorite goo happens to be.

We've tried to leave no detail untouched. Where something could be improved, we did it.

Where it was already the best. we left it alone.

In fact, there are so many great features on the XL's that you'll just have to drop by your Honda dealer's to see them for yourself. He'll prove to you that, on occasion, it really pays off to have your mind in the dirt.

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