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Your CRF can be kickstarted with the transmission in gear by pulling in the clutch lever before operating the kickstarter.

Fast Idle Knob

The fast idle knob has two functions:

- When pulled out, the fast idle knob assists in first-time start-up for cold weather starting.
- When pushed in, it acts like an idle adjustment screw. Refer to *Idle Speed Adjustment* on [page 61](#).

Preparation

Make sure that the transmission is in neutral.

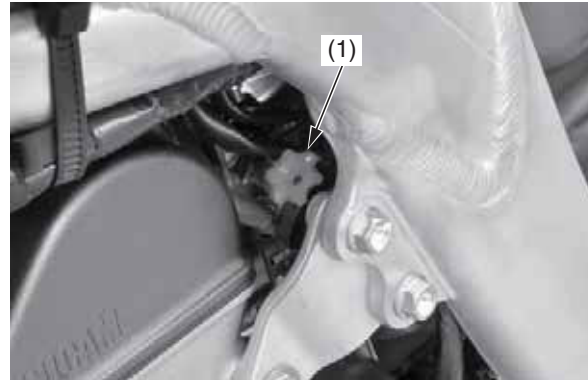
Starting Procedure

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Check the engine oil, transmission oil and coolant levels before starting the engine ([pages 50, 53, 54](#)).

Cold Engine Starting

1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
2. If the temperature is 95°F (35°C) or below, pull the fast idle knob (1) fully out.



(1) fast idle knob

3. With the throttle closed, operate the kickstarter starting from the top of the kickstarter stroke, kick through to the bottom with a rapid, continuous motion.
4. About a minute after the engine starts, push the fast idle knob back all the way to fully OFF. If idling is unstable, open the throttle slightly.

Warm Engine Starting

1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Kick-start the engine. (Do not open the throttle.)

If Difficult to Start After Stalling

1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
2. With the throttle fully opened, repeat kickstarter operation approximately 10 times to discharge excessive fuel from the engine.
3. Kick-start the engine. (Do not open the throttle.)

Snapping the throttle or fast idling for more than about 5 minutes may cause exhaust pipe and muffler discolorations.