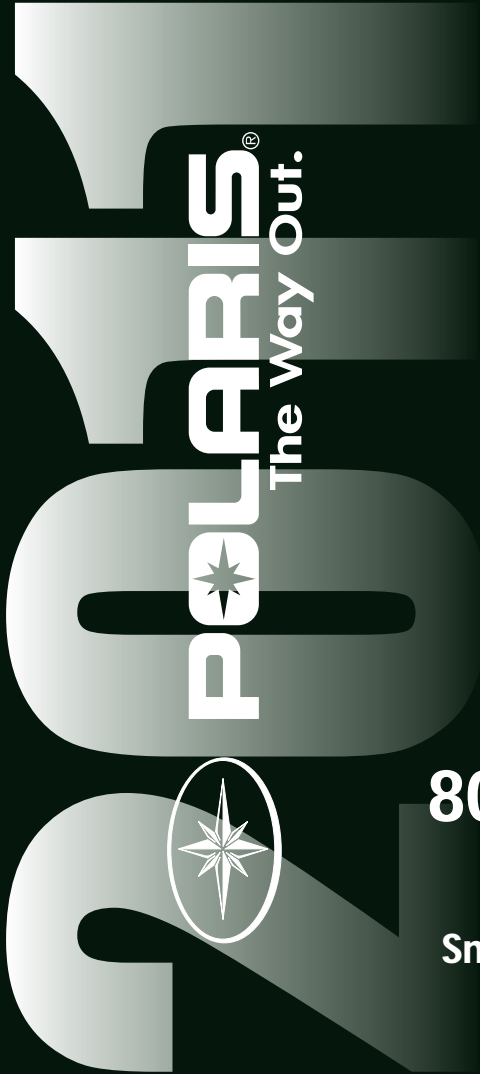


IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OWNER

*Modifications to this snowmobile are not recommended
and may result in voided warranty coverage.
Please read the warranty section of this manual carefully.*



**800 SwitchBack
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Snowmobile Owner's Manual
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INTRODUCTION

Important Notes for Owners and Drivers

After reading this manual, store it in the snowmobile for convenient reference. It should remain with the snowmobile when the snowmobile is sold.

Some of the illustrations and photos used in this manual are general representations. Your model may differ.

Follow the maintenance program outlined in this manual. Preventive maintenance ensures that critical components of the snowmobile are inspected by your dealer at specific mileage intervals.

You and your dealer must complete the registration form included with your snowmobile and forward it to us. This completed form is necessary to ensure warranty coverage.

Protect and preserve your right to ride by joining your local trail riding clubs.

When teaching inexperienced operators to ride, set up a predetermined course for practice. Make sure they know how to drive and control the snowmobile before allowing them to make longer trips. Teach them proper snowmobile courtesy, and enroll them in driver's training and safety courses sponsored by local or state organizations.

INTRODUCTION

Preservation of the Environment

POLARIS is committed to supporting an environmental education campaign. We encourage state and provincial governments across the snowbelt to adopt rigorous safety training programs that encourage protection of our environment, including wildlife and vegetation.

Snowmobile clubs and other organizations are working together to protect our environment. Please support their efforts and operate your snowmobile with consideration for the protection and preservation of our environment.

Noise Level

One of the most publicized issues about snowmobiles is noise. The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), the standard-setting body for snowmobile development, recommends that snowmobiles conform to prescribed sound levels.

POLARIS snowmobiles are engineered to conform to these SAE standards. Our muffler systems are designed to reduce noise levels and must not be altered or removed. The sound of your snowmobile may not be welcome to non-snowmobilers, so you have a responsibility to operate your snowmobile with concern for others. We do our part by manufacturing quieter machines; we ask your help to further reduce the impact of noise by operating your snowmobile safely and responsibly.

Air Pollution

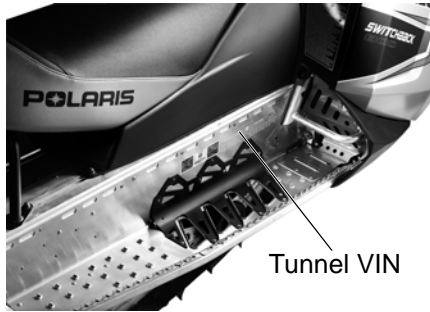
POLARIS engineers continuously investigate ways to reduce emission levels of two-stroke engines. We expect our efforts to lead to the reduction of potential air pollution.

In addition to our technological research, we encourage government agencies, manufacturers, distributors, dealers, ecologists, and other interested parties to work together to develop data on environmental topics.

INTRODUCTION

Vehicle Identification Numbers

Record your snowmobile's identification numbers and key number in the spaces provided. Remove the spare key and store it in a safe place. Your key can be duplicated only by mating a POLARIS key blank with one of your existing keys, so if both keys are lost, the ignition switch must be replaced.



Vehicle Model Number: _____

Tunnel VIN (right side of tunnel): _____

Engine Serial Number (on recoil housing): _____

Key Number: _____

SAFETY

Operator Safety

The following signal words and symbols appear throughout this manual and on your vehicle. Your safety is involved when these words and symbols are used. Become familiar with their meanings before reading the manual.



The safety alert symbol indicates a potential personal injury hazard.

WARNING

A **WARNING** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

A **CAUTION** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE

A **NOTICE** indicates a situation that may result in property damage.

Operator Safety

Follow the recommended maintenance program beginning on page 67 of this manual to ensure that all critical components on the snowmobile are thoroughly inspected by your dealer at specific mileage intervals.

WARNING

Driving a snowmobile requires your full attention. **DO NOT** drink alcohol or use drugs or medications before or while driving or riding as a passenger. They will reduce your alertness and slow your reaction time.

Snowmobiles are capable of traveling at high speeds. Use extra caution to ensure operator safety. Make sure your snowmobile is in excellent operating condition at all times. Always check major and vital safety components before every ride.

All POLARIS snowmobiles are designed and tested to provide safe operation when used as directed. Failure of critical machine components may result from operation with any modifications, especially those that increase speed or power. **DO NOT MODIFY YOUR MACHINE.** The snowmobile may become aerodynamically unstable at speeds higher than those for which it is designed. Loss of control may occur at higher speeds. Modifications may also create a safety hazard and lead to bodily injury.

The warranty on your entire machine is terminated if any equipment has been added, or any modifications have been made, to increase the speed or power of the snowmobile.

SAFETY

Operator Safety

Stay Clear of Track

Your snowmobile is propelled by a revolving track that must be partially exposed for proper operation. Do not stand on the plastic flap.

WARNING! Serious injuries may result if hands, feet, or clothing become entangled in the track. Be alert when riding, and remain properly seated to stay clear of the track. Never hold the snowmobile up or stand behind it while warming up the track. A loose track or flying debris could cause serious injury or death. We recommend having your dealer perform all track service and alignment procedures.



Stay Clear of Engine

Never attempt adjustments with the engine running. Turn off the ignition, open the side panels or hood, make the adjustment, secure shields and guards, secure the side panels and hood, and then restart the engine to check its operation.

WARNING! Serious injury can occur if fingers or clothing contact the moving parts of an engine. Always stop the engine before attempting adjustments.

Riding Position

Operating a snowmobile requires skill and balance for proper control. Rider positions may vary with experience and the features available on some snowmobiles, but under many conditions, the proper position is to be seated with both feet on the running boards and both hands on the handlebar grips for proper throttle, brake and steering control.

WARNING! Improper riding position may reduce control and could result in serious injury or death. Always ride in a position that allows for control of your vehicle.

Operator Safety

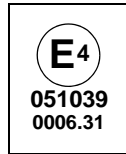
Riding Apparel

Helmet

Wearing a helmet can prevent a severe head injury. Whenever riding a POLARIS vehicle, always wear a helmet that meets or exceeds established safety standards.

Approved helmets in the USA and Canada bear a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) label.

Approved helmets in Europe, Asia and Oceania bear the ECE 22.05 label. The ECE mark consists of a circle surrounding the letter E, followed by the distinguishing number of the country which has granted approval. The approval number and serial number will also be displayed on the label.



Eye Protection

Do not depend on eyeglasses or sunglasses for eye protection. Whenever riding a POLARIS vehicle, always wear shatterproof goggles or use a shatterproof helmet face shield. POLARIS recommends wearing approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) bearing markings such as VESC 8, V-8, Z87.1, or CE. Make sure protective eye wear is kept clean.

Clothing

Be prepared, be warm and be comfortable when riding. Be aware of the weather forecast, especially the windchill, and dress accordingly. See the chart on page 20.

WARNING! Avoid wearing loose clothing or long scarves, which can become entangled in moving parts and cause serious injury. Always wear an approved helmet and eye protection.



SAFETY

Operator Safety

Disabled Operators

Safe operation of this rider-active vehicle requires good judgement and physical skills. Operators with cognitive or physical disabilities have an increased risk of loss of control, which could result in serious injury or death.

Survival Preparation

For your safety, always ride in a group of other snowmobilers. Always tell someone where you're going and how long you expect to be gone. If it isn't possible to ride with others, and you must travel into remote areas, always carry survival equipment that's appropriate to the conditions you may encounter. Such equipment may include, but is not limited to: extra clothing, a sleeping bag, a flashlight, food and water, a signaling mirror, a means of building a fire, and a two-way radio or cellular telephone.

Always carry the owner's manual on your snowmobile. For added protection, purchase and carry the following items on your snowmobile as well:

- Spare Drive Belt
- Extra Set of Spark Plugs
- Tow Rope
- Extra Oil
- Fuel Deicer
- Winter Survival Kit
- Trail Map
- First Aid Kit
- Tool Kit

Operator Safety

Rider Capacity

This snowmobile is designed for a single rider only. Never carry a passenger on this snowmobile.

Excessive Speed

WARNING! High speed driving, especially at night, could result in serious injury or death. Always reduce speed when driving at night or in inclement weather.

Always observe all state and local laws governing snowmobile operation and speed limits. Always be alert and pay attention to the trail ahead. If your speed is 40 MPH (64 km/h), your snowmobile is traveling about 60 feet (18 m) per second. If you look back for only two seconds, your snowmobile will travel about 120 feet (36 m). If your speed is 60 MPH (96 km/h), your snowmobile will travel about 180 feet (55 m) in two seconds.

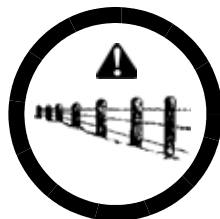
Traveling at night requires extra caution. Check headlight and taillight to ensure proper operation, and don't over-drive your headlight beam. Always be able to bring your snowmobile to a stop in the distance illuminated by the headlight.

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Operator Safety

Driver Awareness

Slow down when traveling near poles, posts, or other obstacles. Be especially alert if you're snowmobiling after dark. Always be on the alert for wire fences. Single strands are especially dangerous, since there may be a great distance between posts. Guy wires on utility poles are also difficult to distinguish.



Make sure the way is clear before crossing railroads and other roads and highways. The noise of your snowmobile will drown out the sound of approaching vehicles. Look ahead, behind, and to both sides before turning or crossing railroad tracks or highways. Steep embankments may also hide your view. Always leave yourself a way out.



Variances in snow depth and/or water currents may result in uneven ice thickness. You may drown if you break through the ice. Never travel on frozen bodies of water unless you have first verified that the ice is sufficiently thick to support the weight and moving force of the snowmobile, you and your cargo, together with any other vehicles in your party. Always check with local authorities and residents to confirm ice conditions and thickness over your entire route. Snowmobile operators assume all risk associated with ice conditions on frozen bodies of water.

When teaching inexperienced operators to ride, set up a predetermined course for practice. Make sure they know how to drive and control the snowmobile before allowing them to make longer trips. Teach them proper snowmobile courtesy, and enroll them in driver's training and safety courses.

Operator Safety Avalanches

Snowmobilers should always be properly trained and equipped before traveling in mountainous terrain:

- Take an avalanche class
- Travel with experienced people
- Travel on designated trails
- Make sure each person is equipped with a shovel, probe and avalanche beacon.



You don't have to be snowmobiling on a slope for an avalanche to occur. Be aware that all of the snow is connected. You may be riding on a flat slope or snow covered road, but if the snowpack above is unstable enough you can trigger an avalanche on a steeper slope above you. Always be aware of snow conditions above you as you travel in mountainous terrain.

Before riding in mountainous terrain, call or log on to your local avalanche advisory to get current weather and snow stability information.

For more information about avalanche training and avalanche conditions, contact local law enforcement in your area, or visit the American and Canadian online avalanche centers at www.avalanche.org.

SAFETY

Operator Safety

Ice and Snow Build-up

WARNING! Ice and snow build-up may interfere with the steering of your snowmobile, resulting in serious injury or death. Keep the underhood area free of snow and ice.

Before driving, manually turn the skis to the left and right to be sure ice and snow are not interfering with full left and right steering. If difficulty is encountered, remove ice and snow build-up that may be obstructing the steering linkage.

Driving on Slippery Surfaces

WARNING! Never attempt an abrupt change of direction when operating on slippery surfaces. Proceed slowly and use extra caution. Driving on ice or hard-packed snow reduces steering and braking control, which may result in loss of control and serious injury or death. Slow down and use extra caution when operating on slippery surfaces.

Inadequate Snow Conditions

Since snow provides the only lubrication for the power slide suspension and, on liquid cooled models, cooling for the engine, adequate snow cover is a requirement for operation of your snowmobile.

NOTICE: Driving in too little snow will result in excessive wear and damage to the slide rail, track and/or engine.

WARNING! Inadequate cooling and lubrication will lead to overheating of the slide rail and track, causing premature wear, damage and failure, which can result in serious injury. Reduce speeds and frequently drive into fresh snow to allow adequate cooling and polishing of the slide rail and track surfaces. Avoid operating for prolonged periods on ice, hard-packed surfaces or roads.

Operating in Deep Snow

If the snowmobile becomes stuck in snow, clear the running board area of snow, then step down the snow in front of the snowmobile so that when the throttle is opened, the snowmobile will be able to climb up and over the snow.

Operator Safety

Driving Downhill

When riding downhill, shift your weight to the rear of the snowmobile and reduce your speed to a minimum. Apply just enough throttle to keep the clutch engaged, allowing the engine's compression to help slow the snowmobile and keep it from rolling freely downhill.

WARNING! When driving on long downhill stretches, pump the brakes. Riding the brakes may cause the brake system to overheat, which may result in brake failure. Excessive or repetitive use of the brakes for high speed stops will also cause an overheated brake system. This condition may lead to a sudden loss of brakes and/or fire and may result in serious injury or death.

Driving in Hilly Terrain

WARNING! Climbing a hill or crossing the face of a slope may result in loss of balance and snowmobile rollover, causing serious injury or death. Use caution and good judgement when driving in hilly terrain.

Use extra caution when operating in hilly terrain. If climbing a hill is unavoidable, keep your weight low and forward. If you must cross the face of a slope, keep your weight on the uphill side of the snowmobile to maintain proper balance and avoid possible roll-over.

Slow down when reaching the crest of a hill. Be prepared to react to obstacles, sharp drops or other people or vehicles that may be on the other side of the hill.

If you're unable to continue up a hill, turn the snowmobile downhill before it loses momentum. If this isn't possible, spin the track just enough to dig in to prevent it from rolling back down the hill. Stop the engine and set the parking brake (if equipped). Keeping away from the downhill side of the snowmobile, pull the rear of the snowmobile around and point the front end and skis downhill. Remount the snowmobile, restart the engine, release the parking brake, and descend the hill carefully.

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Operator Safety

Drive Belt

Do not operate the engine with the drive belt removed.

Any servicing that requires operation without a belt must be performed by your dealer.

NOTICE: Operation of the engine with the belt removed may result in injury or damage to the engine.

Intake Silencer

Do not operate the engine with the intake silencer or filter removed.

NOTICE: Damage to the engine may occur if the intake silencer or filter are removed.

Clutches

Do not attempt to service the clutches.

All clutch service must be performed by your dealer. The clutch is a complex mechanism that rotates at high speeds. Each clutch is dynamically balanced before installation. Any tampering may disrupt this precision balancing and create an unstable condition.

Cold Weather Drive-Away

Whenever your snowmobile has been parked for a length of time, especially overnight, always make sure the skis and track are loosened from ice and snow before attempting to drive. Apply the throttle with enough authority to put the snowmobile into motion, but always operate within safety limits.

Maneuverability

While much control and maneuverability is achieved through the steering system and skis, maximum control is achieved by the shifting of your body weight. Maneuverability will change for lighter operators or snowmobiles designed to carry a load.

Operator Safety Driving Responsibly

Every snowmobile handles differently, and even the most docile conditions may become dangerous if operators drive improperly. If you're new to snowmobiling, acquaint yourself with the snowmobile and with what it will and won't do under various conditions. Even seasoned drivers should spend some time getting the feel for a snowmobile before attempting ambitious maneuvers.

- A snowmobile depends on the rider's body position for proper balance in executing turns, traversing hills, etc. Always start on a smooth, level area to begin building your operating experience.
- Before allowing someone else to use your snowmobile, know the extent of their operating skills. Check to see if they've taken a snowmobile safety course and have an operator's certificate. For their protection, as well as yours, make sure they take a snowmobile safety course. Everyone can benefit from the course.
- Don't “jump” your snowmobile over large drifts or similar terrain. Jumping may injure your back because of spinal compression that could occur when the snowmobile impacts the ground. The seat and suspension of your snowmobile have been designed to provide protection under normal riding conditions. Your snowmobile is not intended for this kind of use.
- Be courteous to oncoming traffic by dimming your headlights and reducing your speed.
- When traveling in a group of snowmobiles, don't tailgate (follow too closely). Leave enough distance between snowmobiles to provide ample stopping room and to provide protection from flying snow and debris. Allow even more distance when driving on slippery surfaces or when driving in darkness or other low visibility conditions. Be aware of any snowmobile traffic around your vehicle. Drive defensively to avoid accidents.
- Remove the key from the ignition when you leave the snowmobile unattended.

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Operator Safety

Windchill/Temperature Charts

The following information is provided to help you determine when temperatures become dangerous for riding.

WINDCHILL CHART (_F)

Wind Speed in MPH	Actual Thermometer Reading (_F)																	
	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
	Equivalent Temperature (_F)																	
Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87
35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95
55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98
Frostbite in >>								30 min.	10 min.	5 min.								

WINDCHILL CHART (_C)

Wind Speed in KPH	Actual Thermometer Reading (_C)																	
	5	2	-1	-4	-7	-10	-13	-16	-19	-22	-25	-28	-31	-34	-37	-40	-43	-46
	Equivalent Temperature (_C)																	
Calm	5	2	-1	-4	-7	-10	-13	-16	-19	-22	-25	-28	-31	-34	-37	-40	-43	-46
8	3	0	-4	-7	-11	-14	-18	-22	-25	-29	-32	-36	-39	-43	-46	-50	-53	-57
16	2	-2	-6	-10	-13	-17	-21	-24	-28	-32	-36	-39	-43	-47	-50	-54	-58	-62
24	1	-3	-7	-11	-15	-19	-22	-26	-30	-34	-38	-42	-45	-49	-53	-57	-61	-65
32	0	-4	-8	-12	-16	-20	-24	-28	-32	-36	-39	-43	-47	-51	-55	-59	-63	-67
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88	-3	-7	-12	-16	-20	-24	-29	-33	-37	-42	-46	-50	-55	-59	-63	-67	-72	-76
96	-3	-8	-12	-16	-21	-25	-29	-34	-38	-42	-47	-51	-55	-60	-64	-68	-73	-77
Frostbite in >>								30 min.	10 min.	5 min.								

Safety Labels and Locations

Warning labels have been placed on the snowmobile for your protection. Read and follow the instructions of the labels and other warnings on the snowmobile carefully. If any of the labels depicted in this manual differ from the labels on your snowmobile, always read and follow the instructions of the labels on the snowmobile.

If any label becomes illegible or comes off, contact your POLARIS dealer to purchase a replacement. Replacement safety labels are provided by POLARIS at no charge. The part number is printed on the label.

Clutch Warning

This warning label is found on the oil bottle:

WARNING

Do not operate engine with hood or side panels open.

Do not attempt adjustment with engine running.

Do not operate engine with the clutch guard removed.

Never run engine with drive belt removed.

Never service clutches yourself. See your dealer.



Pressure Cap Warning

This warning label is found on the pressure cap of applicable liquid cooled models:

WARNING

Do not open hot. Test or replace when changing coolant. Press down and turn to release cap. 13 PSI

SAFETY

Safety Labels and Locations



“No Passenger” Warning

Snowmobiles designed for a single rider only have a NO PASSENGER warning label on the console:

WARNING

This vehicle is designed for operator only. NO PASSENGER

Reverse Warning

The reverse warning label is located on the console:

WARNING

Reverse operation, even at low speeds, can cause loss of control resulting in serious injury or death. To avoid loss of control, always:

- Look behind before and while backing up.
- Avoid sharp turns.
- Shift to or from reverse only when stopped.
- Apply throttle slowly.

NOTE: For more information, see Owner's Manual.

If electric reverse:

- Machine stopped and engine at idle, push yellow button on LH control to reverse. Flashing light on dash indicates reverse operation.
- Push button again to return to forward.

Safety Labels and Locations

Track Warning

The track warning label is on the rear tunnel:

WARNING

Stay clear of track. Do not sit on seat back. Entanglement with the track or a fall from seat back may result in severe injury or death.

Hot Surface Warning

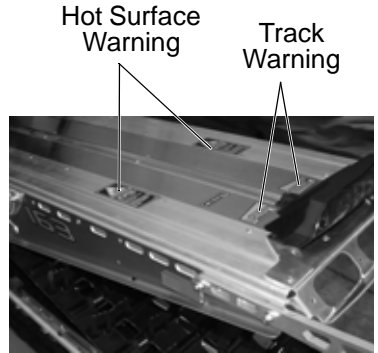
The hot surface warning is on the rear center of the tunnel.

WARNING

Hot Surface

Do Not Touch

Burns may result. Entire top of tunnel may be hot. Install only accessories specifically approved for this model by POLARIS. Do not place clothing, bags or cargo on tunnel. Do not cover this label.



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Safety Labels and Locations

Operation Warning

The operation warning label is also located on the console.



Operation Warning

WARNING

- To avoid serious injury or death, read and understand all warnings and the Owner's Manual before operation. If manual is missing, contact a POLARIS dealer for a replacement.
- This vehicle is capable of high speeds. Buried objects or uneven terrain can cause loss of control. Reduce speed and use extreme caution when operating in unfamiliar terrain.
- Excessive speed, especially at night or with limited visibility, can result in insufficient time for you to react to terrain changes, to avoid unexpected obstacles, or to stop safely.
- Never consume alcohol or drugs before or while operating this vehicle.
- In an emergency, push down the Auxiliary Shut-Off Switch, located on the top of the throttle control assembly, to stop the engine. Then pull the brake lever to stop.
- Always wear an approved helmet, eye protection, and adequate clothing while operating this vehicle.
- This vehicle is designed for adult use only. Check local laws for age requirements.

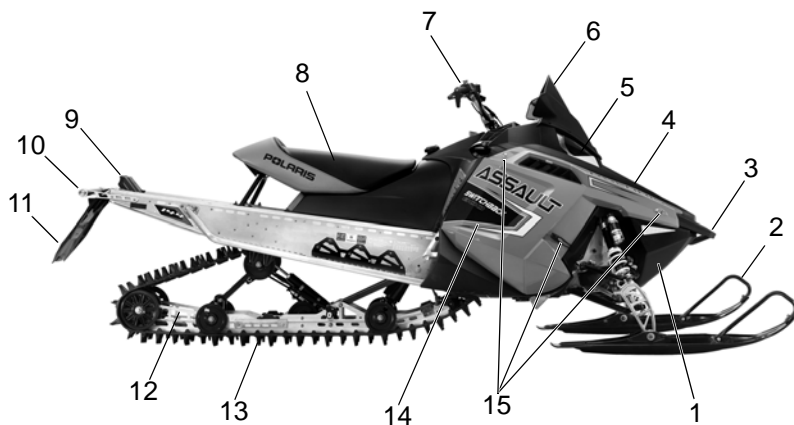
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Safety Labels and Locations Operation Warning

- When operating with a passenger (on approved models only) reduce speed and allow extra space for steering and stopping. A passenger reduces your ability to control the vehicle.
- When operating on hard-packed snow, ice, or when crossing roads, steering and braking ability are greatly reduced. Reduce speed and allow extra space to turn or stop.
- To maintain vehicle control on ice or hard-packed surfaces, you should have a proper balance of ski carbides to track studs. See Owner's Manual for proper use of traction products.
- Repeated stops from high speed may cause fading or sudden loss of braking ability.
- Parking brake may relax when used for long periods. Do not leave brake engaged for more than five minutes.
- Before starting engine, check throttle, brake, and steering for proper operation. Make sure hood and side panels are latched. Be seated and in position to control the vehicle.

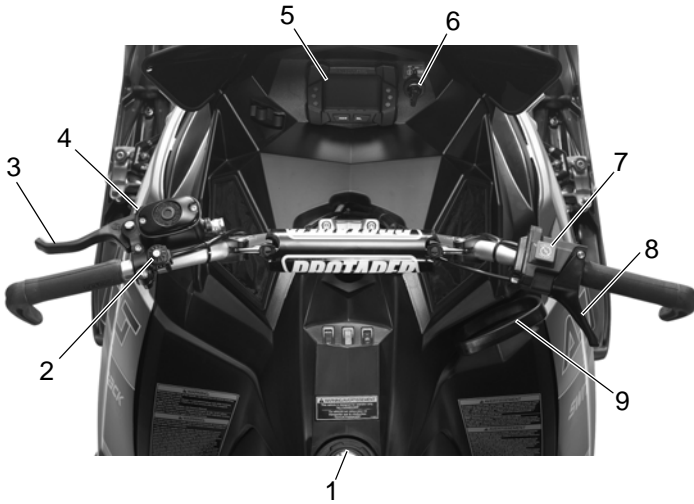
Oil injection system: Use unmixed fuel only. Check oil level when refueling.

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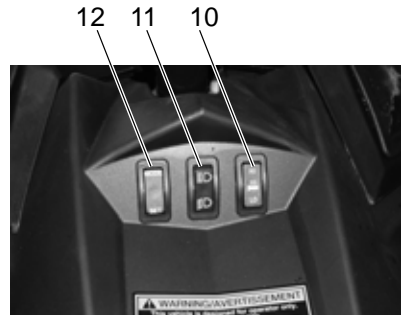


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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Nosepan | 8. Operator Seat |
| 2. Skis | 9. Taillight |
| 3. Front Bumper | 10. Rear Bumper |
| 4. Hood | 11. Snow Flap |
| 5. Headlight | 12. Suspension |
| 6. Windshield (accessory) | 13. Track |
| 7. Handlebar | 14. Side Panel |
| | 15. Side Panel Fasteners |

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1. Fuel Filler Cap
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4. Parking Brake Lock
5. Instrument Cluster
6. Ignition Switch
7. Engine Stop Switch
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9. Recoil Starter Handle
10. Handlebar Grip Warmer Switch
11. Headlight Dimmer Switch
12. MODE/SET Switch
13. Thumbwarmer Switch



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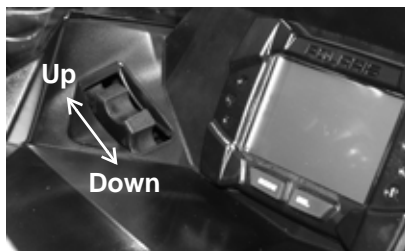
Storage Bag/Tool Kit

A storage bag and tool kit is located under the left side panel between the oil bottle and console.



Adjustable Headlights

Move the headlight adjuster to the left to adjust the headlight beam upward. Move the adjuster to the right to adjust the beam downward.



Accessories

POLARIS offers a wide range of accessories for your snowmobile to help make each ride more enjoyable.

Use only POLARIS parts and accessories on your POLARIS snowmobile. Use of unapproved parts and accessories may result in:

- Non-compliance with government/industry requirements
- Voiding of warranty
- Injury to self or others

This applies, but is not limited to the following areas: brakes, clutches, fuel systems, and exhaust systems. Exhaust systems are critical safety areas that must use approved POLARIS parts. Please see your POLARIS dealer for service.

Fuel Resistor

This snowmobile is equipped with a feature that allows the engine controller to select the proper operating software based on the type of fuel being used. See pages 57-58 for fuel information and recommendations.

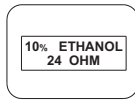
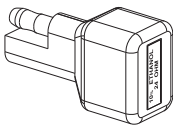
The ECU fuel designation connector must have the “NON-ETHANOL 160 OHM” resistor installed when using non-ethanol gasoline.

When using ethanol, MTBE, or other forms of oxygenated gasoline, the “10% ETHANOL 24 OHM” resistor must be connected.

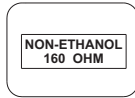
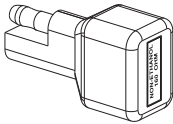
Whenever in doubt of your fuel purchase, use the “10% ETHANOL 24 OHM” resistor as a safeguard.

The resistor is installed into the wiring harness on the left side of the snowmobile just above the top of the oil bottle (see photo).

NOTICE: Engine damage may occur if ethanol fuel is used while the non-ethanol fuel resistor is installed. The check engine light may also display in this condition as this could cause detonation.



**ETHANOL, MTBE, OR OTHER
OXYGENATED GASOLINE
(Factory Delivery)
ANY FUEL WITH ETHANOL
or LESS THAN 91 OCTANE
(87 Octane Minimum)**



**NON-ETHANOL GASOLINE
91+ OCTANE
(Maximum Performance)**



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Detonation Elimination Technology (DET)

The DET system prevents damage to the engine from detonation by going into an engine protection mode whenever the DET system is active.

When *excessive* detonation is detected, the check engine light will illuminate and you may notice decreased engine performance and RPM when the DET system is activated. In most cases this is temporary and the operator does not need to take any action. The engine will return to its normal performance automatically.



If *severe* detonation occurs, the check engine light will begin to flash steadily and the gauge indicator will read “dET” (see illustration). The engine will enter a *limp home* mode and RPM will be limited to 6500 RPM. The engine will remain in this mode until it is shut down and restarted.

Check Engine Light	Indicates
Solid or Flickering	Excessive detonation detected
Steady Flashing	Severe detonation detected, RPM will be limited

Detonation Elimination Technology (DET)

The most likely causes of severe detonation are outlined in the troubleshooting table below.

DET Troubleshooting

Cause of DET Activation	Solution
Poor quality fuel	Replace with higher quality fuel
Incorrect ethanol/non-ethanol fuel resistor installed	Verify correct fuel resistor for fuel type in tank
Low fuel/no fuel in tank	Refuel with recommended fuel
Water in fuel	Replace with recommended fuel
Plugged fuel filter or tank pick-up sock	See your POLARIS dealer for service
Alcohol-based fuel additive used with Ethanol fuel	Do not add deicers or additives that contain any form of alcohol while using up to 10% Ethanol fuel
Improper engine modifications	Do not modify the engine

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Instrument Cluster



The instrument cluster contains indicator lights and the rider information center. The information center can be controlled by either the MODE and SELECT buttons on the instrument cluster or by the MODE/SET switch on the left handlebar or console.

NOTICE: Certain products will damage the lens and other plastic surfaces. Do not use alcohol to clean the instrument cluster. Immediately clean off any gasoline that splashes on the instrument cluster.

Mode/Set Switch



Instrument Cluster Indicators

Check Engine Indicator

This indicator appears if an EFI-related fault occurs. Do not operate the snowmobile if this warning appears. Serious engine damage could result. See your dealer. See page 40 for diagnostic code definitions.

Over-Temperature Indicator

This indicator illuminates to alert the operator that the engine is overheating. The operator should take action to cool the engine. See page 79. If the indicator flashes, continued operation could result in serious engine damage. Stop the engine *immediately*.

Low Oil Indicator

The low oil indicator light may flicker at times due to oil movement in the bottle, but when the light comes on and remains on, add the recommended oil before further operation. See page 59.

High Beam Indicator

The high beam indicator illuminates when the lights are set to high beam.

Parking Brake Indicator

This indicator illuminates when the parking brake is engaged. It will also illuminate when the service brake is in use. See page 50.

Reverse Indicator

This indicator flashes when the transmission is in reverse. See page 63.

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Instrument Cluster

Rider Information Center

The rider information center is located in the instrument cluster. The center displays vehicle speed, engine speed, odometer, resettable trip meters (2), total engine hours of operation, fuel level, engine temperature and diagnostic display mode.

Setting changes must be made with the engine running or with the vehicle powered by an external DC power supply connector.

The information center is set to display standard units of measurement for distance and temperature. To change to metric units, see page 38.



Instrument Cluster

Rider Information Center

1. **Information Display Area** - This area displays either engine speed or vehicle speed (whichever is not displayed in the speed display), engine temperature and maximum vehicle speed. To change the display, see page 36.
2. **Speed Display** - The speed display area displays either vehicle speed or engine speed. To change the display, see page 36.
3. **Odometer/Engine Hour Display** - This area displays the odometer, Trip A, Trip B and engine hours. To change the display, see page 37.
4. **Battery Power** - This indicator illuminates when battery power is low.
5. **Playback Icon** - The playback function allows the rider to record and play back engine speed, vehicle speed and throttle position sensor information for up to three minutes. The playback icon flashes while recording. See page 37.

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Instrument Cluster

Rider Information Center

Speed Display Area

The speed display area displays either vehicle speed or engine speed. Vehicle speed is displayed in either miles per hour (MPH) or kilometers per hour (km/h). Engine speed is displayed in revolutions per minute (RPM).

1. To change which item displays, first make sure the information display area is set to display either engine speed or vehicle speed.
2. *Press and hold* the mode button (on the instrument cluster) or the mode switch (on the left handlebar) for three seconds.

Information Display Area

This area displays either engine speed or vehicle speed (whichever is not displayed in the speed display), engine temperature and maximum vehicle speed. To change the display, *press and release* the MODE button or the MODE switch until the desired item is displayed.

Instrument Cluster

Rider Information Center

Odometer/Engine Hour Display Area

This area displays the odometer, Trip A meter, Trip B meter and engine hours meter.

The odometer displays the total distance traveled by the vehicle since manufacture. Each trip meter records the distance traveled by the vehicle on a trip if the meter is reset before each trip. The engine hour meter displays the total hours the engine has been in operation since manufacture.

To change the display, *press and release* the SELECT button or the SET switch until the desired item is displayed.

To reset a trip meter, *press and hold* the SELECT button or the SET switch until the meter resets to zero.

Playback Function

The playback function allows the rider to record and play back engine speed, vehicle speed and throttle position sensor information for up to three minutes.

1. To begin recording, simultaneously *press and hold* the MODE and SELECT buttons on the instrument cluster for three seconds. The playback indicator will flash while the instrument cluster is recording.
2. To play back the recorded data, stop the vehicle and wait for engine speed to drop below clutch engagement.
3. Simultaneously *press and release* the MODE and SELECT buttons on the instrument cluster.
4. Applying the throttle will clear the display and return the instrument cluster to normal operation.

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Rider Information Center

Standard/Metric Display

The odometer and temperature displays can be viewed in either standard or metric units of measurement. Both displays change if units are changed. The new settings will remain until changed by the operator.

Change Method 1

1. *Press and release* the MODE button or MODE switch until engine temperature displays.
2. *Press and hold* the MODE button or MODE switch until the units change.

Change Method 2

1. *Press and release* the SELECT button or SET switch until the odometer displays.
2. *Press and hold* the SELECT button or SET switch until the units change.

Instrument Cluster Rider Information Center Diagnostic Display Mode

The diagnostic display mode is for informational purposes only. Please see your POLARIS dealer for all major repairs.

The diagnostic mode is accessible only when the check engine warning indicator is illuminated *and* a diagnostic code is active.

Do not stop the engine if you want to view the active code (failure code). Active codes cannot be retrieved if power is interrupted to the instrument cluster. The codes will become inactive codes if power is interrupted. Inactive codes are stored in the history of the unit. Please see your POLARIS dealer to retrieve inactive codes.

Use the following procedure to view active codes.

1. Do not stop the engine.
2. With the brake engaged, press and release the SELECT button or SET switch to toggle to the diagnostic display mode. When a code is active, the diagnostic display mode will appear immediately following the engine hour display.

TIP: When the diagnostic mode is displayed, the check engine warning indicator will begin to flash.

3. A set of two numbers will appear in the display.
 - The 2-6 digit suspect parameter number (SPN) in the information display area indicates which component is generating the fault code.
 - The 1-2 digit failure mode indicator (FMI) number in the odometer area indicates the fault mode, such as open or short circuit.
4. More than one fault may be active. Press and hold the MODE button or MODE switch for two seconds to toggle to the next active code. Repeat until all codes are retrieved.
5. See page 40 for code definitions and failure descriptions.

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Diagnostic Display Code Definitions

Open Load: There is a break in the wires that lead to the item listed in the chart (injector, fuel pump, etc.), or the item has failed.

Short-to-Ground: The wire is shorted to ground between the electronic control unit and the item listed in the chart.

Shorted Load: The wires leading to the item listed in the chart are shorted together, or the item has shorted internally.

Short-to-Battery: The wire leading from the item listed in the chart to the electronic control unit is shorted to a wire at battery voltage.

Diagnostic Codes			
Component	Condition	SPN	FMI
Throttle Position Sensor	Voltage Too High	51	3
	Voltage Too Low		4
	Abnormal Rate of Change		10
Vehicle Speed Sensor	Data Erratic, Intermittent or Missing	84	2
Intake Air Temperature Sensor	Voltage Too High	105	3
	Voltage Too Low		4
Barometric Pressure Sensor	Voltage Too High	108	3
	Voltage Too Low		4
Engine Temperature Sensor	Voltage Too High	110	3
	Voltage Too Low		4
	Temperature Too High		16
	Engine Overheat Shutdown		0
Alternator Power Supply Potential (DC Chassis Voltage)	Voltage Too High	167	3
	Voltage Too Low		4
Exhaust Temperature Sensor	Voltage Too High	173	3
	Voltage Too Low		4

Instrument Cluster Rider Information Center Diagnostic Display Code Definitions.

Diagnostic Codes			
Component	Condition	SPN	FMI
ECU Memory	Checksum/CRC Error	628	13
Injector 1 (MAG) (Port Injector)	Driver Circuit Open/Grounded	651	5
	Driver Circuit Short to B+		3
Injector 2 (PTO) (Port Injector)	Driver Circuit Open/Grounded	652	5
	Driver Circuit Short to B+		3
Knock Sensor 1	Voltage Too Low	731	4
Ignition Coil Primary Driver 1 (MAG)	Driver Circuit Open/Grounded	1268	5
Fuel Pump Driver Circuit	Driver Circuit Open/Grounded	1347	5
Knock Level Cylinder 1 (MAG)	Maximum Detonation Correction Limit Reached	1352	0
	Knock Above Critical Level		16
Knock Level Cylinder 2 (PTO)	Maximum Detonation Correction Limit Reached	1353	0
	Knock Above Critical Level		16
Sensor Supply Voltage 1 (TPS/TMAP Sensor Power)	Voltage Too Low	3509	4
Sensor Supply Voltage 2 (Ground Speed Sensor)	Voltage Too Low	3510	4
ECU Output Supply Voltage 2 (Injection Supply PWR)	Voltage Too High	3598	3
	Voltage Too Low		4
Throttle Release Signal	Voltage Too High	520194	3
	Voltage Too Low		4
	Throttle Stuck		7
Chassis Relay	Driver Circuit Open/Grounded	520208	5
	Driver Circuit Short to B+		3
Exhaust Valve Solenoid	Driver Circuit Grounded	520215	5
	Driver Circuit Short to B+		3
Fuel Type Selected	Voltage Too High	524007	3
	Voltage Too Low		4
	Signal Out Of Range		2

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Suspension Adjustments

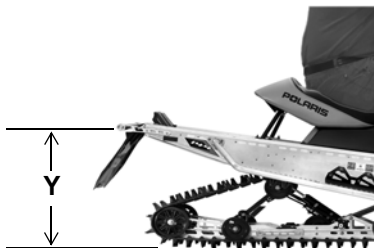
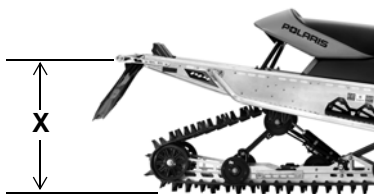
Initial Spring Preload Setting (Sag Method)

To set up the rear suspension torsion spring preload, measure the distance between the ground and rear bumper. This is measurement X.

Take this measurement with no rider and with the rear suspension at full extension.

TIP: The rear bumper may need to be lifted upward slightly to fully extend the suspension.

Next, have the rider drop down hard on the seat and bounce up and down several times, collapsing the rear suspension. With the rider seated, measure the distance between the ground and the rear bumper at the exact location used for measurement X. This is measurement Y.



To determine sag, commonly referred to as ride-in, subtract measurement Y from X ($Sag=X-Y$). Adjust sag by rotating the torsion spring preload cams located on the rear torque arm. See illustration. The ideal amount of sag for this rear suspension is five inches (12.7 cm) ($X-Y=5$ in./12.7 cm).

If the rear suspension rides in less than four inches or more than six inches with the torsion spring preload cams at their maximum range of adjustment, optional torsion springs (softer or stiffer, respectively) may be required. This is only an initial setup, and final spring preload may vary based on rider preference and riding conditions.

Suspension Adjustments

Torsion Spring Preload

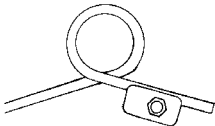
To adjust rear torsion spring preload, rotate the three-position cam using the engine spark plug tool. Different rate torsion springs are available if a firmer ride is desired. Contact your dealer for more information.

The following information is provided only as a guideline to be used for initial suspension set-up. Your set-up may vary based on your desired riding style.

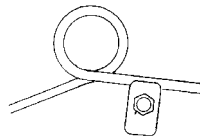
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Medium (short end of cam up)

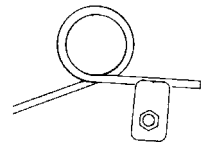
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Soft



Medium



Firm

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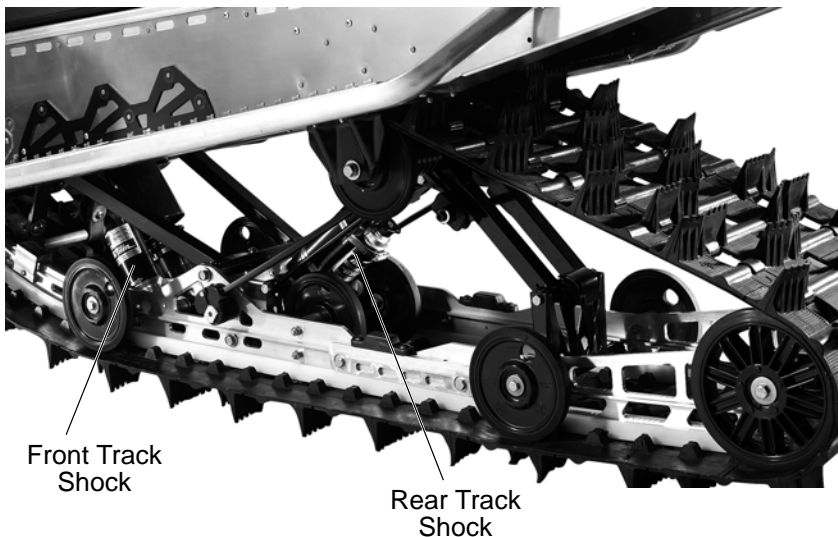
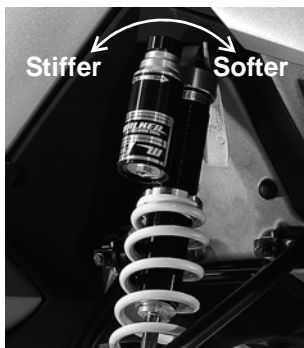
Suspension Adjustments

Shock Compression Damping

Compression damping can be adjusted at the front suspension and at the rear track shock. Make adjustments in 2-click increments, then test ride. When adjusting the front suspension, always adjust both clickers equally.

To stop bottoming of the front or rear suspension (stiffer ride), rotate the clicker(s) clockwise two clicks (as viewed from the top of the clicker), then test ride. Repeat the adjustment until bottoming stops and the desired ride quality is achieved.

For a more plush ride at the front or rear suspension, rotate the clicker(s) counter-clockwise two clicks, then test ride. Repeat the adjustment until the desired ride quality is achieved.



Suspension Adjustments

Independent Front Suspension and Front Track Shock Spring Preload

Factory settings, combined with user adjustments to the rear track shock spring, should be all that's necessary to provide the best riding experience for most riders. The primary adjustment for overall vehicle balance is torsion spring preload. Perform this adjustment first. See page 43.

After adjusting torsion spring preload, and if desired, additional adjustments can be made to the independent front suspension and front track shock preload. When adjusting the front suspension, be sure the springs on both sides of the vehicle are at the same adjustment.

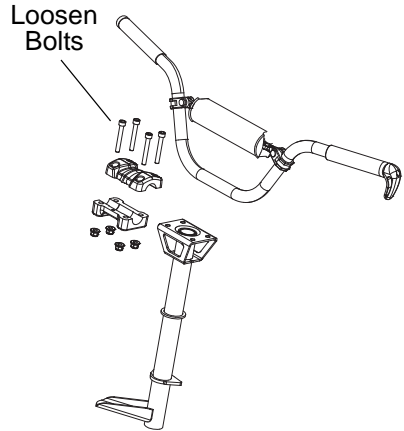
For a softer ride on rough, washboard surfaces, reduce front track shock (FTS) spring preload by 1-2 turns.

To improve corner stability, increase front suspension (IFS) spring preload by 1-2 turns on both sides of the vehicle.

Handlebar Adjustments

Handlebar Angle

1. Loosen the four bolts on the top of the adjuster block. If necessary, pry the blocks apart with a screwdriver.
2. Adjust the handlebar forward or rearward to the desired angle.
3. Tighten the bolts.



PRE-RIDE INSPECTIONS

Pre-Ride Checklist

Inspect all items on the checklist for proper operation or condition before each use of the snowmobile. Procedures are outlined on the referenced pages. Look for a checkmark (✓) on the referenced pages to locate the pre-ride inspection items.

Item	See Page
Drive Belt Condition	87
Steering System	51
Recoil Rope	51
Coolant Level	78
Chaincase Oil Level	73
Injection Oil Level	59
Parking Brake Lock/Brake Lever/Brake System	49, 50, 82
Auxiliary Shut-Off Switch (Engine Stop Switch)	52
Ignition Switch	52
Headlight/Taillight/Brakelight	52
Suspension Mounting Bolts	47
Skags (Wear Bars)	97
Ski Saddle and Spindle Bolts	47
Hood and Side Panel Fasteners	71
Throttle Lever/Safety Switch	60, 61
Rear Wheel Idler Bolts	93
Tether Switch/Strap (if equipped)	52
Track Alignment/Condition	51, 94
Rail Slide Condition	97

PRE-RIDE INSPECTIONS

Pre-Ride Suspension Inspection

Loose nuts and bolts can reduce your snowmobile's reliability and cause needless repairs and down time. Before beginning any snowmobile trip, a visual inspection will uncover potential problems. Check the following items on a weekly basis or before any long trip.

Item	See Page
Check suspension mounting bolts for tightness.	--
Check rear idler wheel bolts for tightness.	93
Check rear idler adjusting bolt locknuts for tightness.	--
Check front torque arm limiter strap condition.	--
Check rail slide condition.	97
Check track tension.	92
Check ski runner/skag condition.	97
Check ski spindle bolts for tightness.	--
Check tie rod end nuts for tightness.	--

PRE-RIDE INSPECTIONS

Before Starting the Engine

Before starting the engine, always refer to all safety warnings pertaining to snowmobile operation. Never start the engine without checking all vehicle components to be sure of proper operation.

WARNING! Operating the vehicle with worn, damaged, or malfunctioning components could result in serious injury or death. Never start the engine without checking all vehicle components to be sure of proper operation.

Read and Understand Your Owner's Manual

Read the Owner's Manual completely and refer to it often. The manual is your guide to safe and enjoyable snowmobiling experience.

n Throttle Lever

The throttle and brake are the primary controls of your snowmobile. Always make sure both are functioning properly.

Squeeze the throttle lever to make sure it compresses evenly and smoothly. When released, the lever should immediately return to the idle position without binding or hesitation. If the throttle does not function smoothly, or if you discover excessive lever freewheel, **DO NOT** start the engine. Have the throttle serviced immediately.

n Throttle Safety Switch

Test the throttle safety switch system before the snowmobile is operated. See page 60.

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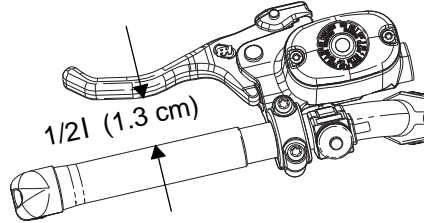
Before Starting the Engine

n Brakes

Always check the following items for proper operation before starting the engine.

Brake Lever Travel

Squeeze the brake lever. It should move no closer to the handgrip than 1/21 (1.3 cm). A smaller distance indicates low brake fluid level or air in the hydraulic system. Refer to the brake bleeding information on page 84 or see your dealer for service.



Lever Feel

If the brake lever feels “spongy” when squeezed, check the brake fluid level and condition. Add fluid as needed. See page 83.

WARNING! Continued use of “spongy” brakes may cause a complete loss of brakes, which could result in serious injury or death. Always have the brakes serviced at the first sign of sponginess.

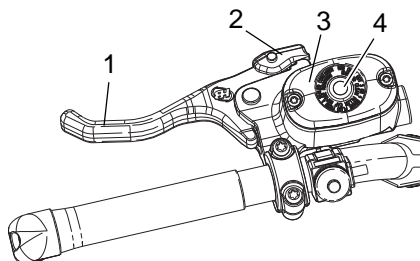
PRE-RIDE INSPECTIONS

Before Starting the Engine

▮ Parking Brake Lever Lock

Use the parking brake lever lock only when you want the snowmobile to remain stationary; for example, when parked on an incline for a period of five minutes or less.

1. Brake Lever
2. Parking Brake Lever Lock
3. Master Cylinder Reservoir/Cover
4. Fluid Level Indicator



Lock Engagement

To engage the lock, squeeze the brake lever tightly and push forward on the lock. Hold the lock forward while releasing the brake lever.

TIP: If the brake lever is squeezed tightly enough, the lock will move freely into place. Do not force the lock or it may break.

The parking brake light on the gauge will light up if the parking brake lever lock is set while the engine is running. It will also be lit when the service brake is in use. If the parking brake light does not come on when the parking brake or service brake is in use, have it serviced by your dealer.

Lock Release

To release the lock, squeeze the brake lever tightly. The lock will return to the unlocked position.

WARNING! If the parking brake lever lock is partially or entirely engaged while riding, the brakes may overheat, resulting in brake damage. In extreme cases it could cause a fire, which could result in serious injury or death. Always ensure that the lever lock is completely disengaged before operating the snowmobile.

PRE-RIDE INSPECTIONS

Before Starting the Engine

n Steering System

WARNING! Ice and snow build-up may interfere with the steering of your snowmobile, resulting in serious injury or death. Keep the underhood area free of snow and ice.

Before driving, manually turn the skis to the left and right to be sure ice and snow are not interfering with full left and right steering. If difficulty is encountered, remove ice and snow build-up that may be obstructing the steering linkage.

n Track

Track damage or failure caused by operation on ice or poor lubrication conditions voids the track warranty.

WARNING! Operating the snowmobile with a damaged track increases the possibility of track failure, which could cause loss of control resulting in serious injury or death. Always inspect the track for damage before using the vehicle.

WARNING! Use of traction products such as studs increases the possibility of track damage and/or failure. Driving at high speeds for extended periods of time in marginal lubrication could severely damage track rods, break track edges, and cause other track damage. Examples of marginal lubrication would include frozen bodies of water without snow cover, icy trails, and no-snow conditions.

n Hood and Side Panel Fasteners

The hood and side panels of the snowmobile protect the operator from moving parts. Never operate a snowmobile with the hood or side panels open or removed. Always ensure that the hood and side panels are securely in place before starting the engine.

n Recoil Rope

Inspect the recoil rope and handle for excessive wear, and make sure the knot securing the rope inside the handle is secure. If excessive wear is found, see your POLARIS dealer for replacement.

PRE-RIDE INSPECTIONS

Start the Engine and Check

Before starting the engine, always refer to all safety warnings pertaining to snowmobile operation. Never engage the starter when the engine is running. Never start the engine without checking all vehicle components to be sure of proper operation. See *Before Starting the Engine* beginning on page 48.

n Engine Stop Switch

Check the auxiliary shut-off switch for proper operation. Push the switch down to stop the engine. Pull it up to allow restarting.

n Ignition Switch

Make sure the engine stops when the ignition switch is turned to OFF.

n Tether Switch (if equipped)

If your snowmobile has a tether switch, remove the tether from the switch to make sure the engine stops immediately.

n Lighting

Check the headlight (high and low beam), taillight, and brake light. Replace burned out lamps before operating.

n Mirrors (if equipped)

Adjust the mirrors so they can be used to their full advantage.

n Operating Area

Before driving away, check your surroundings. Be aware of obstacles and make sure bystanders are a safe distance from the snowmobile.

Starting the Engine

NOTICE: Engaging the starter when the engine is running WILL result in serious engine damage, especially if the transmission is in reverse. Never engage the starter when the engine is running.

1. Turn the key to the ON position.
2. Pull the engine stop switch up to the RUN position.
3. If equipped with electric start, turn the key to START to crank the engine. Release the key to the ON position when the engine starts.
4. If not equipped with electric start, grasp the starter handle and pull slowly until the recoil engages; then pull abruptly to crank the engine.

TIP: Don't pull the starter rope to the fully extended position and don't allow it to snap back into the housing. Damage may result.

5. If the engine does not start after several attempts, slightly depress the throttle (no more than 1/4! open) while cranking the engine. When the engine starts, *immediately* release the throttle.

CAUTION! To avoid injury and/or engine damage, do not operate the electric starter or pull-rope starter while the engine is running.

NOTICE: Operating the vehicle immediately after cold starting could cause engine damage. Allow the engine to warm up for several minutes before operating the vehicle. If cold drive-away is attempted, the engine RPM may stumble slightly to protect the engine.

Restarting an Engine

If the rider stops the engine by pushing the engine stop switch down, restart the engine using the normal starting procedure. If the engine fails to start using the normal procedure:

1. Push the engine stop switch down to the OFF position.
2. Turn the key to the OFF position.
3. With both switches OFF, squeeze and hold the throttle in the wide open position.
4. Crank the engine several times to clear the engine.
5. Release the throttle.
6. Restart the engine using the normal starting procedure.

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Break-In Period

Engine Break-In

Always follow these recommended break-in procedures for new or rebuilt engines. The first tank of fuel is considered the break-in period for the engine.

Premix the first tank of fuel as outlined below. Oil added to the fuel and oil injection systems will provide the necessary engine lubrication.

Oil Recommendations	
First Tank of Fuel:	POLARIS Premium 2-Cycle Semi-Synthetic Oil
After Break-in:	POLARIS VES Gold Plus Oil

Tip: The semi-synthetic oil will seat the rings faster than the VES Gold Plus oil. See page 100 for the part numbers of POLARIS products.

Never mix brands of oil. Serious chemical reactions can cause injection system blockage, resulting in serious engine damage. Oils may also be incompatible and the result could be sludge formation, filter blockage, and reduced cold weather flow rates. All POLARIS oils are compatible with each other.

Initial Fuel Premix

Always premix fuel in 5-gallon (19-liter) increments in a separate fuel container. Never add oil directly to the fuel tank.

Fuel	Semi-Synthetic Oil	Ratio
Each 5 gal. (19 l)	16 oz. (473 ml)	40:1

Break-In Period Engine Break-In

Excessive heat build-up during the first three hours of operation will damage close-fitted engine parts. Do not operate at full throttle or high speeds for extended periods during the first three hours of use. Vary the throttle openings and vehicle speeds to reduce friction on all close-fitting machined parts, allowing them to break in slowly without damage.

NOTICE: Use of any lubricants other than those recommended by POLARIS may cause serious engine damage. We recommend the use of POLARIS lubricants for your vehicle.

Drive with extra caution during the break-in period. Perform regular checks on fluid levels, lines, and all other important areas of the snowmobile.

Oil Injection System

Always check and fill the oil bottle when refueling. See page 59.

NOTICE: Serious engine damage can occur without the proper lubrication. Check the oil bottle level often during the first tank of fuel. If the oil level doesn't go down, contact your dealer immediately.

Drive Belt Break-In

The break-in period for a new drive belt is 30 miles (48 km). During this time, vary the throttle position under 50% and limit full throttle use.

Always take time to warm up the belt and driveline prior to operating the snowmobile. Free the track and skis from the ground before engaging throttle.

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Track Warm-Up

WARNING! A loose track or flying debris could cause serious injury or death. Stand clear of the front of the snowmobile and the moving track. Never hold the snowmobile up or stand behind it while warming up the track. Do not use excessive throttle during warm-up or when the track is free-hanging. Use a stable rear support.

WARNING! Use of traction products such as studs, ice growers, etc. will increase the possibility of track damage and/or failure. This could cause loss of control, resulting in serious injury or death. Always inspect for track damage before operating the snowmobile.

Follow these steps to ensure proper warm-up of the engine, drive train and track.

1. Use an appropriate stand to securely support the rear of the snowmobile at the rear bumper. The track should be about 41 (10 cm) off the ground.
2. Start the engine and allow it to warm up two to three minutes.
3. Depress the throttle abruptly and allow the track to rotate several revolutions.

TIP: It will take longer to warm up the track sufficiently during colder outdoor temperatures.

4. Release the throttle, apply the brakes, shut off the engine and lower the snowmobile to the ground.
5. Grasp the skis by their front loops and move them from side to side to loosen snow and ice.

Slide Rail and Track Cooling

NOTICE: Inadequate cooling and lubrication will lead to overheating of the slide rail and track, resulting in premature wear and failure. Reduce speeds and frequently drive into fresh snow to allow adequate cooling and polishing of the slide rail and track surfaces. Avoid operating on ice, hard-packed surfaces or roads.

Fuel

WARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive under certain conditions.

- Always exercise extreme caution whenever handling gasoline.
- Always refuel outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- Always turn off the engine before refueling.
- Do not overfill the tank. Do not fill the tank neck.
- Do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks in or near the area where refueling is performed or where gasoline is stored.
- If gasoline spills on your skin or clothing, immediately wash it off with soap and water and change clothing.
- Never start the engine or let it run in an enclosed area. Engine exhaust fumes are poisonous and can cause loss of consciousness or death in a short time.

WARNING

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Operate this vehicle only outdoors or in well-ventilated areas.

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Fuel Recommendation

For peak performance, POLARIS recommends the use of 91 octane fuel or higher. Although 87 octane fuel is usable, some engine performance will be lost and fuel economy will decrease. Do not use lower than 87 octane fuel. *Do not use fuel containing more than 10% ethanol. Never use E85 fuel in your snowmobile.*

NOTICE: Operating with obstructed fuel systems will result in serious engine damage. Perform maintenance as recommended.

Prolonged exposure to petroleum based products may damage paint. Always protect painted surfaces when handling fuel.

Fuel System Deicers

If you use non-ethanol fuel (sometimes labeled “non-oxygenated”), POLARIS recommends the regular use of isopropyl-based fuel system deicer. Add one to two ounces per gallon (8-16 ml per liter) of gasoline to prevent damage resulting from fuel system icing. *Never use deicers or additives containing methanol.* POLARIS recommends the use of Carbon Clean Plus. See page 100 for the part numbers of POLARIS products.

If you use fuel with up to 10% ethanol (sometimes labeled “oxygenated”) do not add deicers or additives that contain any form of alcohol.

n Oil

Low Oil Level

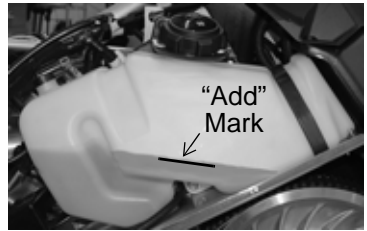
Always maintain the oil level between the “add” mark and the bottle neck.

Do not fill the bottle neck. See page 54 for oil recommendations.

1. *Immediately* stop the engine if the low oil indicator light comes on.
2. Open the left side panel.
3. View the oil level in the oil bottle.
4. Add oil as needed before operating.

NOTICE: Operating the snowmobile without adequate engine lubrication can result in serious engine damage. Always check the oil level when refueling. Add oil as needed.

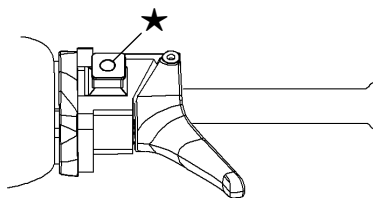
The oil bottle cap is vented to allow proper oil flow. See your POLARIS dealer for recommended replacement parts.



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n Engine Stop Switch

Push down on the engine stop switch (★) to ground out the ignition and stop the engine quickly. Pull the switch up to the ON position to allow restarting.



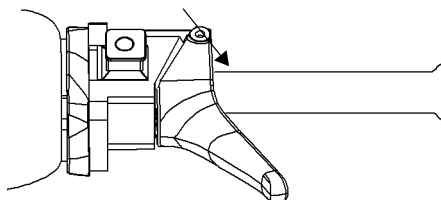
n Throttle Safety Switch

The throttle safety switch is designed to stop the engine whenever all pressure is removed from the throttle lever and the throttle cable or valves do not return to the normal closed position.

WARNING! Operating the snowmobile with a faulty throttle safety switch can result in serious injury or death in the event of an accident. If the throttle safety switch does not shut off the engine during a carburetor/throttle system malfunction, immediately push down the engine stop switch. Do not start the engine again until the malfunction has been corrected by your dealer.

Test the throttle safety switch system daily before operation.

1. Sit on the seat.
2. Start the engine and allow it to idle.
3. Hold the throttle lever pin stationary by exerting pressure on the pivot pin in the direction shown in the illustration.
4. Apply a slight amount of throttle. A properly functioning switch must shut down the engine.



Throttle Lever

WARNING! An improperly functioning throttle lever may cause erratic snowmobile behavior and loss of control, which could result in serious injury or death. If the throttle lever does not work properly, DO NOT start the engine.

If the engine stops abruptly when the throttle lever is released:

1. Turn the ignition switch to OFF.
2. Visually inspect the throttle cable and carburetor/throttle body to determine what caused the safety switch to activate.
3. Test the throttle lever by compressing and releasing it several times. The lever and cable must return to the idle position quickly and completely.
4. If the throttle lever operates properly, turn the ignition switch on and go through normal starting procedures.
5. If the engine doesn't start, take the snowmobile to an authorized POLARIS dealer for service.

Excessive freeplay in the throttle cable may cause the safety switch to activate, preventing the engine from starting. If this occurs, return the snowmobile to an authorized POLARIS dealer for service.

If an emergency exists and it's necessary to start the engine, the throttle safety switch and engine stop switch may be disconnected from the wire harness. When these switches are disconnected, the ignition key switch must be used to shut off the engine. DO NOT continue to operate the snowmobile with the throttle safety switch disconnected. Return the snowmobile to an authorized POLARIS dealer for service as soon as possible.

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Electronic Reverse (PERCt)

WARNING

Improper reverse operation, even at low speeds, may cause loss of control, resulting in serious injury or death. Damage will occur to the chaincase or transmission if shifting is attempted when the engine is operating above idle speed.

- Shift to or from reverse only when the snowmobile is stopped and when engine speed is at idle.
- Look behind the vehicle before and while backing.
- Avoid sharp turns.
- Apply throttle slowly.

Electronic reverse will activate only if the engine RPM is below 4000.

NOTICE: Engaging the starter when the engine is running WILL result in serious engine damage, especially if the transmission is in reverse. Never engage the starter when the engine is running.

Electronic Reverse (PERC†)

Engaging Reverse

1. Stop the snowmobile and leave the engine idling.
2. Make sure the area behind your vehicle is clear.
3. Push the yellow reverse button on the left-hand control for one second, then release. The engine will automatically reduce RPM and start a reverse rotation. A flashing reverse light on the instrument panel will indicate that the transmission is in reverse.
4. Apply the throttle slowly to make sure the transmission is in reverse. The maximum engine RPM will be 6000 when in reverse.

TIP: If the engine stops running, the snowmobile will be in forward gear when it's restarted.

Disengaging Reverse

1. Stop the snowmobile and leave the engine idling.

NOTICE: Engaging the starter when the engine is running WILL result in serious engine damage, especially if the transmission is in reverse. Never engage the starter when the engine is running.

2. Push the yellow reverse button for one second and release. The engine will slow and begin to rotate forward. The light on the instrument panel will shut off.
3. Apply the throttle slowly to make sure the transmission is in forward.

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Emergency Stopping

The following chart lists methods for stopping the snowmobile in the event of an emergency. See page 60 for more information about the engine stop switch and throttle safety switch.

SYSTEM	WHAT IT DOES
Ignition Switch	Interrupts ignition circuit
Brake	Slows jackshaft
Engine Stop Switch	Interrupts ignition circuit
Throttle Safety Switch	Interrupts ignition circuit
Tether Switch (Option)	Interrupts ignition circuit

Daily Storage

At the end of each ride, park the snowmobile on a level surface and support it at the rear with an appropriate track stand. The track should be suspended approximately 4" (10 cm) off the ground.

Remove the key and cover the snowmobile.

Towing

For your safety, do not attempt to use a tow hitch until you've read the following warnings and understand the proper hitch functions.

WARNING! Objects towed with a rope have no braking power and can easily collide with the rear of the snowmobile or other objects, resulting in serious injury or death. DO NOT tow toboggans, sleds, saucers, or any type of vehicle with a rope. Only a stiff metal pole connecting the towed object and the tow hitch on the snowmobile should be used. If passengers are to be towed on a toboggan or sled, make sure the pole is at least four feet (1.2 meters) long to prevent any possibility of contact between the snowmobile's track and a person riding in the towed object.

WARNING! Braking distances increase when towing loads. Slow down to maintain control of the snowmobile.

If the snowmobile becomes inoperable and must be towed, and if it isn't possible to use a rigid tow bar, attach the tow rope to the ski spindles (not to the ski loops) to prevent damage to the steering components. Remove the drive belt before towing, and have someone ride on the towed snowmobile to operate the brake and steering when necessary.

NOTICE: Towing a disabled snowmobile with the drive belt in place can result in serious damage to the engine and drive system. Always remove the drive belt from a disabled snowmobile before towing.

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Emission Control Information

Any qualified repair shop or qualified person may maintain, replace, or repair the emission control devices or systems on your snowmobile.

Emission Control Label

Your snowmobile is equipped at the time of sale with an emission control information (ECI) label and a factory-installed emissions information hangtag. These items are required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations. The ECI label is permanently affixed to either the right side of the tunnel or the engine recoil cover. The ECI label should not be removed, even after you purchase the snowmobile. You may remove the factory-installed emissions information hangtag, which is intended solely for your use in making a purchasing decision.

Emission Control Maintenance Requirements

Your snowmobile is certified to operate on gasoline with a minimum octane level of 87 (R+M)/2. If your snowmobile is equipped with a check engine light and it comes on, you must take your snowmobile to a qualified dealer for diagnostic service. Specifications and adjustments for engine tune-ups are located in the Service Manual, which is available to your qualified service technician. Reverse (if equipped) must not be engaged during engine tune-ups.

Owner's Responsibilities

Please read the Snowmobile Engine Emissions Limited Warranty, and read the maintenance section of your owner's manual. You are responsible for ensuring that the specified maintenance is performed. POLARIS recommends that you contact an authorized POLARIS dealer to perform any service that may be necessary.

Non-ionizing Radiation

This vehicle emits some electromagnetic energy. People with active or non-active implantable medical devices (such as heart monitoring or controlling devices) should review the limitations of their device and the applicable electromagnetic standards and directives that apply to this vehicle.

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POLARIS Recommended Maintenance Program

To ensure many trouble-free miles of snowmobiling enjoyment, follow recommended regular maintenance and perform service checks as outlined in this manual. Record maintenance and service in the Maintenance Log beginning on page 115.

The recommended maintenance schedule on your snowmobile calls for service and maintenance inspections at 150 miles (240 km), 500 miles (800 km) and 1000 miles (1600 km). These inspections should be performed by a qualified service technician. For continued optimum performance and component life, continue maintenance checks at 1000 mile (1600 km) intervals.

All necessary replacement parts and labor incurred, with the exception of authorized warranty repairs, become the responsibility of the registered owner. If, during the course of the warranty period, part failures occur as a result of owner neglect in performing recommended regular maintenance, the cost of repairs are the responsibility of the owner.

Personal safety is critical when attempting to service or make adjustments to your snowmobile. If you're not familiar with safe service or adjustment procedures and the use of tools, or if you don't feel comfortable performing these tasks yourself, contact an authorized POLARIS dealer for service.

NOTICE: Hot components can cause damage to plastic. Always make sure the exhaust system and engine have cooled before tipping the snowmobile on its side for service or inspection.

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Periodic Maintenance Interval Table

The following chart is a guide based on average riding conditions. You may need to increase frequency based on riding conditions. When inspection reveals the need for replacement parts, always use genuine POLARIS parts, available from your POLARIS dealer.

Item	See Page	Frequency				
		150 mi. (240 km)	500 mi. (800 km)	1000 mi. (1600 km)	2000 mi. (3200 km)	Pre-Season
CLUTCH						
Clutch Alignment Offset (without belt)	86		I	I	I	
Drive Belt Condition	87		I	I	I	I
Clutches	86		C	C	C	
Belt Tension	--		I	I	I	I
Clutch Sheaves	86		I	I	I	I
ENGINE/COOLING						
Engine Mounts	--		I	I	I	I
Recoil Rope	--		I	I	I	I
Cylinder Head Bolts	--		I	I	I	
Cylinder Base Nuts	--		I	I	I	
Ignition Timing BTDC	--		I	I	I	
VES System	--		C	C	C	I
Coolant Level	78		I	I	R	I
Coolant Hose	--		I	I	I	I
Coolant Circulation	--		I	I	I	
Coolant Leaks	--		I	I	I	I
Spark Plugs	77		I	I	R	I
Exhaust Pipe	81				I	I
Exhaust Retaining Springs	81		I	I	I	I

I - Inspect (clean, adjust, tighten, lubricate, replace if necessary)

C - Clean R - Replace L - Lubricate

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Periodic Maintenance Interval Table

Item	See Page	Frequency				
		150 mi. (240 km)	500 mi. (800 km)	1000 mi. (1600 km)	2000 mi. (3200 km)	Pre-Season
BRAKES						
Hose Routing	--		I	I	I	I
Hose Condition	--		I	I	I	I
Fluid Leaks	--		I	I	I	I
Brake Pads	82		I	I	I	I
Brake Disc	--		I	I	I	I
Parking Brakes	50		I	I	I	I
Brake System	49, 82					I
Brake Fluid	83				R	
FUEL MANAGEMENT						
Idle RPM	--		I	I	I	
Throttle Lever	61	I	I	I	I	I
Oil Pump Lever (synchronize)	--		I	I	I	
Throttle Position Sensor	--		I	I	I	
Fuel Lines	75		I	I	I	I
Fuel Filter	75	EVERY 2000 (3200) or EVERY 2 YEARS				
Oil Filter	74			R	R	
Oil Lines	74			I	I	I
Air Box	--	I	I	I	I	I
ELECTRICAL						
Auxiliary Shut-Off Switch	52	I	I	I	I	I
Throttle Safety Switch	60	I	I	I	I	I
Ignition Switch	--	I	I	I	I	I
Taillight	52	I	I	I	I	I
Brakelight	52	I	I	I	I	I
Headlight	52	I	I	I	I	I

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Periodic Maintenance Interval Table

Item	See Page	Frequency				
		150 mi. (240 km)	500 mi. (800 km)	1000 mi. (1600 km)	2000 mi. (3200 km)	Pre-Season
CHASSIS						
Ski Toe Alignment	--		I	I	I	
Suspension Mounting Bolts	--	I	I	I	I	I
Bolt Torques	See your dealer every 1000 mi. (1600 km) for inspection					
Rear Suspension Fasteners	--	I	I	I	I	I
Steering Fasteners	--	I	I	I	I	C
Suspension Shock Oil	--				R	
Cooling Fins and Shroud	--		I	I	I	I
Skags (Wear Bars)	97	I	I	I	I	I
Ski Saddle/Spindle Bolts	--	I	I	I	I	I
Drive Chain Tension	81	I	I	I	I	I
Hood and Side Panel Fasteners	71	I	I	I	I	I
Rear Wheel Idler Bolts	93	I	I	I	I	I
Idler Bolt Jam Nut	93	I	I	I	I	I
Camber Alignment	--		I	I	I	
Handlebar Centering	--					I
Tether Switch and Strap	52	I	I	I	I	I
Track Alignment	94	I	I	I	I	I
Track Tension	92	I	I	I	I	I
Front Limiter Strap	--	I	I	I	I	I
Rail Slide Condition	97					I
Chaincase Oil	73	I	R	I	R	I

I - Inspect (clean, adjust, tighten, lubricate, replace if necessary)

C - Clean R - Replace L - Lubricate

Bolt Torque Inspection

To maintain proper chassis performance, see your POLARIS dealer for a bolt torque inspection every 1000 miles (1600 km).

Item	Description
Engine Mounting Bolts	Remove drive clutch and resonator for access to all bolts
Chaincase Mounting Bolts	Two (2) TORX-head bolts on forward side of chaincase
	Four (4) rear chaincase nuts

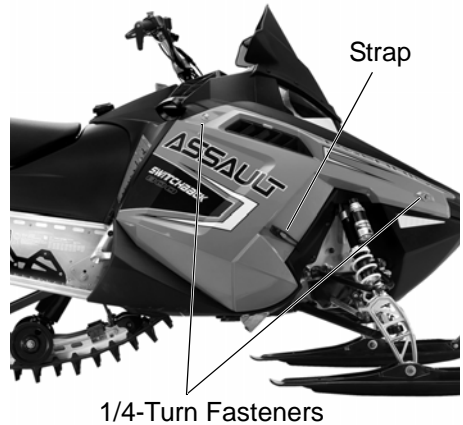
Hood/Side Panel

The hood and side panels of the snowmobile protect the operator from moving parts. Never operate a snowmobile with the hood or side panels open or removed. Always ensure that the hood and side panels are securely in place before starting the engine.

To open a side panel, rotate the two 1/4-turn fasteners at the upper edges of the side panel. Release the side panel strap at the lower edge of the panel.

To remove an open side panel, pull the panel outward to release the tabs at the lower edge of the panel.

Removing the hood is not recommended. Any service requiring the removal of the hood should be performed by an authorized POLARIS dealer.



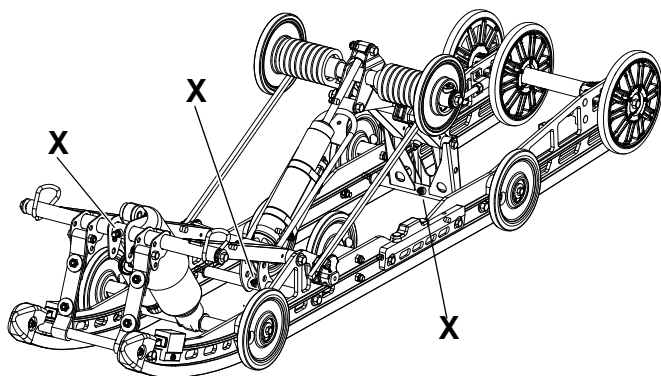
MAINTENANCE

Lubrication

Rear Suspension

Lubricate the suspension pivot shafts with POLARIS Premium All Season Grease at the intervals outlined in the Periodic Maintenance Table beginning on page 68 and before seasonal storage. When operating in heavy, wet snow conditions, lubricate every 500 miles (800 km).

Lack of lubrication will adversely affect your ride and the life of the suspension. Lubricate where indicated in the illustration below. For more information about suspension lubrication and adjustments, see your POLARIS dealer.



Lubrication

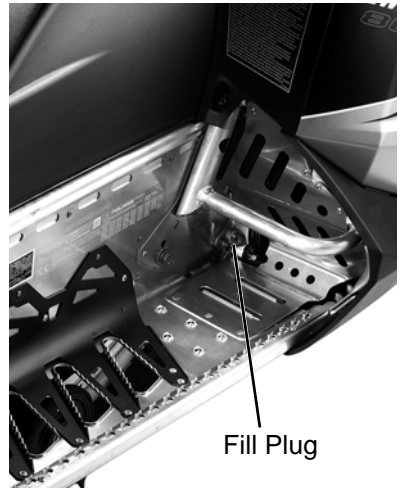
Chaincase Oil

Check and change the chaincase oil at the intervals outlined in the maintenance charts beginning on page 67. Maintain the oil level at the top of the fill plug hole. POLARIS recommends the use of POLARIS Synthetic Chaincase Lube. See page 100 for the part numbers of POLARIS products.

Oil Level

The fill plug is located on the right side of the snowmobile under the toe bar.

1. Position the vehicle on a level surface.
2. Remove the fill plug.
3. Using a funnel, slowly add the recommended oil until the fluid begins to overflow.
4. Wipe the fill area with a clean cloth.
5. Reinstall the fill plug. Torque to 6-10 ft. lbs. (8-13 Nm).



Oil Change

1. Position the vehicle on a level surface.
 2. Place a drain pan under the drain plug. Remove the drain plug. Allow the oil to drain completely.
 3. Clean off all metal shavings from the plug.
- TIP:** The sealing surfaces on the drain plug and the oil tank should be clean and free of burrs, nicks or scratches.
4. Reinstall the drain plug. Torque to 6-10 ft. lbs. (8-13 Nm).
 5. Remove the fill plug. Clean off all metal shavings from the plug.
 6. Using a funnel, slowly add the recommended oil until the fluid begins to overflow. Fluid capacity is 9 oz. (266 ml).
 7. Wipe the fill area with a clean cloth.
 8. Reinstall the fill plug. Torque to 6-10 ft. lbs. (8-13 Nm).

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Lubrication

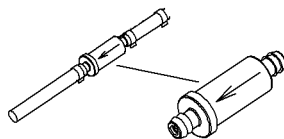
Oil Lines

Inspect oil line condition every 1000 miles (1600 km).

Oil Filter

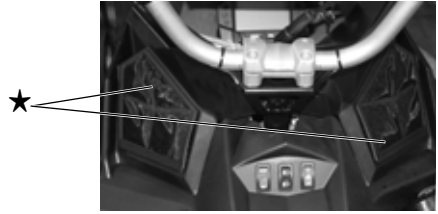
The oil filter is located at the side of the oil tank. Have your dealer change the oil filter and bleed the system annually or every 1000 miles (1600 km).

TIP: The direction of the arrows indicates the direction of flow through the filter.



Intake Filters

The intake foam filters limit snow ingestion into the intake system. When operating in loose powder snow, check the foam filters periodically to remove any accumulation of snow.



Fuel Pump

All fuel pump service must be performed by an authorized POLARIS dealer. Do not attempt to service the fuel pump.

Fuel Filter/Fuel Lines

See your POLARIS dealer for replacement of the fuel filter at the intervals outlined in the Periodic Maintenance Table beginning on page 68.

Contaminated or poor quality fuel will shorten the life of the fuel filter and result in poor engine performance. Always store fuel in clean fuel containers. If low fuel pressure or reduced engine performance occurs between the recommended fuel filter service intervals, the filter may need replacement. See your dealer.

Inspect the fuel lines regularly for signs of deterioration or damage. Always check fuel line condition after periods of storage. Normal deterioration from weather and fuel compounds may occur. Replace worn or damaged fuel lines promptly.

NOTICE: Kinking the fuel lines or using a pliers or similar tools to remove fuel lines may cause damage to the lines. If a fuel line has been damaged or kinked, replace it promptly.

MAINTENANCE

Spark Plugs

Spark Plug Recommendations

A new engine can cause temporary spark plug fouling due to the preservative added during the assembly process. Avoid prolonged idle speeds, which cause plug fouling and carbonization.

Refer to your Owner's Manual Supplement for the specific spark plug to be used in your snowmobile.

Change the spark plugs every 2000-2500 miles (3200-4000 km).

- Use recommended spark plugs with the proper gap.
- Use only resistor-type spark plugs.
- Torque spark plugs to 18-22 ft. lbs. (24-30 Nm).
- Always carry spare spark plugs.

NOTICE: Using non-recommended spark plugs can result in serious engine damage. A spark plug with a heat range too high will always cause engine damage if the engine is operated in conditions more severe than intended for that plug. Always use the spark plugs recommended for your snowmobile. See your Owner's Manual Supplement.

Spark Plugs

Spark Plug Inspection

Spark plug condition is indicative of engine operation. The spark plug firing end condition should be read after the engine has been warmed up and the vehicle has been driven at higher speeds. Immediately check the spark plug for correct color.

CAUTION! A hot exhaust system and engine can cause burns. Wear protective gloves when removing a spark plug for inspection.

1. Remove the left side panel.
2. Remove the spark plug cap.
3. Using the special wrench provided in the tool pouch, rotate the spark plug counter-clockwise to remove.
4. Reverse the procedure for spark plug installation. Torque to specification.
5. Reinstall the spark plug cap.

Spark Plug Condition

Normal Plug

The normal insulator tip is gray, tan or light brown. There will be few combustion deposits. The electrodes are not burned or eroded. This indicates the proper type and heat range for the engine and the service.

TIP: The tip should not be white. A white insulator tip indicates overheating, caused by use of an improper spark plug or incorrect carburetor/throttle body adjustments.

Wet Fouled Plug

The wet fouled insulator tip is black. A damp oil film covers the firing end. There may be a carbon layer over the entire nose. Generally, the electrodes are not worn. General causes of fouling are excessive oil or use of non-recommended injection oil.

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Cooling System

Coolant

The coolant supplied in the system at the factory is a 50/50 mixture of ethylene-glycol and distilled water, which will provide adequate freeze protection under most conditions. If the vehicle will be stored or operated at extremely low temperatures, greater protection may be required. Please see your POLARIS dealer.

When adding or changing coolant, POLARIS recommends using Premium 60/40 anti-freeze coolant, which is already premixed and ready to use. Do not dilute with water. Never exceed a 60% antifreeze/40% water mixture. See page 100 for POLARIS products.

Never add tap water to the cooling system. Minerals cause deposits and may react adversely with the metals in the engine and cooling system.

n Coolant Level

The engine coolant level is controlled by the recovery system. The recovery system components are:

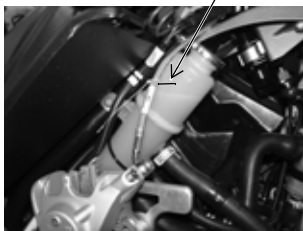
- Coolant bottle/overflow tank
- Pressure cap
- Connecting hoses

Always maintain the coolant level at or slightly above the FULL COLD mark on the coolant bottle (when the engine is cold).

1. Stop the engine.
2. Open the right side panel.
3. View the coolant level in the coolant bottle.
4. Add coolant as needed.

NOTICE: Operating the snowmobile with insufficient coolant will result in overheating and serious engine damage. Always maintain the coolant level as recommended.

“Full Cold” Mark



Cooling System Engine Overheating

The over-temperature indicator on the instrument cluster will *illuminate* when the engine is overheating. The indicator will *flash* when engine temperature reaches critical levels.

Illuminated Indicator

Take action to cool the engine:

- Drive in loose snow.
- View the coolant level. *Do not open the pressure cap while the engine is hot.* Add coolant if the level is low.
- Stop the engine and allow it to cool down.

If you must continue to operate while the indicator light is *illuminated*, drive slowly and stop the engine frequently to allow it to cool down.

Flashing Indicator

If the indicator *flashes*, continued operation could result in serious engine damage. The system will automatically reduce engine power and create a misfire condition. Stop the engine *immediately*. Allow the engine to cool down.

If engine overheating seems to be caused by something other than poor cooling conditions, see your dealer for service.

Flushing the Cooling System

To ensure that the coolant maintains its ability to protect the engine, drain the system completely every two years and add a fresh mixture of antifreeze and distilled water. This service must be performed when the engine is cold. Ask your POLARIS dealer to check the coolant when he performs the fall tune-up on your snowmobile.



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Cooling System

Bleeding the Cooling System

CAUTION! Steam and hot liquids will cause burns to your skin. Never bleed the cooling system or remove the pressure cap when the engine is warm or hot.

Use of a non-standard pressure cap will not allow the recovery system to function properly. If the pressure cap needs replacement, contact your dealer for the correct part.

NOTICE: If coolant flow becomes restricted or plugged, coolant loss, air lock or engine damage may result.

1. Position the vehicle so that the top of the tunnel is level. Elevate the front of the vehicle slightly if necessary.
2. Make sure the engine is cold before continuing.
3. Remove the right side panel.
4. Fill the coolant bottle with properly mixed coolant to the maximum mark. Do not install the pressure cap at this time.
5. Remove the bleed screw from the water outlet manifold and/or the thermostat housing. Allow the coolant to bleed through the system until it runs out the bleed holes. Reinstall the bleed screw into the manifold.
6. Add coolant to the coolant bottle to the maximum mark.
7. Reinstall the side panel. Always ensure that the hood and side panels are securely in place before starting the engine.
8. Start the engine and run at a fast idle for two to three minutes. Loosen the bleed screw occasionally to purge any trapped air.
9. Stop the engine and check the coolant bottle level. Add coolant as needed. Reinstall the side panel.
10. Carefully and briefly touch the top of the tunnel cooler under the seat. If the system is bled properly, the cooler will be warm to the touch. If not, repeat step 8. Lift the front of the snowmobile slightly to assist in the bleeding.
11. Remove the side panel. Reinstall the pressure cap. Reinstall the side panel.
12. Carefully lower the front end of the snowmobile.

Exhaust System

Check the exhaust system for wear or damage at approximately 2000 miles (3200 km). Always allow the engine and exhaust system to cool completely before inspecting.

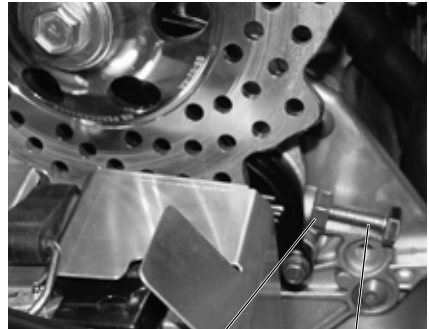
CAUTION! Hot exhaust system parts can cause burns. Allow adequate time for the exhaust system to cool. Never perform this procedure with the engine running.

1. Open the side panels and remove the hood. See page 71.
2. Inspect the muffler and pipes for cracks or damage.
3. Check for weak or missing retaining springs or damper/support grommets.
4. Check for loose clamps on the pipe covers.

Drive Chain Tension

Check drive chain tension weekly and before each long trip.

1. Remove the side panels.
2. Rotate the driven clutch counter-clockwise to move all chain slack to the tensioner side. Lock the brake lever lock, or have an assistant hold the brake lever firmly.
3. Loosen the adjuster bolt jam nut.
4. Finger tighten the adjuster bolt until it can no longer be adjusted by hand, then back off 1/4 turn.
5. Tighten the jam nut while holding the adjuster bolt. Torque to 21 ft. lbs. (28 Nm).
6. Reinstall the side panels.
7. Release the brake lever lock.



Jam Nut

Adjuster Bolt

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Brakes

Hydraulic Brake Inspection

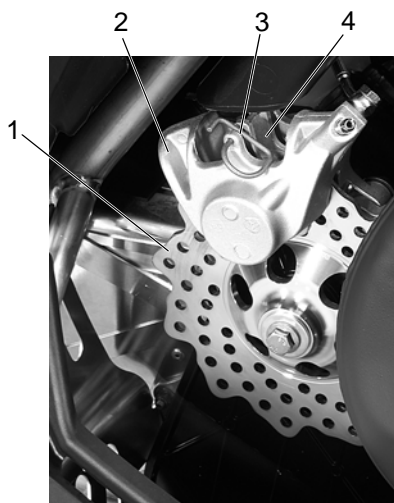
Inspect the brake lever reserve before each use of the snowmobile. See page 49.

Brake pads must be replaced when the brake pad material becomes thinner than the backing plate (approximately 1/16"). A kit is available for replacing brake pads. See your dealer.

WARNING! Brake failure during operation can result in serious injury or death. Properly functioning brakes are vital to your safety. Be sure the brake pads do not drag on the disc and that brake lever travel is not excessive. Always replace brake pads when the brake pad material becomes thinner than the backing plate (approximately 1/16").

Brake Components

1. Brake Disc
2. Brake Caliper
3. Anti-rattle springs (come with brake pad kit)
4. Brake Pad Material (Replace when thickness is less than 1/16" / 1.5 mm).



Excessive Lever Travel

Hydraulic brakes are self-adjusting, but if excessive brake pad clearance develops, bring the snowmobile to an authorized POLARIS dealer for inspection and adjustment.

Brakes

Brake Fluid

The brake fluid level can be seen through a plastic sight glass in the brake reservoir. If the fluid is sufficient, the sight glass will be black. If the sight glass is any color other than black, add brake fluid.

Replace brake fluid at least every two years with POLARIS DOT 4 high temperature brake fluid. See page 100 for the part numbers of POLARIS products.

WARNING! After opening a bottle of brake fluid, always discard any unused portion. Never store or use a partial bottle. Brake fluid is hygroscopic, meaning it rapidly absorbs moisture from the air. The moisture causes the boiling temperature of the brake fluid to drop, which can lead to early brake fade and the possibility of accident or serious injury.

WARNING! Keep the master cylinder cover free of dirt and debris. The vent slits allow for diaphragm movement, and if they become plugged, movement of brake fluid below the diaphragm may be restricted, altering brake function.

NOTICE: Brake fluid will damage labels, paint and some plastics. Always wipe up spills immediately.

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Brakes

Bleeding the Hydraulic Brake System

Air in the hydraulic brake system will cause spongy brake lever action. Bleed the system before operating the snowmobile.

WARNING! Operating the vehicle with a spongy brake lever can result in loss of brakes, which could cause an accident and lead to serious injury or death. Never operate the vehicle with a spongy-feeling brake lever.

During the bleeding procedure, keep the brake handle as level as possible. The reservoir must be in this position to minimize the possibility of air entering the system through the reservoir vent.

1. Remove the brake master cylinder reservoir cover and gasket.
2. Fill the master cylinder reservoir to between the MIN and MAX marks or 1/4-5/16" (.6-.8 cm) below the lip of the reservoir opening. Reinstall the gasket and cover.
3. Slip a rubber tube over the ball of the bleeder valve and direct the flow of fluid into an approved container.
4. Squeeze the brake lever a full stroke. Then unscrew the bleeder valve 3/4 of a turn to release air.
5. Close the bleeder valve and release the brake lever.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until fluid flows from the bleeder valve in a solid stream free of air bubbles.

WARNING! Overfilling the master cylinder leaves no room for fluid expansion and may cause the brakes to lock, resulting in serious injury or death. Always add brake fluid to the fill line as recommended.

7. After bleeding is complete, refill the reservoir to the proper level. See page 83.
8. Reinstall the gasket and cover.

Lights

When servicing a halogen lamp, avoid touching the lamp with bare fingers. Oil from your skin leaves a residue, causing a hot spot that will shorten the life of the lamp. If fingers do touch a lamp, clean it with denatured alcohol.

Headlight Lamp Replacement

1. Peel back the foam shield covering the headlight assembly.
2. Remove the wire harness connector from the back of the headlight.
3. Grasp the bulb housing and turn it *counter-clockwise* to remove the bulb.
4. Apply dielectric grease to the socket and install the new bulb. Rotate the bulb 1/4 turn clockwise to secure it.
5. Reinstall the connector to the back of the headlight.
6. Secure the foam shield.

Taillight/Brake Light Replacement

The taillight assembly is not serviceable. If the light fails to operate properly, replace the entire taillight assembly.

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Clutch System

Periodically inspect clutch sheaves for damage, wear or belt residue. To maintain optimum performance, clean with non-oil based cleaners such as isopropyl alcohol.

WARNING! If you become aware of higher than normal clutch engagement or an unusual vibration or shift pattern, see your dealer immediately. Do not operate the snowmobile until repairs have been made.

All clutch maintenance and repairs must be performed by an authorized POLARIS dealer. Any unauthorized modifications to clutches, such as adding or removing weights, will void the warranty.

NOTICE: The bushings in the weights and rollers of POLARIS clutches are made of a material that may be damaged if lubricated. Do not lubricate clutch bushings.

Clutch Alignment Offset

Clutch alignment offset is important for maintaining optimum performance. See your dealer for service and adjustments. A special tool is required to check for proper alignment.

Clutch System

n Drive Belt Condition

Periodically check the condition and tension of the drive belt. Inspect the belt for signs of excessive wear: frayed edges, missing cogs, cracks and excessive looseness. Replace the belt if any of these conditions exist. See Drive Belt Troubleshooting on page 105.

Always carry a spare drive belt. Store the spare belt in the belt clip located under the left side of the hood.



For improved drive-away during extremely cold temperatures, remove the belt and warm it to room temperature. Reinstall it before starting the snowmobile.

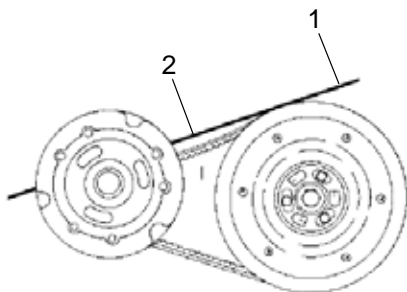
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Clutch System

Drive Belt Deflection

Measure belt deflection with both clutches at rest and in their full neutral position.

Place a straight edge (1) on the belt and apply downward pressure while measuring at point 2. This measurement should be 1 1/4 inches (3.2 cm).



Drive Belt Adjustment

1. Loosen the 7/16-inch jam nut on the belt width adjuster.
2. Using a 1/8-inch Allen wrench, turn the set screw inward (clockwise) to increase the distance between the sheaves or outward (counter-clockwise) to decrease the distance.
3. Tighten the jam nut.

Clutch System

Drive Belt Removal

NOTICE: Do not attempt to remove the drive belt after operating in reverse. The snowmobile must be stopped after forward motion to prevent damage to components during belt removal. Rotate the driven clutch counter-clockwise 1/4 turn by hand to ensure forward engagement before attempting to remove the belt.

1. Stop the engine after operating in a forward motion.
2. Turn the ignition key off. Wait for the engine to come to a complete stop.
3. Lock the parking brake.
4. Remove the left side panel.
5. Rotate the driven clutch counter-clockwise 1/4 turn by hand to ensure forward engagement.
6. Locate the L-wrench in the tool kit. Install the wrench into the open threaded hole in the outer sheave of the clutch.
7. Turn the wrench clockwise until the sheaves open far enough to remove the belt. If the wrench does not turn readily, rotate the driven clutch counter-clockwise an additional 1/4 turn by hand and try again.
8. Firmly grasp the belt midway between the clutches and pull upward and rearward to remove it.

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Clutch System

Drive Belt Installation

1. Drop the drive belt over the drive clutch and pull back the slack. The belt cord line should be flush with, or slightly above, the outer circumference of the driven clutch sheaves. The belt will seat itself in the driven clutch during the break-in period. Adjust the belt ride-out after the break-in period by readjusting belt deflection.
2. To ensure satisfactory belt life, install belts so they operate in the same direction of rotation by positioning the identification numbers so that you can read them. If required, separate the sheaves as outlined in the belt removal procedures.
3. Turn the driven clutch moveable sheave clockwise while pushing inward and forcing the belt down between the sheaves.
4. Hold the belt down between the sheaves and roll the bottom portion over the outer clutch sheave. Work the belt to the outer edge of the sheave.
5. Rotate the L-wrench to tighten the sheaves. Remove the wrench and store in the tool kit.
6. Reinstall the side panel.
7. Break in the new belt. See page 55.

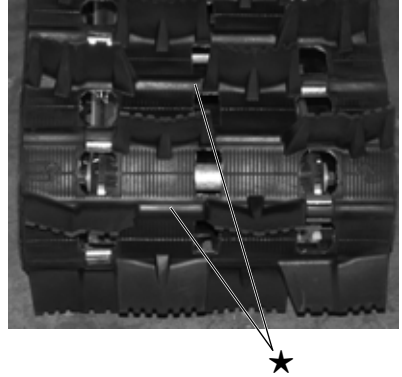


Track Maintenance

Track Inspection

WARNING! Broken track rods can cause a rotating track to come off the snowmobile, which could cause serious injury or death. Never operate with a damaged track. Never rotate a damaged track under power.

1. Using a hoist, safely lift and support the rear of the snowmobile off the ground.
2. Rotate the track by hand to check for damage.
3. Carefully examine the track along the entire length of each rod (★). Bend the track to check for breakage.
4. Replace the track if any rod damage is found.



Track Lubrication

The slide rail needs snow for lubrication. Excessive wear indicates insufficient lubrication. A new rail slide can cause faster heat build-up in limited lubrication, resulting in excessive wear.

WARNING! Operating with insufficient lubrication between the rail slide and track guide clips can cause track failure, loss of vehicle control and loss of braking ability, which can result in serious injury or death. Avoid operating for extended periods on ice and other surfaces that have little or no snow for lubrication.

If excessive rail slide wear occurs due to poor snow conditions, additional wheel kits are available. See your dealer for more information.

Track damage or failure caused by operation on ice or under other poor lubrication conditions will void the track warranty.

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Track Maintenance

WARNING! Moving parts can cut and crush body parts. When performing the checks and adjustments recommended on the following pages, stay clear of all moving parts. Never perform track measurement or adjustments with the engine running.

Track Tension

Track adjustment is critical for proper handling. Always maintain correct tension and alignment.

TRACK TENSION DATA CHART			
Suspension	Slack Measurement	Weight	Measurement Location
PRO-RIDE RMK	3/8"-1/2" (1.0-1.3 cm)	10 lbs. (4.54 kg)	16" (40 cm) ahead of rear idler shaft

TIP: Tension adjustments should be made only after the track is warmed up and limber.

1. Turn the engine off.
2. Lift the rear of the snowmobile and safely support it off the ground.
3. Place the recommended weight or downward pressure on the track at the specified distance (see chart) ahead of the center of the rear idler wheel.
4. Measure at the point where the weight is hanging.

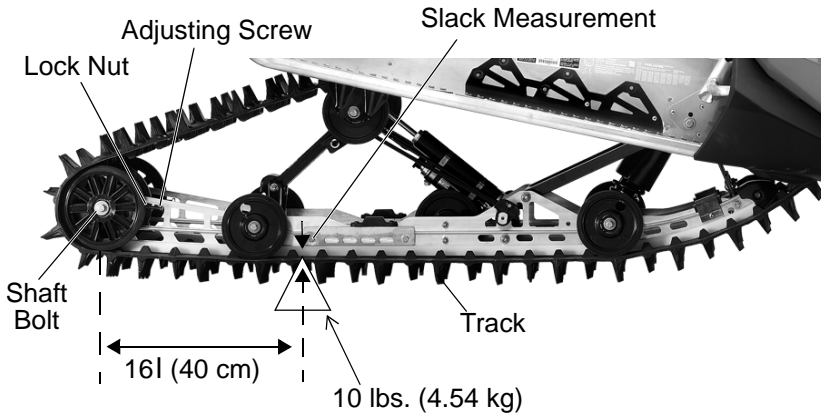
Track Maintenance

Track Tension

5. Check for specified slack between the wear surface of the track clip and the plastic slider. Refer to the Track Tension Data Chart on page 92.

If the track needs adjustment:

6. Loosen the rear idler shaft bolt.
7. Loosen the locknuts.



8. Tighten or loosen the track adjusting screws to provide equal adjustment on both sides of the track.
9. Repeat the measurement on the other side of the track.

TIP: Check more frequently when the snowmobile is new.

10. Start the engine and slowly rotate the track at least five revolutions. Let the track come to a stop (do not apply brakes).
11. Check track alignment (see page 94) and adjust as necessary.
12. Tighten the locknuts.
13. Tighten the idler shaft bolts.
14. (n) Torque idler shaft bolts to 35 ft. lbs. (47.5 Nm).

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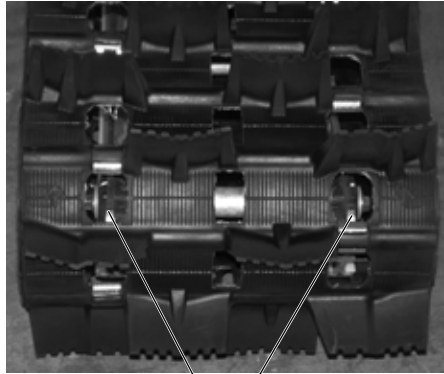
Track Maintenance

Track Alignment

Periodically check that the track is centered and running evenly on the slide rails. Misalignment will cause excessive wear to the track and slide rail.

1. Safely support the rear of the snowmobile with the track off the ground.
2. Start the engine and apply a small amount of throttle until the track turns slowly at least five complete revolutions. Stop the engine and let the track come to a stop (do not apply brakes).

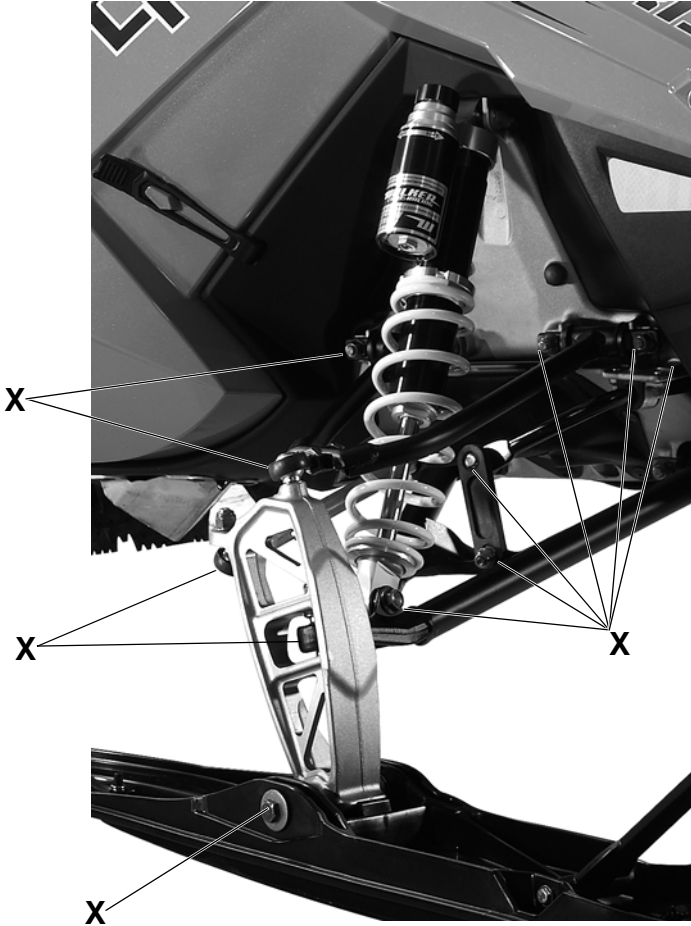
3. Inspect track alignment by looking through the track window to make sure the rails (X) are evenly spaced on each side. If the track runs to the left, loosen the idler shaft bolts, then loosen the left locknut and tighten the left adjusting bolt. If the track runs to the right, loosen the idler shaft bolts, then loosen the right locknut and tighten the right adjusting bolt.



4. After adjustments are complete, tighten the locknuts and torque idler shaft bolts to 35 ft. lbs. (47.5 Nm).
5. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to verify proper alignment.

Steering System Steering Inspection

Each week, or before a long ride, check all steering system fasteners and tighten if necessary.



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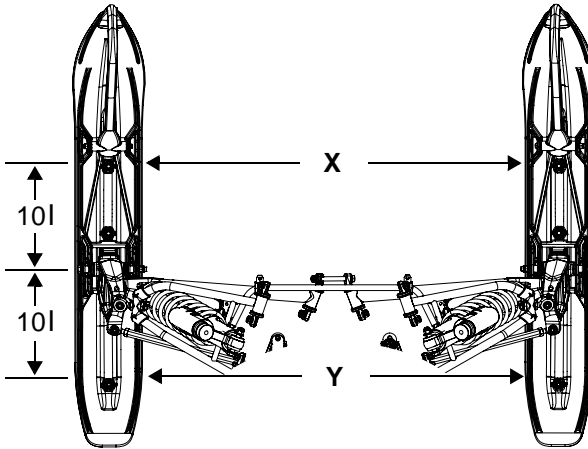
Steering System

Ski Alignment

WARNING! Improper ski alignment or adjustment may cause loss of steering control, resulting in serious injury or death. Do not attempt to change the ski alignment or camber adjustment. See your POLARIS dealer.

With the handlebars in a straight ahead position, and with vehicle weight compressing the suspension, measure from the straight edge of the skis at the center of the ski mounting bolt. The measurement between the skis at point X should be $1/8$ " to $1/4$ " (3-6 mm) greater than the measurement at point Y.

TIP: If the skis are misaligned, we recommend that your dealer correct the alignment, since camber adjustment may also be affected.



Steering System

n Ski Skags

WARNING! Worn skis and/or skags will adversely affect handling. Loss of vehicle control may result, causing serious injury or death. See your dealer's studding chart for recommended skags. If you install longer or more aggressive carbide skags than the original equipment, it may also be necessary to add track studs to maintain proper vehicle control while turning on hard-packed snow or ice.

Check skags before each use of the snowmobile to ensure positive steering characteristics. Skags must be replaced when worn to half their original diameter.

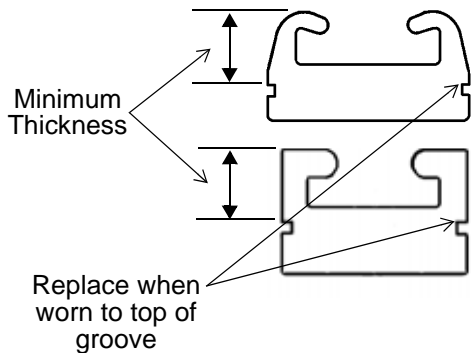
TIP: Carbide skags must be replaced if any abnormal wear or chipping is found.

Skag Replacement

1. Raise and support the front of the snowmobile so the skis are approximately 6l (15.2 cm) from the ground.
2. Remove the attaching nuts and pry the skag downward.
3. Remove the front end of the skag.
4. Remove the rear end of the skag.
5. Reverse the steps to install a skag.

n Rail Slide Wear

For ease of inspection, all POLARIS rail slides have a wear limit indicator groove to indicate the minimum permissible slide thickness. Replace the rail slides if they are worn to the top of the groove at any point along their length. Failure to do so may result in permanent damage to the track or rails.



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Fall Tune-Up

For maximum performance, arrange for a fall service tune-up with your POLARIS dealer. His experienced and trained service technician will keep your snowmobile in peak operating condition.

Transporting the Snowmobile

Whenever the snowmobile is transported:

1. Be sure the fuel cap and oil cap are installed correctly.
2. Tie the snowmobile to the transporting unit securely using suitable straps.
3. Remove the ignition key to prevent loss.

Extended Storage

Off-season or extended storage of your snowmobile requires preventive measures to aid against deterioration and to prolong the useful life of many components. See page 100 for the part numbers of POLARIS products.

Cleaning and Preservation

Proper storage starts with cleaning, washing, and waxing the hood, side panels, chassis, and plastic parts. Wipe down remaining surfaces with a damp cloth. Clean and touch up with paint any rusted or previously painted surfaces. Be sure that corrosive salt and acids are removed from surfaces before beginning preservation with waxes and rust inhibitors (grease, oil or paint).

The snowmobile should be stored in a dry garage or shed, out of direct sunlight, and covered with a fabric snowmobile cover. Plastic tarp may cause condensation to form and damage snowmobile components.

Extended Storage Controls and Linkage

Lubricate all bushings and cables as outlined in the Periodic Maintenance Table beginning on page 68.

Clutch and Drive System

Remove the drive belt and store in a cool dry location. Do not lubricate clutch components, except the driven clutch shaft bushing as outlined in the Master Repair Manual. See your dealer.

Engine Protection

Proper preparation of the engine and fuel system is vital to the prevention of rust and corrosion on precision engine parts during storage. Whenever the snowmobile is stored for a period of more than 60 days, the engine must be fogged with fogging oil. Follow the engine fogging instructions provided on the container.

Always add Premium Carbon Clean or a fuel conditioner/stabilizer to the fuel tank. Follow the instructions on the container, running the engine for five minutes to get additives through the entire fuel system. Top off with fresh fuel. *Do not allow the snowmobile to run out of fuel.*

Electrical Connections

Replace worn or frayed electrical wire and connectors. Be sure wiring harness is properly secured away from sharp edges, steering linkage, moving parts, and hot exhaust parts.

Track and Suspension

Moderate track tension should be maintained during summer storage. The snowmobile should be supported off the ground to allow the track to hang freely.

POLARIS PRODUCTS

Part No.	Description
Engine Lubricants	
2870791	Fogging Oil (12 oz. Aerosol)
2875035	Premium 2-Cycle Semi-Synthetic Oil (qt./.95 l) (break-in only)
2875036	Premium 2-Cycle Semi-Synthetic Oil (gal./3.8 l) (break-in only)
2877882	VES Gold Plus 2-Cycle Oil (qt./.95 l)
2877953	VES Gold Plus 2-Cycle Engine Oil (2 qt./1.9 l)
2877883	VES Gold Plus 2-Cycle Engine Oil (gal./3.8 l)
2877884	VES Gold Plus 2-Cycle Engine Oil (2.5 gal./9.5 l)
2877887	VES Gold Plus 2-Cycle Engine Oil (ltr)
2877888	VES Gold Plus 2-Cycle Engine Oil (4 ltr)
Chaincase Lubricants	
2873105	Synthetic Chaincase Lubricant (qt./.95 l)
2872951	Synthetic Chaincase Lubricant (12 oz./355 ml)
Grease/Specialized Lubricants	
2871312	Grease Gun Kit, Premium All Season (3 oz./89 ml)
2871322	Premium All Season Grease (3 oz./89 ml cartridge)
2871423	Premium All Season Grease (14 oz./414 ml cartridge)
2871329	Dielectric Grease (Nyogel [†])
Coolant	
2871323	Anitfreeze, 60/40 Premix (gal.)
2871534	Anitfreeze, 60/40 Premix (qt.)
Additives/Miscellaneous	
2871326	Carbon Clean Plus
2870652	Fuel Stabilizer
2872189	DOT4 Brake Fluid
2872893	Engine Degreaser
2870505	Isopropyl
2872889	Brake and Clutch Cleaner
2872890	Carb and Throttle Body Cleaner
2878018	Shock Thread Spray Lubricant

TROUBLESHOOTING

Engine Troubleshooting

Unless you have experience and training in two-cycle engine repair, see your dealer if technical problems arise.

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
Erratic engine operating RPM during acceleration or load variations	Drive clutch binding	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Driven clutch malfunction	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
Harsh drive clutch engagement	Drive belt worn or too narrow	• Replace the drive belt.
	Excessive belt/sheave clearance	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
Drive belt turns over	Wrong belt for application	• Replace the drive belt.
	Clutch alignment out of spec	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Engine mount broken or loose	• Inspect and replace. SEE YOUR DEALER.
Machine fails to move	Clutch jammed	• Check for twisted belt or broken spring. SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Track jammed	• Foreign object may be caught or the rail slide melted to the track clips due to lack of lubrication. • Track may be iced up or frozen to the ground.
	Chaincase sprocket or chain jammed or broken	• Chain is loose or broken or chain tightener is loose. SEE YOUR DEALER.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Engine Troubleshooting

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
Noise in drive system	Broken drive clutch components	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Bearing failure/chaincase, jackshaft, or front drive shaft	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Drive belt surface flat spots	• Inspect and replace as needed.
	Drive chain loose	• Inspect and adjust (or replace).
	Drive chain worn, sprocket teeth broken	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
Poor low RPM performance	Worn drive belt	• Inspect and replace as needed.
	Excessive belt/sheave clearance	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Sticky clutch	• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Poor fuel quality	• Use 87-91 octane fuel (or higher).
Engine doesn't turn	Seized engine	• SEE YOUR DEALER. Seizure is a result of poor lubrication, inadequate fuel supply, broken parts or improper cooling.
	Hydrostatic lock	• Fuel may have entered the crankcase while the vehicle was standing or being transported. SEE YOUR DEALER to correct the cause. Drain plug(s) are located on the lower crankcase for emergency draining.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Engine Troubleshooting

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
Engine turns but fails to start	Faulty ignition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install new spark plug(s). If engine still fails to start, check for spark. If there's no spark, SEE YOUR DEALER.
	No fuel to engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure the fuel valve is on.• Make sure tank contains fuel.• Ice may be in the fuel line, filter or pump. Add isopropyl alcohol to the fuel system.• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Poor engine compression	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This indicates a major engine problem that must be repaired before operating. SEE YOUR DEALER.
Engine lacks power	Fouled or defective spark plug(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace the plug(s).
	Fuel filter (loss of high RPM power)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Plugged fuel filter or tank pick-up sock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Incorrect clutching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEE YOUR DEALER.
Engine continually backfires	Faulty plug(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change plug(s).
	Fuel System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dirt or ice may be in the fuel system (deicer should be added to non-ethanol fuel at all times for assurance against fuel line icing).
	Incorrect throttle freeplay or faulty switch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEE YOUR DEALER.
Engine requires more than normal pulls to start	Poor fuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace with fresh winter fuel.
	Not enough fuel getting to engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEE YOUR DEALER.
	Plugged fuel filter or tank pick-up sock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEE YOUR DEALER.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Suspension Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Rear suspension bottoms too easily	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to the suspension adjustment and set-up information beginning on page 42.• Revalve rear track shock (see your dealer).
Rides too stiff in rear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to the suspension adjustment and set-up information beginning on page 42.• Check for binding suspension shafts and grease all pivot points.
Too much weight transfer when climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to the suspension adjustment and set-up information beginning on page 42.
Too little weight transfer when climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to the suspension adjustment and set-up information beginning on page 42.
Machine darts from side to side	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check ski alignment (see page 96).• Make sure spindles and all steering components turn freely.• Check for excessive play in steering assembly (see your dealer).• Ensure skags are straight on skis.
Front end pushes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check for worn skags.• Check for binding front suspension shafts and steering components, grease all pivot points (elevate front of snowmobile).• Increase IFS preload (if equipped) (see page 45).
Steering is heavy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure spindles and all steering components turn freely.• Check ski alignment (see page 96).• Check skags and skis for damage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Drive Belt Troubleshooting

Belt Wear/Burn Diagnosis	
Causes	Solutions
Driving at low RPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drive at higher RPMs. Gear the machine down. Check belt deflection.
Insufficient warm-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warm the engine at least five minutes. Take the drive belt off the snowmobile in extremely cold weather and warm it up. Break snowmobile loose from the snow.
Towing at low RPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not tow in deep snow. Use fast, aggressive throttle to engage clutch.
Riding with high RPM and slow speed (8000 RPM/10 MPH/16 km/h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower the gear ratio. Reduce RPM. Avoid riding in high ambient temperatures. Check for snow ingestion.
Ice and snow build-up between track and tunnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warm the engine at least five minutes. Take the drive belt off the snowmobile in extremely cold weather and warm it up. Break snowmobile loose from the snow.
Poor engine performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check for fouled plugs and water, ice or dirt in the fuel tank or fuel line.
Loading snowmobiles onto trailers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skis may gouge into trailers and prevent the drivetrain from spinning properly. Use enough speed to drive the snowmobile completely onto the trailer. Push and pull it to finish loading if necessary.
Clutch malfunction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect clutch components. See your dealer.
Slow, easy clutch engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use fast, aggressive throttle to engage clutch.

WARRANTY

Service and Warranty Information

Obtaining Service and Warranty Assistance

Read and understand the service data and the POLARIS warranty information contained in this manual. Contact your POLARIS dealer for replacement parts, service or warranty. Your dealer receives frequent updates on changes, modifications and tips on snowmobile maintenance, which may supersede information contained in this manual. Your dealer is also familiar with POLARIS policies and procedures and will be happy to assist you.

When contacting us about parts, service, or warranty, always provide the following information:

1. Serial number
2. Model number
3. Dealer name
4. Date of purchase
5. Details of trouble experienced
6. Length of time and conditions of operation
7. Previous correspondence

Use the page provided near the front of your Owner's Manual to record the identification numbers of your snowmobile and its engine.

POLARIS Customer Service

United States: 1-888-704-5290

Canada: 1-204-925-7100

Service and Warranty Information

POLARIS Anti-Theft System

The POLARIS anti-theft system (PATS) monitoring program is designed to aid owners of registered snowmobiles in recovery of stolen machines.

Administration

1. POLARIS snowmobile owner reports theft.
 - A. In addition to notifying the proper law enforcement officials, the owner must call POLARIS Customer Service.
 - B. Owners must provide their name, address, telephone number and the model and serial number of stolen machines.
2. POLARIS warranty will provide all dealerships with a monthly updated list of all stolen units to further monitor thefts.
3. POLARIS warranty will aid in notifying the proper owner when a unit is recovered.

WARRANTY

Limited Warranty

POLARIS Sales Inc., 2100 Highway 55, Medina, MN 55340, provides a ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY on all components of the POLARIS snowmobile against defects in material or workmanship. This warranty covers the parts and labor charges for repair or replacement of defective parts that are covered by this warranty. The warranty begins on the date of purchase. This warranty is transferable to another consumer, during the warranty period, through a POLARIS dealer.

Registration

At the time of sale, the Warranty Registration Form must be completed by your dealer and submitted to POLARIS within ten days. Upon receipt of this registration, POLARIS will record the registration for warranty. No verification of registration will be sent to the purchaser as the copy of the Warranty Registration Form will be the warranty entitlement. If you have not signed the original registration and received the customer copy, please contact your dealer immediately. **NO WARRANTY COVERAGE WILL BE ALLOWED UNLESS THE SNOWMOBILE IS REGISTERED WITH POLARIS.**

Initial dealer preparation and setup of your snowmobile is very important in ensuring trouble-free operation. Purchasing a snowmobile in the crate or without proper dealer setup will void your warranty coverage.

Warranty Coverage and Exclusions

Limitations of warranties and remedies

This warranty excludes any failures not caused by a defect in material or workmanship. The warranty does not cover accidental damage, normal wear and tear, abuse or improper handling. The warranty also does not cover any snowmobile that has been structurally altered, neglected, improperly maintained, used for racing or used for purposes other than for which it was manufactured. The warranty does not cover any damages that occur during trailer transit or as a result of unauthorized service or parts. In addition, this warranty does not cover physical damage to paint or finish, stress cracks, tearing or puncturing of upholstery material, corrosion or defects in parts, components or the snowmobile due to fire, explosions or any other cause beyond POLARIS' control.

This warranty does not cover the use of unauthorized lubricants, chemicals, or fuels that are not compatible with the snowmobile.

The exclusive remedy for breach of this warranty shall be, at POLARIS' exclusive option, repair or replacement of any defective materials, or components or products. **THE REMEDIES SET FORTH IN THIS WARRANTY ARE THE ONLY REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON FOR BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY. POLARIS SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY TO ANY PERSON FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES OF ANY DESCRIPTION, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OR ANY OTHER CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, OR OTHER TORT OR OTHERWISE. THIS EXCLUSION OF CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, AND SPECIAL DAMAGES IS INDEPENDENT FROM AND SHALL SURVIVE ANY FINDING THAT THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FAILED OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.** Some states do not permit the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages or implied warranties, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you if inconsistent with controlling state law.

WARRANTY

Limitations of warranties and remedies

ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE) ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE ABOVE ONE YEAR WARRANTY PERIOD. POLARIS FURTHER DISCLAIMS ALL EXPRESS WARRANTIES NOT STATED IN THIS WARRANTY. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you if inconsistent with controlling state law.

How to Obtain Warranty Service

If your snowmobile requires warranty service, you must take it to a POLARIS dealer authorized to repair POLARIS snowmobiles. When requesting warranty service you must present your copy of the Warranty Registration form to the dealer. (The cost of transportation to and from the dealer is YOUR responsibility). POLARIS recommends that you use your original selling dealer; however, you may use any POLARIS Servicing Dealer to perform warranty service.

Please work with your dealer to resolve any warranty issues. Your dealer will contact the appropriate personnel at POLARIS if additional assistance is needed.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

If any of the above terms are void because of state or federal law, all other warranty terms will remain in effect.

Engine Oil

1. Mixing oil brands or using non-recommended oil may cause engine damage. We recommend the use of POLARIS engine oil.
2. Damage resulting from the use of non-recommended lubricants may not be covered by warranty.

WARRANTY

Conditions and Exclusions

In order to qualify for warranty, the product must have been properly set up and tested by a POLARIS Dealer (if applicable). Failure of any dealer to perform the required vehicle Pre-Delivery Inspection, perform all applicable service bulletins and have the consumer sign the PDI form prior to delivery may void the warranty. Failure to provide proof of required periodic maintenance upon request may result in denial of warranty coverage. Use of the recommended POLARIS products for lubrication and maintenance as directed by the Owner's manual is highly recommended. Should a failure occur during the warranty period resulting from the use of non-recommended products, warranty coverage may be denied.

Warranty does not apply to parts exposed to friction surfaces, stresses, environmental conditions and/or contamination. The following items are excluded from warranty consideration if the failure was due to wear or not the direct result of a defect:

Skis	Ski wear rods
Tracks	Slide rails
Suspension components	Finished and unfinished surfaces
Brake components	Carburetor/Throttle body components
Seat components	Engine components
Clutches and components	Drive belts
Steering components	Hydraulic components
Batteries	Circuit breakers/Fuses
Light bulbs/Sealed beam lamps	Electronic components
Idler wheels	

Warranty applies to the product only and does not allow for coverage of personal loss. Some items are considered "consumable," meaning they are considered part of normal maintenance or part of completing an effective repair. The following items are excluded from warranty coverage in the event of a warranty claim:

Spark Plugs	Lubricants such as oil, grease, etc.
Filters	Batteries (unless defective)
Fuel	Cosmetic damage/repair
Sealants	Coolants
Hotel fees	Meals
Towing charges	Shipping/ handling fees
Mileage	Product pick-up/delivery
Rentals/Loss of product use	Loss of vacation/personal time

This warranty also excludes failures resulting from improper lubrication; improper engine timing; improper fuel; surface imperfections caused by external stress, heat, cold or contamination; operator error or abuse; improper component alignment, tension, adjustment or altitude compensation; failure due to snow, water, dirt or other foreign substance ingestion/contamination; improper maintenance; modified components; use of aftermarket components resulting in failure; unauthorized repairs; repairs made after the warranty period expires or by an unauthorized repair center; use of the product in competition or for commercial purposes. Warranty will not apply to any product which has been damaged by abuse, accident, fire or any other casualty not determined a defect of materials or workmanship.

Exported Vehicles

EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY LAW, THERE IS NO WARRANTY OR SERVICE BULLETIN COVERAGE ON THIS VEHICLE IF IT IS SOLD OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY OF THE SELLING DEALER'S AUTHORIZED LOCATION.

This policy does not apply to vehicles that have received authorization for export from POLARIS Industries. Dealers may not give authorization for export. You should consult an authorized dealer to determine this vehicle's warranty or service bulletin coverage if you have any questions.

This policy does not apply to vehicles registered to government officials or military personnel on assignment outside the country of the selling dealer's authorized location.

This policy does not apply to Safety Bulletins.

How to Get Service

In the Country where your vehicle was purchased:

Warranty or Service Bulletin repairs must be done by an authorized POLARIS dealer. If you move or are traveling within the country where your vehicle was purchased, Warranty or Service Bulletin repairs may be requested from any authorized POLARIS dealer who sells the same line as your vehicle.

Outside the Country where your vehicle was purchased:

If you are traveling temporarily outside the country where your vehicle was purchased, you should take your vehicle to an authorized POLARIS dealer. You must show the dealer photo identification from the country of the selling dealer's authorized location as proof of residence. Upon residence verification, the servicing dealer will be authorized to perform the warranty repair.

If You Move:

If you move to another country, be sure to contact POLARIS Customer Assistance and the customs department of the destination country before you move. Vehicles importation rules vary considerably from country to country. You may be required to present documentation of your move to POLARIS Industries in order to continue your warranty coverage. You may also be required to obtain documentation from POLARIS Industries in order to register your vehicle in your new country. You should warranty register your vehicle at a local POLARIS dealer in your new country immediately after you move to continue your warranty coverage and to ensure that you receive safety information and notices regarding your vehicle.

WARRANTY

How to Get Service

If Purchased From A Private Party:

If you purchase a POLARIS product from a private citizen outside of the country in which the vehicle was originally purchased, all warranty coverage will be denied. You must nonetheless warranty register your vehicle under your name and address with a local POLARIS dealer in your country to ensure that you receive safety information and notices regarding your vehicle.

Notice

If your vehicle is registered outside of the country where it was purchased, and you have not followed the procedure set out above, your vehicle will no longer be eligible for warranty or service bulletin coverage of any kind, other than *safety* bulletins. (Vehicles registered to Government officials or military personnel on assignment outside of the country where the vehicle was purchased will continue to be covered by the basic warranty.)

For questions call POLARIS Customer Assistance (see page 106).

WARRANTY

U.S.A. EPA Emissions Limited Warranty

This emissions limited warranty is in addition to the POLARIS standard limited warranty for your vehicle. POLARIS Industries Inc. warrants that at the time it is first purchased, this emissions-certified vehicle is designed, built and equipped so it conforms with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emission regulations. POLARIS warrants that the vehicle is free from defects in materials and workmanship that would cause it to fail to meet these regulations.

The warranty period for this emissions-certified vehicle starts on the date the vehicle is first purchased and continues for a period of 200 hours of engine operation, 4000 kilometers (2485 miles) of vehicle travel, or 30 calendar months from the date of purchase, whichever comes first.

This emissions limited warranty covers components whose failure increases the vehicle's regulated emissions, and it covers components of systems whose only purpose is to control emissions. Repairing or replacing other components not covered by this warranty is the responsibility of the vehicle owner. This emissions limited warranty does not cover components whose failure does not increase the vehicle's regulated emissions.

For exhaust emissions, emission-related components include any engine parts related to the following systems:

- Air-induction system
- Fuel system
- Ignition system
- Exhaust gas recirculation systems

The following parts are also considered emission-related components for exhaust emissions:

- Aftertreatment devices
- Crankcase ventilation valves
- Sensors
- Electronic control units

The following parts are considered emission-related components for evaporative emissions:

- Fuel Tank
- Fuel Cap
- Fuel Line
- Fuel Line Fittings
- Clamps*
- Pressure Relief Valves*
- Control Valves*
- Control Solenoids*
- Electronic Controls*
- Vacuum Control Diaphragms*
- Control Cables*
- Control Linkages*
- Purge Valves
- Vapor Hoses
- Liquid/Vapor Separator
- Carbon Canister
- Canister Mounting Brackets
- Carburetor Purge Port Connector

*As related to the evaporative emission control system.

WARRANTY

U.S.A. EPA Emissions Limited Warranty

The exclusive remedy for breach of this limited warranty shall be, at the exclusive option of POLARIS, repair or replacement of any defective materials, components or products. THE REMEDIES SET FORTH IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY ARE THE ONLY REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON FOR BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY. POLARIS SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY TO ANY PERSON FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES OF ANY DESCRIPTION, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OR ANY OTHER CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER TORT OR OTHERWISE. THIS EXCLUSION OF CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, AND SPECIAL DAMAGES IS INDEPENDENT FROM AND SHALL SURVIVE ANY FINDING THAT THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FAILED OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE) ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE WARRANTY PERIOD DESCRIBED HEREIN. POLARIS DISCLAIMS ALL EXPRESS WARRANTIES NOT STATED IN THIS WARRANTY. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply if it is inconsistent with the controlling state law.

This limited warranty excludes failures not caused by a defect in material or workmanship. This limited warranty does not cover damage due to accidents, abuse or improper handling, maintenance or use. This limited warranty also does not cover any engine that has been structurally altered, or when the vehicle has been used in racing competition. This limited warranty also does not cover physical damage, corrosion or defects caused by fire, explosions or other similar causes beyond the control of POLARIS.

Owners are responsible for performing the scheduled maintenance identified in the owner's manual. POLARIS may deny warranty claims for failures that have been caused by the owner's or operator's improper maintenance or use, by accidents for which POLARIS has no responsibility, or by acts of God.

Any qualified repair shop or person may maintain, replace, or repair the emission control devices or systems on your vehicle. POLARIS recommends that you contact an authorized POLARIS dealer to perform any service that may be necessary for your vehicle. POLARIS also recommends that you use only Pure POLARIS parts. It is a potential violation of the Clean Air Act if a part supplied by an aftermarket parts manufacturer reduces the effectiveness of the vehicle's emission controls. Tampering with emission controls is prohibited by federal law.

If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, please contact the POLARIS Warranty Department at 1-888-704-5290.

MAINTENANCE LOG

Present this section of your manual to your dealer each time your snowmobile is serviced. This will provide you and future owners with an accurate log of maintenance and services performed on the snowmobile.

DATE	MILES (KM)	TECHNICIAN	SERVICE PERFORMED / COMMENTS
	150 mi. (240 km)		
	500 mi. (800 km)		
	1000 mi. (1600 km)		
	2000 mi. (3200 km)		

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