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## Mini Trail<sup>TM</sup>

# RIDING TIPS

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In many ways, riding a Mini Trail\* mini-bike is about the same as riding a larger, more powerful motorcycle, except that mini-bikes are not intended for street use. To operate them on streets is against the law in many states. Before you ride, learn all you can about your Mini Trail\* mini-bike and its controls.

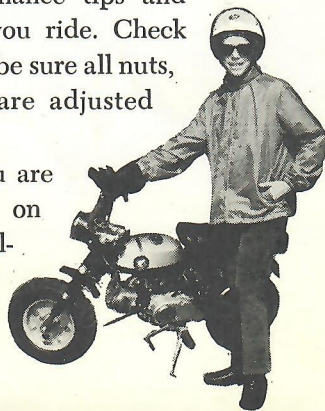
Mounted on the handlebars are a throttle to control speed and levers on the left to apply the rear-wheel brake and on the right to apply the front-wheel brake. There is a foot operated pedal on the side of the Mini Trail\* mini-bike to start the machine. Your instructor will show you how the controls operate. Practice working them all before you start the engine.

Wear protective clothing when you ride. The most important item is a good safety helmet (which meets Z90.1 standards). Eye protection is also necessary. Wear safety glasses with hardened lenses and an attachment to keep them in place, or you may wear goggles or a plastic face shield that attaches to the helmet.

The idea is to cover and protect as much of your body as possible, so you should wear gloves, a long-sleeved jacket, sturdy trousers and boots with non-skid soles. Bright colored clothing will make you easier to see.

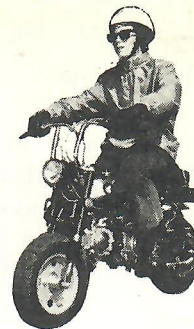
Ask about basic maintenance tips and inspect your bike before you ride. Check for proper tire pressure and be sure all nuts, bolts, screws and cables are adjusted correctly.

After lots of practice, you are ready to take to the dirt on your own. When you do, follow the dirt and off the road riding tips of the experts.



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## OFF THE ROAD RIDING HINTS



1. Always inform someone of where you are riding.
2. Avoid streets. When you must cross streets, get off your Mini Trail\* mini-bike and walk it across to the other side. The law in many states requires that you shut off the engine when walking your Mini Trail\* mini-bike across a street.
3. Always keep your Mini Trail\* mini-bike under control. Never ride too fast and no tricky steering, racing or weaving.
4. Keep both hands on the handle grips.
5. Ride alone. No passengers and no bundles.
6. Be especially cautious after a rainfall when the ground may be slippery.
7. Let other vehicles and people on foot go first when they are about to cross in front of you.
8. When moving, keep both feet on the foot rests.
9. Judge how much speed is necessary to get up hills, but slow down as you approach the crest.
10. Walk your Mini Trail\* mini-bike over difficult or rocky terrain.
11. If the engine stalls in climbing, apply both the rear and front brakes, lay the machine on its side and dismount on the uphill side.
12. When braking on loose dirt or sand, DO NOT apply the front brake only with great force as this may tend to lock the front wheel and cause loss of control. Learn to ALWAYS apply the front and rear brakes together.
13. Turn off gas and close the fuel cap vent when storing or transporting your Mini Trail\* mini-bike.
14. Respect private property. Never cut across residential yards or ride on private property without permission.
15. Noise is a nuisance! Do not tamper with the muffler or operate your Mini Trail\* mini-bike in a manner which creates excessive noise.

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For proper instruction and for the fun of riding with others who share your interests, find out if your community is sponsoring a mini-bike safety program. Check with your school, local law enforcement agency or Mini Trail\* mini-bike dealer.

Remember, safety rules are made to help and protect you and others. Learn safe-riding habits from the start and you will be a better rider.



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