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**The Honda Gold Wing™
Celebrating A
Decade Of Leadership.**

Ten years ago Honda transformed the motorcycling world by giving form to the classic concept of Touring American style.

The Gold Wing™ Introduced in 1975, it offered touring enthusiasts luxury, reliability and performance ideally suited to their needs. Imme-

diately, the Gold Wing established itself as the definition of touring.

Since then the Gold Wing tradition has flourished.

In 1980 the Gold Wing™ Interstate™ proved that what had once been considered accessories could in fact be an integral part of the machine.

In 1982 the Gold Wing™ Aspencade™ extended the line of progress. With it, Honda made the most eloquent luxury statement to date.

In 1984 Honda challenged the imagination of a new generation, completely re-engineering the Gold Wing series but retaining the essential

design which had proven to be the perfect mating of form and function.

This year, Honda proudly introduces the Gold Wing™ Limited Edition. Fundamentally a Gold Wing, but graced with features that will make every tour a luxury cruise.

Welcome to the summit.





**The Gold Wing Interstate.
Designed To Uphold
A Standard All Its Own.**

When we re-engineered the Gold Wing family in 1984, we did more than raise the standards for touring bike performance. We created a new series of machines that are, simply, beyond comparison.

The Gold Wing Interstate takes its place as the most affordable of the three Gold Wing models, but it features the same essential engine, drive train, chassis and suspension components that make all Gold Wings superior performers. And, with its superb passenger accommodations and extremely generous luggage capacity, the Interstate™ incorporates everything we've learned about comfort and convenience for the long haul.

On the highway you'll be astounded by the instant acceleration and strong roll-on power of the Interstate. And you'll marvel at the incredibly smooth engine performance.

An 1182cc horizontally-opposed four-cylinder powerplant provides this outstanding performance. It features a thermostatically controlled liquid-cooling system for constant running temperatures and excellent durability. New lower gear ratios in its four-speed plus overdrive fifth transmission enhance performance all around, while

the engine cruises along effortlessly at 2840 rpm in overdrive at 55mph, extending longevity and providing excellent fuel economy.

Sophisticated suspension systems front and rear reward both rider and passenger with a wonderfully supple ride. Up front, 41mm air-adjustable forks with dual Syntallic* bushings respond instantly to virtually any road irregularity, from minor ripples to potholes. The forks also include Honda's exclusive Torque Reactive Anti-dive Control (TRAC*), which reduces fork compression during braking.

At the rear, air-adjustable Variable Hydraulic Damping (VHD*) shocks offer excellent performance for a wide variety of load and road conditions.

The Gold Wing Interstate is equally at home on the open highway or along winding country roads. With a 16-inch front wheel and 15-inch rear, the Interstate has excellent, precise steering response. And thanks to the low center of gravity inherent in the opposed-four engine design and placement, all around handling is superb.

For the ultimate in confidence-inspiring performance, the Interstate also features Honda's unified braking system. The brake pedal

operates the rear disc brake and the right front disc, with braking force automatically distributed to each wheel via a proportioning valve. The hand brake lever activates the left front disc.

With its improved flow-through ventilation system and enhanced wet-weather protection, the Interstate proves once again that true touring comfort is more than a matter of bolting on accessories. The Interstate's wind tunnel-tested fairing and luggage create a still air envelope around both rider and passenger that provides unsurpassed protection from the elements. The large windscreen allows an exceptional field of vision, while well-researched ergonomics contribute further to pleasurable touring.

Amazingly, the Interstate combines all this performance with features that eliminate costly tune-ups. Like Honda's exclusive Hydraulic Valve Adjuster system. A self-adjusting hydraulic clutch. Solid state ignition. And shaft drive.

You may well rate the Interstate as superior to the competition.

Agreed. But don't be too harsh on the others. After all, there's only one design that's fundamentally right for a touring bike.

And the Gold Wing alone has it.



**The Gold Wing Aspencade.
Leading Where No One
Can Follow.**

Honda has built a reputation for leadership, and the Gold Wing Aspencade is at the forefront of that tradition. It combines the exceptional on-road performance of the new-generation Gold Wing with a superlative assortment of luxury touring equipment.

Superior performance begins with the sophisticated engineering of the 1182cc powerplant. The liquid-cooled, horizontally-opposed, four-cylinder engine provides ultra-smooth running and excellent roll-on power.

State-of-the-art air-adjustable suspension systems front and rear ensure a supple, comfortable ride for both rider and passenger on virtually any highway.

The Aspencade's aerodynamically designed and wind tunnel-tested fairing and luggage, flow-through ventilation system, and superb rider and passenger accommodations lay the foundation for exceptional comfort. And the Aspencade's additional luxury touring equipment builds on that foundation.

One of the highlights of the Aspencade's luxury equipment is the superb Type III audio system,

comprising an AM/FM stereo radio, cassette player and rider/passenger communications system. Designed by Honda and built by **Panasonic**,[®] the system is perfectly tailored to meet the needs of the touring rider.

The Type III system features an automatic volume control that varies the sound level based on the speed of the motorcycle. The control is adjustable to satisfy individual preference or to accommodate adverse climatic conditions.

The Type III system provides 12 watts per channel for excellent fidelity, and transmits the sound through weatherproof speakers. It also has a unique list of features that makes the radio exceptionally convenient. Including a bright digital readout and memory preset buttons to find your favorite station instantly.

The auto-reverse cassette player has metal-tape capability and an ambience control that greatly enhances the quality of sound reproduction.

To increase the pleasure of two-up touring, a rider/passenger intercom with separate volume control comes standard with the Aspencade's Type III system.¹ An

easily installed CB radio is available as an option, and an optional pistol-grip control for the passenger includes a CB radio push-to-talk button, separate headset volume control and a map light.

Another highlight of the Aspencade's touring equipment is its comprehensive instrumentation, including an array of new LCD digital readouts and bar graphs. Easily read and understood at a glance, the instruments indicate speed, engine rpm, gear position, air suspension pressure, trip mileage, coolant temperature and fuel level.

To quickly and easily tailor the suspension to varying demands of road surface or load, the Aspencade™ features an on-board air compressor. Push-button adjustment allows you to increase or decrease suspension air pressure. And an auxiliary air valve and hose are provided for roadside tire inflation.

If this sounds like an unparalleled combination of luxury and performance, then you've got the message. The Gold Wing Aspencade, quite simply, leads where no one can follow.



What Makes A Motorcycle A Gold Wing.

The essence of any two-wheeled vehicle is the same. Beyond that, anything is possible, a fact which Honda has clearly demonstrated with the Gold Wing series.

What sets a Gold Wing apart is more than a few accessories bolted on at the factory.

It is a collection of designs, of components—in sum, of qualities—built-in, not added on, that make a motorcycle a Gold Wing.

It is research that determined the engine layout—the horizontally-opposed four-cylinder—ideal for a touring bike.

It is a totally integrated, wind tunnel-tested fairing and luggage system ensuring an efficient aerodynamic design and creating a still air envelope around both rider and passenger.

It is ergonomic design that produces seating positions combining long distance comfort with ease of operation.

It is a first-rate luggage system offering extremely generous capacity and features like specially designed leak-proof seals and removable soft luggage.

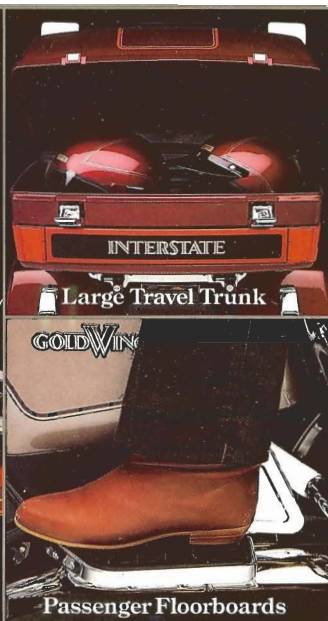
It is attention to detail seen in equipment like the Aspencade's and Limited's passenger floorboards that provide a sure, comfortable footrest.

Perhaps most important, it is choice without compromise—allowing you to select one of three Gold Wings equipped differently, engineered the same.

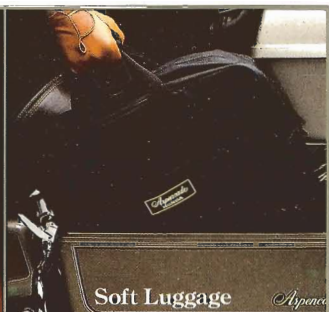




Adjustable Windshield



Passenger Floorboards

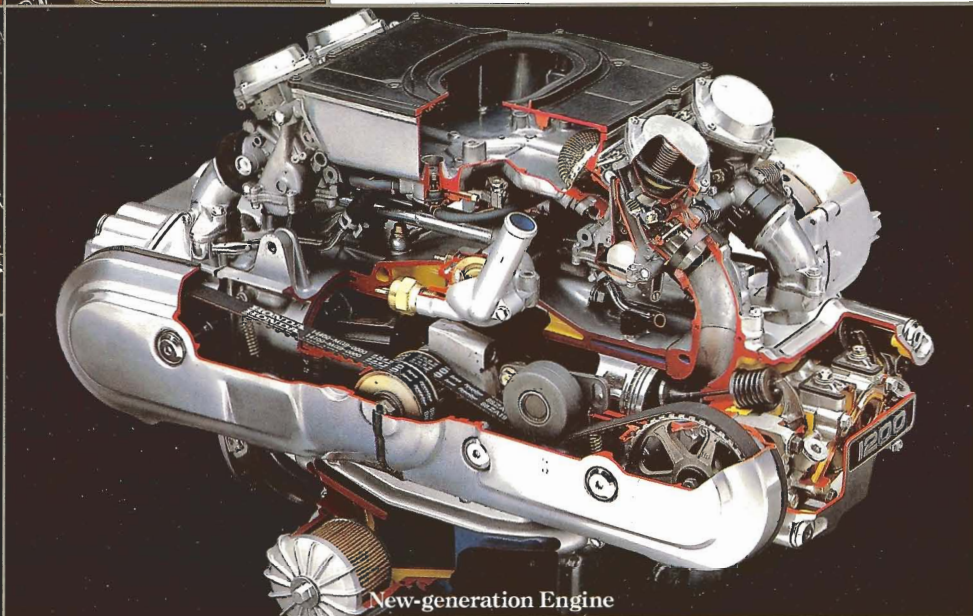


Soft Luggage

All three Gold Wings share a fairing and luggage system which provides excellent protection and exceptional load capacity. Each has its own instrumentation—shown is the Aspencade's cockpit and Type III audio system.



Suspension Control



New-generation Engine

The Gold Wing engine's horizontally-opposed four-cylinder layout provides perfect primary and secondary balance, resulting in virtually vibration-free performance. The powerplant develops an impressive 75.2 ft/lbs of torque at 5,000 rpm, allowing effortless roll-on passes. Features like Honda's exclusive Hydraulic Valve Adjuster system and solid state ignition end complicated tune-ups.



TRAC

Unified braking, Torque Reactive Anti-dive Control (TRAC) and triple disc brakes are standard on all Gold Wings. Each has air suspension, while the Aspencade and Limited Edition also feature on-board air compressor systems, as shown here.



**Introducing
The Gold Wing
Limited Edition.**

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**Luxury
Beyond
Compare.**

Honda dedicates the addition of the Gold Wing Limited Edition series to the simple proposition that great tours are distinguished by the quality of the journey, not by the journey's end.

To enhance the quality of your journey to the utmost, Honda introduces the Gold Wing Limited Edition—the most luxurious touring machine ever crafted. The Limited incorporates a variety of innovations that make ordinary excursions memorable. And cross-country tours unforgettable.

The serious enthusiast has come to expect outstanding performance from a Gold Wing, and the Limited Edition meets those expectations. Its horizontally-opposed 1182cc four-cylinder engine provides exceptionally smooth operation and excellent roll-on acceleration from any rpm. And Computerized Fuel Injection provides the ultimate in precision fuel delivery. Its computer incorporates sensors that monitor throttle position, intake vacuum, atmospheric pressure and temperature. It instantly adjusts the fuel mixture for optimum combustion and outstanding performance. This results in smooth throttle response, quick warm ups, and excellent fuel economy.

Its advanced air-adjustable

suspension and on-board compressor offer unsurpassed comfort for both rider and passenger. And its aerodynamically-designed fairing and luggage not only shield the rider and passenger from the elements, they provide load capacity sufficient to tour the continent.

But the Limited Edition goes beyond meeting expectations. It exceeds them.

Luxury touring begins with a sound system of unsurpassed quality. The Limited Edition features the Type III audio/intercom system designed by Honda and built by **Panasonic**.® It includes an AM/FM stereo radio, cassette player and rider/passenger intercom, including an automatic volume control to vary the sound level based on the speed of the motorcycle.

And there's more. Four speakers provide sound that surrounds both rider and passenger. Balance can be adjusted with an easy-to-use joystick control.

The Limited Edition also features a unique on-board trip computer. The Electronic Travel Computer. Convenient and easy to operate, the Electronic Travel Computer incorporates an incredible array of functions.

A bank of controls on the left of the computer allows you to keep

track of fuel range, current consumption rate, average consumption rate, fuel consumed and quantity remaining.

A bank of controls in the middle helps you monitor trip time and speed. Once you set the clock you simply push a button to adjust it as you change time zones. The Electronic Travel Computer also has the capability to measure elapsed time and average speed of the trip. And, of course, distance travelled.

The control bank on the right allows you to switch the tachometer to a digital readout, change the speedometer from MPH to KPH and switch the fuel gauge and coolant temperature gauge to an oil pressure gauge and oil temperature gauge.

Additionally, there are controls allowing you to convert the indicated measurements from miles to kilometers, or to add or subtract miles before any measurement is computed and indicated.

The list of unparalleled features goes on. The lower portion of the fairing incorporates turn-signal activated cornering lights. The travel trunk displays a special combination brake/taillight assembly. And the passenger armrests and backrest are the most luxurious we've ever built.

The Gold Wing Limited Edition. Luxury beyond compare.

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Handlebar-mounted Controls

On-board Air Compressor

Cornering Lights

LCD Instrumentation

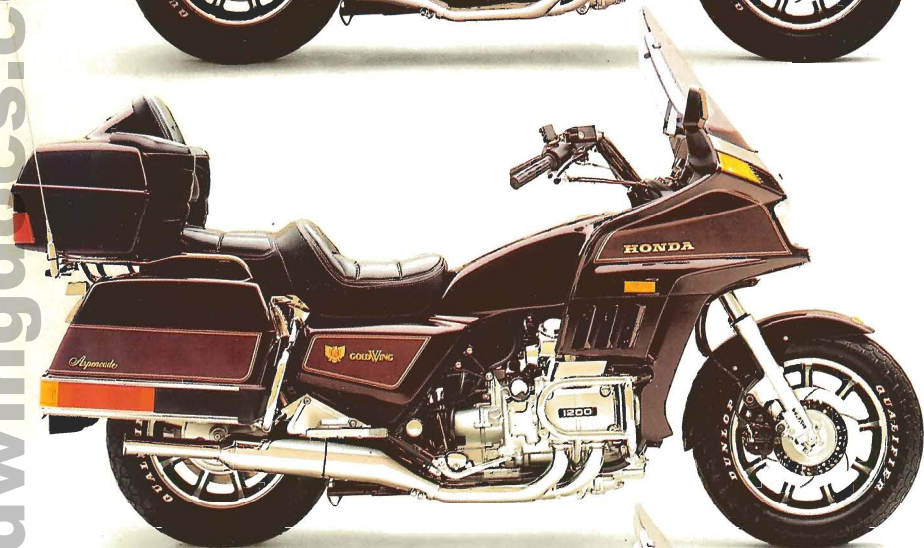
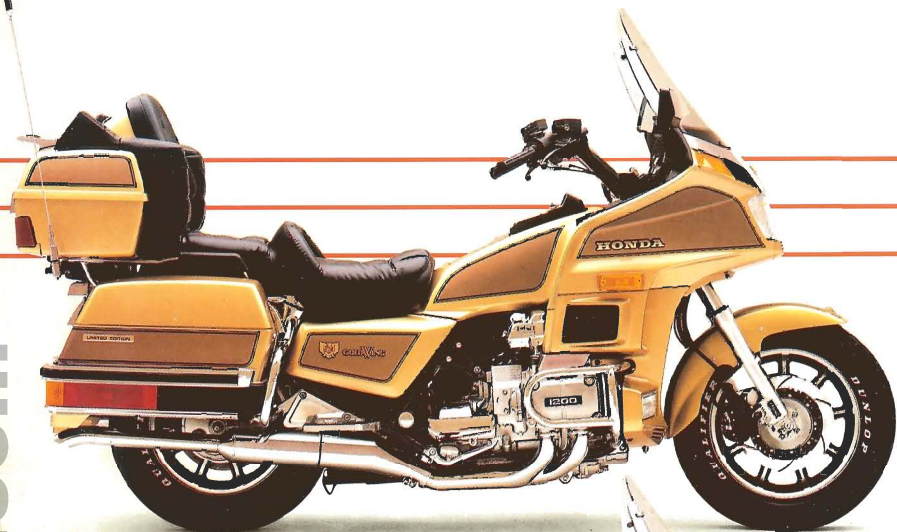
Technology Beyond Imitation.

Since luxury is nothing more than sound design executed brilliantly, it should come as no surprise that the Limited Edition boasts engineering features which break the barrier between form and function.

The computerized cruise control not only reduces rider fatigue, it also accommodates the special needs of the long distance rider. The cruise control releases when you activate any other control—clutch or shift lever, brakes or throttle. And it has a tap up/down feature. Simply tap the “Accel” or “Decel” switch on the cruise control to increase or decrease the speed setting in one-mile-per-hour increments.

The Limited Edition’s on-board air compressor re-writes the rules for this type of equipment. At the simple touch of a button, you can increase or decrease the front or rear suspension air pressure. And the Limited Edition includes Auto-Leveling Rear Suspension (ALRS). It activates the on-board compressor to adjust the rear suspension to accommodate different loads. The brain of the system is a ride height sensor, which detects differences in the height of the motorcycle and increases or decreases the rear suspension pressure in accordance with a pre-determined ride height. Naturally, you always have the option of over-riding the system to meet your own requirements.

Honda technology. Beyond imitation.



Specifications

1985 SPECIFICATIONS: GL1200L, GL1200A, GL1200I

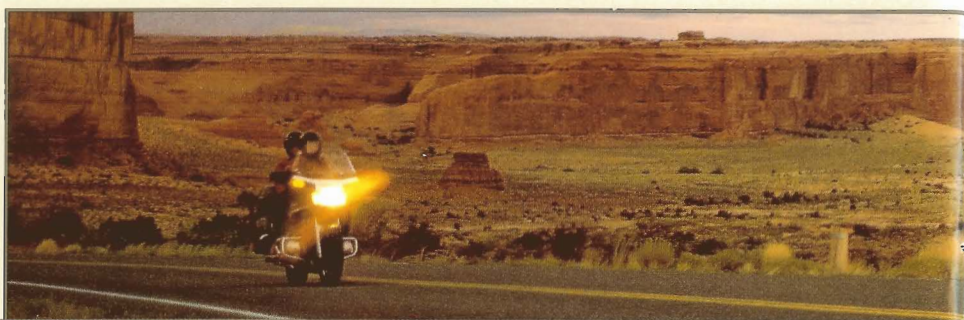
Engine Type	1182cc liquid-cooled horizontally-opposed four-cylinder	
Bore and Stroke	75.5mm x 66mm	
Compression Ratio	9.0:1	
Valve Train	OHC	
Carburetion	GL1200L GL1200A & GL1200I	Computerized fuel injection Four 32mm diaphragm-type CV
Ignition	Solid state with electronically-controlled vacuum advance	
Transmission	Four-speed plus overdrive fifth	
Driveline	Shaft	
Suspension	GL1200L & GL1200A GL1200I	On-board air compressor Front: 41mm air-adjustable forks with dual Syntallic bushings Rear: Air-adjustable VHD shocks Front: 41mm air-adjustable forks with dual Syntallic bushings Rear: Air-adjustable VHD shocks
Brakes	GL1200L & GL1200A GL1200I	Front: Ventilated dual discs with twin-piston calipers Front: Dual discs with twin-piston calipers Rear: Disc with twin-piston caliper
Wheels	Cast alloy	
Tires	Front: 130/90-16 tubeless Rear: 150/90-15 tubeless	
Wheelbase	63.4 inches	
Seat Height	30.7 inches	
Dry Weight	GL1200L GL1200A GL1200I	771.8 pounds 727.7 pounds 699 pounds
Fuel Capacity	5.8 gallons	
Colors	GL1200L GL1200A GL1200I	Metallic Gold Metallic Beige, Metallic Blue, Vintage Red Metallic Silver, Metallic Blue, Wineberry Red

Features

	GOLD WING LIMITED	GOLD WING ASPENCADE	GOLD WING INTERSTATE
1182cc thermostatically-controlled liquid-cooled horizontally-opposed four-cylinder engine	●	●	●
Hydraulic Valve Adjuster system maintains precise valve adjustment for the life of the engine	●	●	●
Computerized Fuel Injection instantly adjusts the fuel mixture for optimum combustion and outstanding performance	●		
32mm CV carburetors for excellent throttle response		●	●
Solid state ignition with electronically-controlled vacuum advance is maintenance-free	●	●	●
High-output, cush drive-equipped AC generator	●	●	●
Four-speed plus overdrive fifth transmission	●	●	●
Smooth, virtually maintenance-free shaft drive	●	●	●
Self-adjusting hydraulic clutch	●	●	●
41mm air-adjustable forks with integrated fork brace	●	●	●
Torque Reactive Anti-dive Control (TRAC) reduces fork compression during braking	●	●	●
Air-adjustable VHD rear shocks	●	●	●
On-board air compressor system adjusts suspension with push-button ease	●	●	
Auto-Leveling Rear Suspension (ALRS)	●		
Unified braking system	●	●	●
Ventilated dual front disc brakes with twin-piston calipers	●	●	
Dual front disc brakes with twin-piston calipers			●
Rear disc brake with twin-piston caliper	●	●	●
LCD digital instrumentation	●	●	
Multi-function Electronic Travel Computer	●		
Type III radio/cassette/communications system	●	●	
Four-speaker system	●		
Computerized cruise control reduces rider fatigue	●		
Self-cancelling turn signals	●	●	●
Wind tunnel-tested fairing with height-adjustable windscreen	●	●	●
Cornering lights	●		
Large capacity saddlebags and travel trunk with removable soft luggage	●	●	●
Passenger storage pouches with armrests	●	●	
Adjustable seat	●	●	●
Extra-wide rider foot pegs	●	●	●
Passenger floorboards	●	●	
2-year unlimited mileage warranty** (One-year warranty on radio)	●	●	●

Optional Hondaline® Equipment

	GOLD WING LIMITED	GOLD WING ASPENCADE	GOLD WING INTERSTATE
CB Radio	●	●	●
CB Switch Kit	●	●	●
CB Switch Bracket			●
Passenger Control	●	●	●
Antenna	Standard	Standard	●
Antenna Mount	Standard	Standard	●
Headsets	●	●	●
Volt/Temp Meter	●	●	●
Multi-Function Chronometer	●	●	●
Altimeter	●	●	●
Meter Panel	●	●	●
Front Fender Trim	●	●	●
Passenger Floorboards	Standard	Standard	●
Passenger Floorboard Covers	●	●	●
Body Cover	●	●	●
Intercom Junction Lead	Standard	●	
Saddlebag Guardrail		●	●
Trunk Guardrail		●	●
Trunk Rack		●	●
Type III Audio System	Standard	Standard	●
Passenger Armrests	Standard	Standard	●
Trunk Mirror	Standard	Standard	●
Trunk Signature Light	Standard	Standard	●



Ten years ago Honda introduced a motorcycle called the Gold Wing. Immediately, it defined and established the tradition of touring American style.

Last year Gold Wing owners across America embellished that tradition by making the newly formed Wing Elite a resounding success.

Wing Elite is an association dedicated exclusively to Gold Wing owners, providing valuable benefits and privileges for its members and their associates.

Enrollment in Wing Elite rewards members with many benefits including a Dealer Guide Directory that contains dealer locator maps, a maintenance log, mileage chart and touring checklists.

In addition, membership includes a subscription to *Wing Elite*, a quarterly full-color magazine that's right on target for touring enthusiasts.

The list of benefits doesn't end there. Members will receive a distinctive Wing Elite lapel pin, an individually registered key chain for lost key retrieval, and an embossed plastic membership card. Members can also earn distinctive high-

mileage awards indicating they've ridden 50,000, 100,000, 150,000 or 200,000 miles on their Gold Wings. And Wing Elite members will be invited to participate in exclusive activities at selected touring events across the country.

Membership in Wing Elite is free for the first year to purchasers of 1985 Gold Wings. Owners of earlier model Gold Wings are invited to join for a nominal fee. And all Wing Elite members have the option of signing up a spouse or friend as an associate member.

The Wing Elite. An integral part of the Gold Wing tradition.



ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET AND EYE PROTECTION.
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