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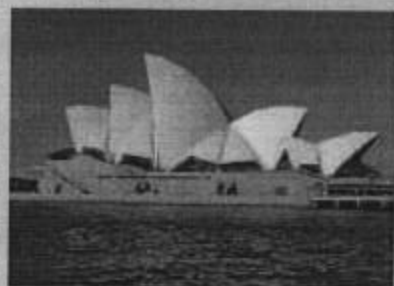
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complaints, it ran fine, and I have a little over 29,000 miles on it now.

Just wondering about the timing belts (original). Is there any history or recommendations on changing these after so many years? Your input would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Dave Godwin

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New Boston, Michigan

Dave, for most of the GL1500's model run, there was no official recommendation to replace or even inspect those belts unless one of three things were the case: They were removed to accomplish some other service procedure, there was abnormal noise coming from the belt enclosure, or if either coolant or oil was seen seeping from the belt enclosure. Later in the model's life, American Honda suggested inspecting the condition of the belts at 100,000 mile intervals and replacing on condition, regardless of time. Timing belts live a brutal life and are constructed accordingly. They are not subject to age deterioration—not like the common accessory drive belts under the hood of your car. I suggest inspecting your belts for the presence of cracking, fraying, chipped teeth, or contamination from either oil or coolant. With only 29,000 miles of service, I suspect you'll be looking at what appear to be brand new belts. If that's the case, you can confidently reinstall the belt cover and forget about the belts. Fear of the unknown (and unseen) is a powerful motivator. You'll find some owners, and even other supposed experts, suggesting belt replacement at intervals such as 5 years or 15,000 miles, just because it's "cheap insurance." If you're in that camp, be my guest.

Stu

Two Questions

Dear Stu, I have two questions. I have a 2000 SE 1500 that I bought new and I have noticed lately that when me and the passenger talk that the radio does not mute any more. But with the CB on, when someone talks on the CB the radio will mute. Everything else electrical works fine. I was wondering if there was a fuse that would cause this or something wrong in the radio. The second question is about the water pump. I have 25,000 miles on the bike and have changed the antifreeze every two years using Honda 50/50 antifreeze since it was new, and I have noticed a very small antifreeze drip that comes off the bottom of the water pump only after the bike sets for two or three days. So far it does not leak when the motor is hot or running. I was wondering if, after I check more and it is for sure the water pump