

IMPORTANT ADVISORY: INSTALLING POLICE EQUIPMENT ON THE HONDA ST1300PA

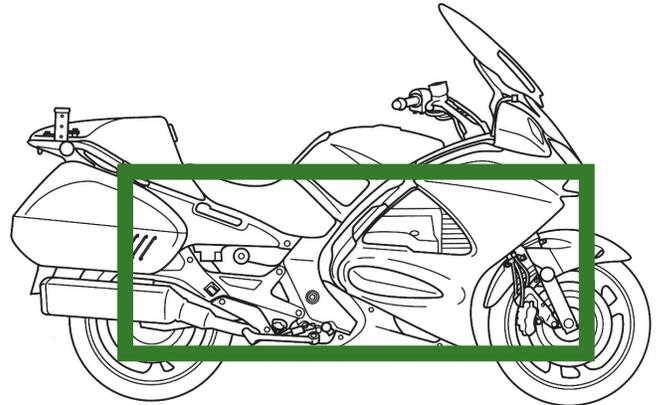
As manufactured, the Honda ST1300PA is a well-balanced motorcycle with excellent handling characteristics. However, modifying the motorcycle or installing police equipment or other types of attachments can adversely affect vehicle performance, handling, and stability.

Before making any modifications or installing any equipment, be sure to read the following information.

⚠ WARNING

Improper modifications or installation of police equipment can cause a crash in which the rider can be seriously hurt or killed.

Follow all instructions in this advisory and in the owner's manual regarding attachments and modifications.



Whenever possible, keep attachments within the zone shown above.

We strongly advise you not to remove any original equipment or modify this motorcycle in any way that would change its design or operation.

Because Honda cannot test all available equipment or combinations of equipment that may be required for use on a police vehicle, you and your department must be responsible for the proper selection, installation, and use of equipment attached to this vehicle.

We strongly recommend that qualified personnel evaluate a motorcycle fitted with all intended equipment under the anticipated speeds and conditions before the vehicle is placed into service.

The evaluation process may involve trying several different combinations of equipment before the optimal combination and the best locations for attachments are found.

When selecting and installing attachments, always follow these guidelines:

- Place equipment as low and close to the center of the motorcycle as possible. The farther away weight is added from the center of the motorcycle, the greater effect it will have on stability and performance.
- Installation of engine/fairing guards may adversely affect handling and stability. If any items are attached to such guards, make sure they are installed as low and close to the center of the vehicle as possible.
- Carefully consider the weight of any attachments to avoid exceeding the maximum load limit for the vehicle: 322 lbs (146 kg), including the weight of the rider, all attachments, and all items carried as cargo.
- Do not exceed the compartment limits of 15 lbs (6.8 kg) in each saddlebag and 4.5 lbs (2.0 kg) in each fairing pocket.
- The metal plate under the rear cowl should not be modified and should be used only for radio gear and other police equipment and that gear should not exceed 13.2 lbs (6.0 kg).
- Do not install any item, such as a cargo box, on top of the rear cowl.
- Be sure the total weight of all attachments and equipment is balanced as equally as possible on both sides of the vehicle.
- Make sure any added equipment does not obscure any lights, reduce ground clearance and lean angle, limit suspension travel or steering travel, alter riding position, or interfere with operating any controls.
- Do not add any electrical equipment that will exceed the motorcycle's electrical system capacity. A blown fuse can cause a loss of lights or engine power.