

Your ATV can be hazardous to operate.

A collision or rollover can occur quickly, even during routine maneuvers such as turning and driving on hills or over obstacles, if you fail to take proper precautions.

For your safety, understand and follow all the warnings contained in this Operator's Manual and the labels on your ATV.

Keep this Operator's Manual with your ATV at all times.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE WARNINGS CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Particularly important information is distinguished in this manual by the following notations:



**The Safety Alert Symbol means
ATTENTION! BE ALERT! YOUR SAFETY
IS INVOLVED.**

! ATTENTION

Failure to follow **WARNING** instructions
could result in severe injury or death to
the ATV operator, a bystander, or a per-
son inspecting or repairing the ATV.

! CAUTION

A **CAUTION** indicates special precau-
tions that must be taken to avoid damage
to the ATV.

■ NOTE

A **NOTE** provides key information to
make procedures easier or more clear.

Introduction

Foreword

Congratulations and thank you from Arctic Cat GmbH for purchasing an ARCTIC CAT® All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). Built with Arctic Cat engineering and manufacturing know-how, it is designed to provide superior ride, comfort, and utility.

This Operator's Manual is furnished to ensure that the operator is aware of safe operating procedures. It also includes information about the general care and maintenance of your ATV.

Carefully read the following pages. If you have any questions regarding this ATV, contact an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for assistance. Remember, only authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealers have the knowledge and facilities to provide you with the best service possible.

Protect Your Sport

- Know all local, state/provincial riding laws,
- Respect your ATV
- Respect the environment, and
- You will gain the respect of others.

We also advise you to strictly follow the recommended maintenance program as outlined. This preventive maintenance program is designed to ensure that all critical components on this ATV are thoroughly inspected at various intervals.

All information in this manual is based on the latest product data and specifications available at the time of printing. Arctic Cat Inc. reserves the right to make product changes and improvements which may affect illustrations or explanations without notice.

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AN ATV IS NOT A TOY AND CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO OPERATE.

- Always go slowly and be extra careful when operating on unfamiliar terrain. Always be alert to changing terrain conditions when operating the ATV. Never operate on excessively rough, slippery, or loose terrain.
- Always follow proper procedures for turning as described in this manual. Practice turning at slow speeds before attempting to turn at faster speeds. Do not turn at excessive speed.
- Always have the ATV checked by an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer if it has been involved in an accident.
- Never operate the ATV on hills too steep for the ATV or for your abilities. Practice on smaller hills before attempting larger hills.
- Always follow proper procedures for climbing hills as described in this manual. Check the terrain carefully before you start up any hill. Never climb hills with slippery or loose surfaces. Shift your weight forward. Never open the throttle suddenly or make sudden gear changes. Never go over the top of any hill at high speed.
- Always follow proper procedures for going down hills and for braking on hills as described in this manual. Check the terrain carefully before you start down any hill. Shift your weight backward. Never go down a hill at high speed. Avoid going down a hill at an angle which would cause the ATV to lean sharply to one side. Go straight down the hill where possible.
- Always follow proper procedures for crossing the side of a hill as described in this manual. Avoid hills with slippery or loose surfaces. Shift your weight to the uphill side of the ATV. Never attempt to turn the ATV around on any hill until you have mastered the turning techniques described in this manual on level ground. Avoid crossing the side of a steep hill if possible.

AN ATV IS NOT A TOY AND CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO OPERATE.

- Always use proper procedures if you stall or roll backward when climbing a hill. To avoid stalling, maintain a steady speed when climbing a hill. If you stall or roll backwards, follow the special procedure for braking described in this manual. Dismount on the uphill side or to either side if pointed straight uphill. Turn the ATV around and mount following the procedure described in this manual.
- Always check for obstacles before operating in a new area. Never attempt to operate over large obstacles, such as large rocks or fallen trees. Always follow proper procedures when operating over obstacles as described in this manual.
- Always be careful of skidding or sliding. On slippery surfaces, such as ice, go slowly and be very cautious in order to reduce the chance of skidding or sliding out of control.
- Never operate an ATV in fast flowing water or in water deeper than the footrests. Remember that wet brakes may have reduced stopping capability. Test your brakes after leaving water. If necessary, apply them lightly several times to let friction dry out the pads.
- Always be sure there are no obstacles or people behind you when you operate in reverse. When it is safe to proceed in reverse, go slowly. Avoid turning at sharp angles in reverse.
- Always use the size and type tires specified in this manual. Always maintain proper tire pressure as described in this manual.
- Never improperly install or improperly use accessories on this ATV.
- Never exceed the stated load capacity for an ATV. Cargo should be properly distributed and securely attached. Reduce speed and follow instructions in this manual for carrying cargo or pulling a trailer and allow greater distance for braking.

Rider Training Course

You should be aware that AN ATV IS NOT A TOY AND CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO OPERATE. An ATV handles differently from other vehicles, including motorcycles and cars. A collision or rollover can occur quickly, even during routine manoeuvres such as turning and driving on hills and over obstacles, if you fail to take proper precautions.

TO AVOID DEATH OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY:

- Always read the operator's manual carefully and follow the operating procedures described. Pay special attention to the warnings contained in the manual and on all labels.
- Never operate an ATV without proper instruction. Take a training course.
- Never operate an ATV without an approved motorcycle helmet, eye protection, boots, gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt or jacket.
- Never operate an ATV at excessive speeds. Go at a speed which is proper for the terrain, visibility conditions, and your experience.
- Never attempt to do wheelies, jumps, or other stunts.
- Always be careful when operating an ATV, especially when approaching hills, turns, and obstacles and when operating on unfamiliar or rough terrain.

Hangtags & Warning Information

This Arctic Cat ATV comes with a hangtag and several labels containing important safety information. Anyone who rides the ATV should read and understand this information before riding.

The labels should be considered as permanent parts of the ATV. If a label comes off or becomes hard to read, contact your Arctic Cat ATV dealer for a replacement labels.

ACHTUNG – ATTENTION – ATTENZIONE



DIESE ANWEISUNG DAFUER NUR DURCH DEN KUNDEN
ENTFERNT WERDEN!

Gemäß Richtlinie 93/14/EWG wird die Hauptbremse über das Fußpedal betätigt. Zusätzlich kann die Hauptbremse über den linken Handbremsehebel betätigt werden. Zusätzlich kann die Hauptbremse über den rechten Fußpedalhebel betätigt werden. Die Fußpedale sind für den Betrieb als Betriebsbremse zu verwenden.

WICHTIG! Die Hauptbremse ist zu arbeiten, muss die Bremse eingeschaltet werden. Dazu geben Sie bitte losgelockenrechten vor:

- 1) Wählen Sie eine Strecke aus, die lange genug ist, um Ihr ATV sicher mit 30 km/h zu bremsen.
- 2) Beschleunigen Sie auf eine Geschwindigkeit von 30 km/h erreicht wird. Drücken Sie den Fußpedalhebel, bis die Geschwindigkeit auf 0-5 km/h gedrosselt wird.
- 3) Wheelen Sie die gesuchte Tормозку (ca. 20 Metre), bis die Bremse erneut arbeitet.

Achten Sie bei der Montage darauf, den Spiegel nicht bis zum Gelenkgrund einzuschrauben, sondern erst mit der Kontermutter zu fixieren (sonst besteht die Gefahr des Spiegelhafers zu beschädigen).



THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE REMOVED ONLY
BY THE CUSTOMER!

In accordance with Directive 93/14/EEC, the main brake is operated via the foot pedal. Additionally, the main brake may be operated via the left hand brake lever, and via the right foot pedal. The foot pedals are to be used as service brakes.

IMPORTANT! The main brake must be activated for the brake pads.

To do so, please follow the instructions below:

- 1) Choose an area sufficiently large to safely accelerate your ATV to 30 km/h.
- 2) Accelerate to 30 km/h, then immediately begin to decelerate to 0-5 km/h.
- 3) Stop the vehicle at the desired distance, and leave the handbrake.

The mirrors are to be found in an easy case in the rear of the vehicle. When mounting the mirrors, please do not screw them in completely to the stop, but leave a part with the countersunk. (Otherwise you risk to seriously damage the support!)



ACHTUNG – ATTENTION – ATTENZIONE



CES INSTRUCTIONS PEUVENT ETRE ENLEVEES
SEULEMENT PAR LE CLIENT!

Conformément à la directive 93/14/CEE, le frein principal est actionné par le pédale. De plus, le frein principal peut être actionné par le levier du frein à main à droite. De plus, le frein principal peut être actionné que le frein d'urgence et de freinage et ne peut pas être utilisé comme frein de service.

AVVERTIMENTO!

pour un freinage parfait, les garnitures du frein doivent être rodées.

Pour effectuer le rodage, procédez de la manière suivante:

- 1) Choisissez un terrain qui est assez large pour une accélération jusqu'à 30 km/h. Accélérez jusqu'à ce que la vitesse soit réduite à 0-5 km/h.
- 2) Répétez cette procédure jusqu'à 20 fois jusqu'à ce que le frein soit chauffé.

Le rétroviseur est trouvé dans un étui facile à l'arrière du véhicule. Faites attention à ne pas viser à fond les rétroviseurs, mais de les fixer avec la contre-écrou (au cas contraire vous risquez d'endommager les supports).



QUESTEISTRUZIONI POSSONO ESSERE TOLTE DAL
VEICOLO SOLO DAL CLIENTE!

Conformément alla direttiva 93/14/CEE, il freno principale è azionato dal pedale. Inoltre, il freno principale può essere azionato dallo lever del freno a mano a destra. Inoltre, il freno principale può essere azionato solo il freno d'urgenza e di freccia e non può essere utilizzato come freno di servizio.

AVVERTENZA!

per un freno perfetto, i dischi del freno vanno rodati.

per seguire il rodaggio, procedere della maniera seguente:

- 1) Scegliete un percorso che sia abbastanza lungo per poter guidare il vostro ATV a 30 km/h. Accelerate fino a raggiungere una velocità di 30 km/h. Schiacciate il pedale del freno per abbassare la velocità a 0-5 km/h.
- 2) Ripetete questo procedimento per 20 volte fino a che il freno sia riscaldato.

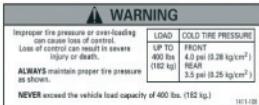
I retrovisori si trovano in un'apposita cassetta sul dietro del veicolo.

State attenti a non avvitare i supporti fino in fondo, ma a fissarli prima con il contrappiede (nel caso contrario rischiate di danneggiare i supporti).



Warning Labels

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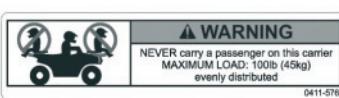
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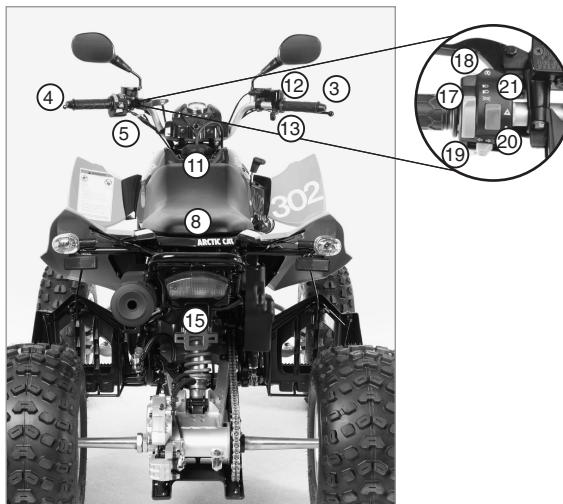
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Location of parts and controls



1. Battery
2. Headlights
3. Right Hand Brake Lever
4. Left Hand Brake Lever
5. Brake Lever Lock
6. Fuel Valve
7. Choke Lever
8. Seat Lock Lever
9. Brake Pedal
10. Shift Lever
11. Key Switch
12. Throttle Limiter
13. Throttle Lever
14. Tool Kit Location
15. Taillight/Brakelight
16. Operator's Manual Location
17. Headlight LI/LO/HI Switch
18. Engine Starter Button
19. Horn
20. Turn Light Switch
21. Hazard Warning Switch



Warnings

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

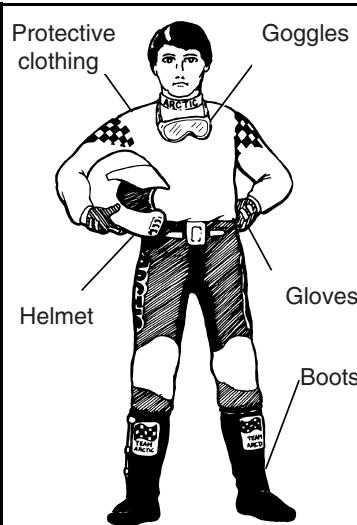
Operating this ATV without wearing an approved helmet, eye protection and protective clothing.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Operating without an approved helmet increases your chances of a severe head injury or death in the event of an accident.

Operating without eye protection can result in an accident and increases your chances of a severe injury in the event of an accident.

Operating without protective clothing increases your chances of severe injury in the event of an accident.



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HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Always wear an approved helmet that fits properly.

You should also wear:

- Eye protection (goggles or face shield)
- Gloves
- Boots
- Long sleeved shirt or jacket
- Long pants

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POTENTIAL HAZARD

Operating this ATV at excessive speeds.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

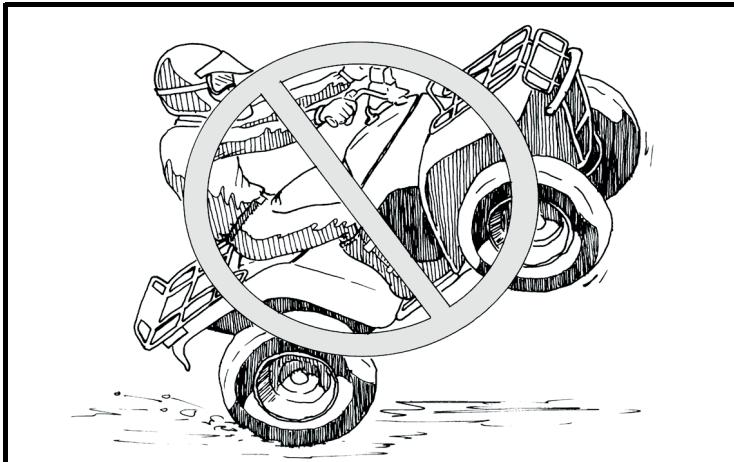
Increases your chances of losing control of the ATV, which can result in an accident.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Always ride at a speed that is proper for the terrain, visibility and operating conditions, and your experience.

Warnings

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POTENTIAL HAZARD

Attempting wheelies, jumps and other stunts.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Increases the chance of an accident including a rollover.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Never attempt stunts, such as wheelies or jumps. Don't try to show off.

Warnings

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Failure to inspect the ATV before operating. Failure to properly maintain the ATV.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Increases the possibility of an accident or equipment damage.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Always inspect your ATV each time you use it to make sure the ATV is in safe operating condition.

Always follow the inspection and maintenance procedures and schedules described in this Operator's Manual.

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Removing hands from handlebars or feet from footrests during operation.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

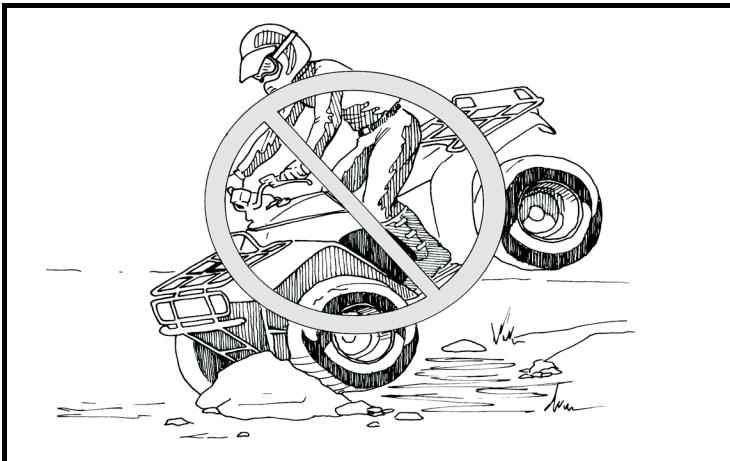
Removing even one hand or foot can reduce your ability to control the ATV or could cause you to lose your balance and fall off the ATV. If you remove a foot from a footrest, your foot or leg may come into contact with the wheels, which could injure you or cause an accident.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Always keep both hands on the handlebars and both feet on the footrests of your ATV during operation.

Warnings

! WARNINGS



ATV-0006

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Failure to use extra care when operating the ATV on unfamiliar terrain.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

You can come upon hidden rocks, bumps, or holes without enough time to react.

Could result in the ATV overturning or going out of control.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

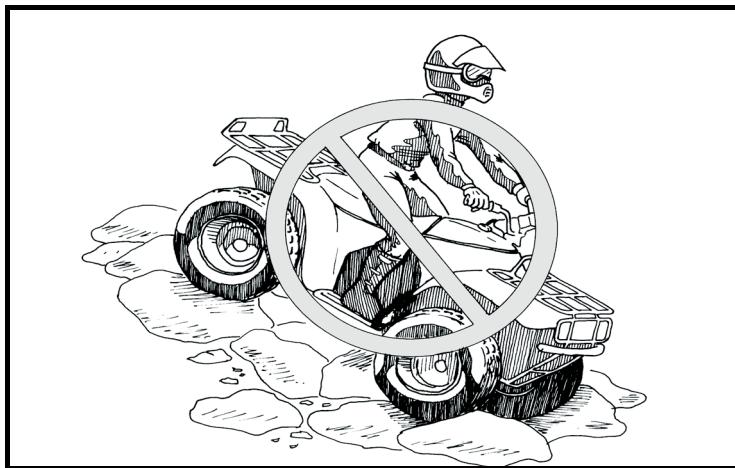
Go slowly and be extra careful when operating on unfamiliar terrain.

Always be alert to changing terrain conditions when operating the ATV.

Warnings

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ATV-0007

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Failure to use extra care when operating on rough, slippery, or loose terrain.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Could cause loss of traction or ATV control, which could result in an accident including a rollover.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Do not operate on rough, slippery, or loose terrain until you have learned and practiced the skills necessary to control the ATV on such terrain.

Always be especially cautious on these kinds of terrain.

Warnings

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Turning improperly.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

ATV could go out of control, causing a collision or rollover.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Always follow proper procedures for turning as described in this Operator's Manual.

Practice turning at slow speeds before attempting to turn at faster speeds.

Do not turn at excessive speed.

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Operating on steep hills.

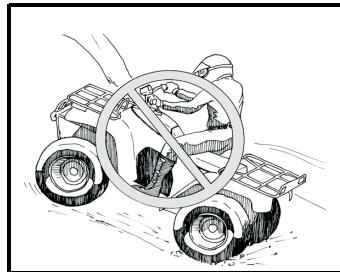
WHAT CAN HAPPEN

The ATV can overturn more easily on steep hills than on level surfaces or small hills.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Never operate the ATV on hills too steep for the ATV or for your abilities.

Practice on smaller hills before attempting larger hills.



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Warnings

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POTENTIAL HAZARD

Climbing hills improperly.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Could cause loss of control or cause the ATV to overturn.

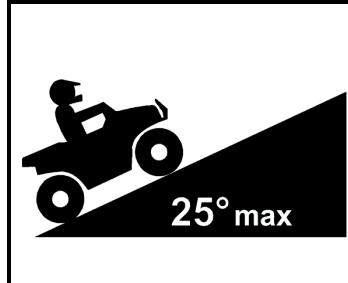
HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Always follow proper procedures for climbing hills as described in this Operator's Manual.

Always check the terrain carefully before you start up any hill. Never climb hills with slippery or loose surfaces. Shift your weight forward.

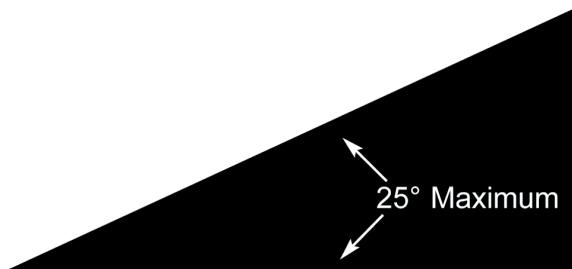
Never open the throttle suddenly or make sudden gear changes. The ATV could flip over backwards.

Never go over the top of any hill at high speed. An obstacle, a sharp drop, or another vehicle or person could be on the other side of the hill.



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NEVER OPERATE UP OR DOWN HILLS STEEPER THAN 25°



Warnings

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POTENTIAL HAZARD

Going down a hill improperly.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Could cause loss of control or cause the ATV to overturn.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

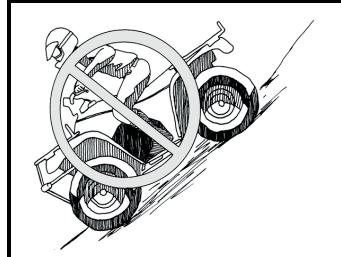
Always follow proper procedures for going down hills as described in this Operator's Manual.

Always check the terrain carefully before you start down any hill.

Shift your weight backward.

Never go down a hill at high speed.

Avoid going down a hill at an angle that would cause the ATV to lean sharply to one side. Go straight down the hill where possible.



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Warnings

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POTENTIAL HAZARD

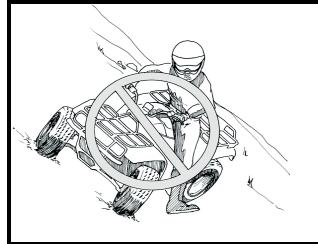
Improperly crossing hills or turning on hills.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Could cause loss of control or cause the ATV to overturn.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Never attempt to turn the ATV around on any hill until you have mastered the turning technique as described in this Operator's Manual. Practice first on level ground. Be very careful when turning on any hill. Avoid crossing the side of a steep hill, if possible.



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When crossing the side of a hill:

Always follow proper procedures as described in this Operator's Manual.

Avoid hills with slippery or loose surfaces. Shift your weight to the uphill side of the ATV.

Warnings

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POTENTIAL HAZARD

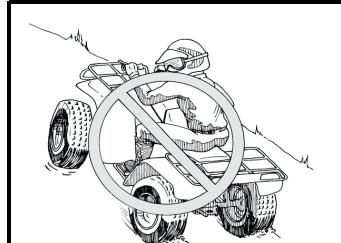
Stalling, rolling backwards, or improperly dismounting while climbing a hill.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Could result in the ATV overturning.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Use proper gear and maintain steady speed when climbing a hill.



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If you lose all forward speed:

Keep weight uphill. Apply the brakes.

Engage the parking brake lock after you are stopped.

If you begin rolling backwards:

Keep weight uphill.

Apply the brakes while rolling backwards.

When fully stopped, engage the parking brake lock.

Dismount on uphill side or to a side if pointed straight uphill.

Turn the ATV around and mount following the procedure described in this Operator's Manual.

Warnings

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Improperly operating over obstacles.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Could cause loss of control or a collision. Could cause the ATV to overturn.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Before operating in a new area, check for obstacles.

Never attempt to ride over large obstacles, such as large rocks or fallen trees.

When you go over obstacles, always follow proper procedures as described in this Operator's Manual.

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Skidding or sliding.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

You may lose control of the ATV.

You may also regain traction unexpectedly, which may cause the ATV to overturn.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Learn to safely control skidding or sliding by practicing at slow speeds and on level, smooth terrain.

On extremely slippery surfaces, such as ice, go slowly and be very cautious in order to reduce the chance of skidding or sliding out of control.

Warnings

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Operating the ATV through deep or fast flowing water.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Tires may float, causing loss of traction and loss of control, which could lead to an accident.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Never operate the ATV in fast flowing water or in water deeper than the footrests.

Remember that wet brakes may have reduced stopping capability.

Test your brakes after leaving water. If necessary, apply them several times to dry out the pads.

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Improperly operating in reverse.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

You could hit an obstacle or person behind you, resulting in serious injury.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Before you engage reverse gear, make sure there are no obstacles or people behind you. When it is safe to proceed, go slowly.

Warnings

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Operating the ATV with improper tires or with improper or uneven tire pressure.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Use of improper tires on the ATV, or operation of the ATV with improper or uneven tire pressure, may cause loss of control increasing your risk of accident.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Always use the size and type tires specified in this Operator's Manual for this ATV.

Always maintain proper tire pressure as described in this Operator's Manual.

! WARNINGS

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Operating the ATV with improper modifications.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Improper installation of accessories or modification of the ATV may cause changes in handling which, in some situations, could lead to an accident.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Never modify the ATV through improper installation or improper use of accessories. All parts and accessories added to this ATV should be genuine Arctic Cat ATV components designed for use on the ATV and should be installed and used according to instructions. Never install a twist grip throttle. If you have questions, consult an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer.

Prevention

Overview

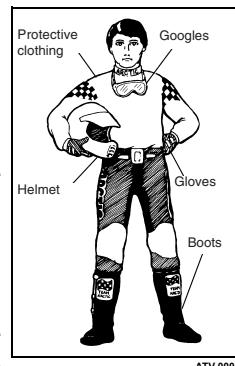
When using an ATV, prevention is the name of the game. “Had you only known” something could go wrong, you would have prevented it. If you don’t notice your conditions and surroundings before riding your ATV, you give up control over the situation. Using ATV prevention techniques helps you forecast potential hazards before they injure you or damage your ATV.

Always follow the safety instructions and warnings in this manual. Remember the key words “Prevention,” “Active Riding,” “Sound Judgment,” and “Supervision” and you will have a safe, predictable ride every time you go out on your ATV.

Safe Riding Clothing and Gear

Always wear clothing suited to the type of riding you are doing. ATV riding requires special protective clothing which will make you feel more comfortable and reduce chances of injury.

You’ll find it important to dress correctly for ATV riding in order to prevent scraped skin and serious head injuries. It’s easy and could save you time in the long run not having to contend with an injury. Of course, it also makes sense to remember the seasons. Wear a hat under your helmet and a snowmobile suit in the winter and lighter, protective clothing in the summer. ATV- Following is the minimum protection you need to wear during every ride:



Gloves

Your hands are targets for flying objects and branches. Along with providing skin protection, gloves will shield your hands from harsh weather. Wear gloves that are weather resistant and have a gripping surface to keep them from sliding off the handlebars. Off-road style gloves with knuckle pads are the best for comfort and protection.

Boots / Ankle Protection

Wear a boot that covers the largest possible area of your leg (preferably up to your knee) and can handle significant impact.

Prevention

Choosing boots with low heels and a good tread will help prevent your feet from slipping off the footrests in wet or rugged conditions or getting hurt if they get hit by rocks, dirt, or branches.

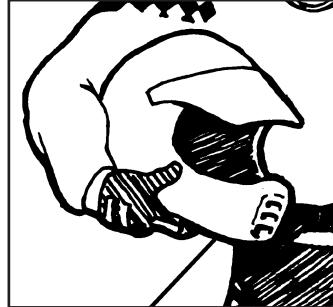
Helmet

Your helmet is the most important piece of protective gear for safe riding. A helmet can prevent a severe head injury. There are several types of helmets on the market, but make sure you wear a helmet that complies with the standards ECE.

These helmets should provide full-face protection.

If you drop or damage your helmet, get a new one immediately. Your helmet may not protect your head from injury if it has cracks, fissures, or other damage to its outside or core padding.

Remember, your helmet won't do you any good if the chin strap isn't fastened.



PREVENTION

Eye Protection

Wear eye protection, such as goggles, to completely surround your eyes to prevent getting dirt or other items in your eyes. Do not depend on sunglasses for proper eye protection. Sunglasses are not recommended; they don't prevent objects from flying in through the sides.

Long Pants and Long Sleeved Shirt

The goal is to protect your body from branches, long grass, airborne objects, or anything else that could scrape your skin. The more thick and durable the material, the better protection it'll provide. Riding pants with kneepads, a jersey, and shoulder pads provide the best protection.

Prevention

Condition of the ATV

The second step in Prevention is checking the condition of your ATV's. Chances are good that you'll be using your ATV in some rough terrain, and there's no way you want your brakes to go out when riding downhill. You need to check the following parts on your ATV before every ride.

1. Tires and Wheels
2. Controls and Cables (Brake/Throttle)
3. Lights and Electric
4. Oil, Gasoline, and Fluids
5. Chassis and Suspension

Prevention

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TIRES AND WHEELS	CONTROLS AND CABLES	LIGHTS AND ELECTRIC	OIL AND FUEL	CHASSIS

TIRES AND WHEELS

Correct tire pressure is crucial. Consult the General Maintenance section of this Operator's Manual for tire pressure guidelines. Incorrect tire pressure can cause poor handling, instability, and a loss of ATV control.

While checking the tire pressure, inspect the tread and sidewalls of the tires for cracks, cuts, or other damage that could indicate they need to be replaced.

CHECK:

1. Tire pressure
2. Tire surface (tread and sidewalls)

CONTROLS AND CABLE

With the engine running and brake applied, check all transmission positions: forward, neutral, and reverse.

CHECK:

1. Forward
2. Neutral
3. Reverse

A. Brakes

Depress the brake pedal. If either it feels soft or "squishy," it could be low on fluid or have a leak — refer to the General Maintenance section of this Operator's Manual for instructions. Don't use the ATV until the brakes are operating normally.

CHECK:

1. Hand brake lever
2. Brake pedal
3. Parking brake lock

Test the brake lever lock and see if it

locks the wheels; then disengage it to release the brake.

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B. Throttle

The throttle should have a free, smooth range of motion. If it seems to “stick” at any point, refer to the General Maintenance section of this Operator’s Manual for instructions. Driving your ATV with a sticking throttle can turn your leisurely ride into an unwelcome accident. Don’t drive your ATV if the throttle sticks.

CHECK:

1. Free, smooth range of motion

LIGHTS AND ELECTRICAL

Turn the hi-beam and lo-beam on and off to make sure they work. At the same time, check that the taillight, brakelight, turn lights, hazard warning lights, number plate light and horn work. Also, check the indicator/warning lights (turn lights, hi beam and temperature) on your handlebars when you start the ATV. Don’t drive the ATV unless all systems are working.

Check the ignition switch.

CHECK:

1. Hi-beam
2. Lo-beam
3. Taillight/brakelight
4. Indicator/warning lights
5. Position lights

CHECK:

1. Hazard warning lights
2. Ignition switch

OIL AND FUEL

Start with a full tank of gas before every ride, and while you’re at it, top off the oil. Don’t forget to check for fluid leaks around the ATV. Check the coolant tank to ensure the engine coolant level is adequate.

CHECK:

1. Gas
2. Oil
3. Fluid leaks

CHASSIS AND DRIVE CHAIN

Grass and leaves can gum-up your suspension and shocks. Clear and clean the suspension arms, shock absorbers/springs, and fenders. Check

smoothness by turning the handlebar full-left and full-right. Check that there is no binding, restrictions, freeplay, or looseness in steering components. Check and clean the drive chain and sprockets of foreign material and debris. Check drive chain adjustment.

CHECK:

1. Suspensions arms
2. Shock absorbers/springs
3. Steering
4. Drive chain

Prevention

Miscellaneous Items

Inspect your air filter. Look for debris or damage that may indicate you need to replace it. A clogged filter can stop an engine. Check your battery terminals for corrosion. Also, be sure to tighten any loose parts, nuts, or bolts.

CHECK:

1. Air filter
2. Battery
3. Tighten parts, nuts and bolts

First Aid and Survival

You need to prepare for the unexpected. Emergencies and accidents are traumatic enough, but they're even worse when you're not prepared for them. At the minimum during every ATV ride, you should have the following items on board:

- Tools
- Water
- Identification
- First Aid Kit* *requested by law in some countries.
- Safety Jacket
- Warning Triangle

For rides that are longer in duration and distance, the following additional items are recommended:

- Money
- Maps
- Emergency Kit (with Flashlight and First Aid Kit)

Tools

Routine maintenance will generally eliminate the need for emergency repairs. Riding on rough terrain could cause loosening of nuts, bolts, and fasteners. Especially on long rides, carrying the right tools can prevent an inconvenience from becoming a crisis.

CHECK:

1. Bulbs
2. Duct tape
3. Rope
4. Spark plugs
5. Spare parts
6. Tool Kit

Prevention

Water

Water is so important that you need to carry it regardless of the duration of your ride. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can creep up suddenly and can take you out of commission. If you become dehydrated, you could find yourself physically unable to safely operate your ATV.

Identification

If something does happen to you, the emergency personnel will want to know who you are and whom to contact. It's possible you may be in no condition to give them that information. Put your I.D. in your pocket before you ride. Without it, you're anonymous.

Money

It may be necessary to make an urgent phone call.

Maps

Maps may be unnecessary when you're familiar with the area. But when you're riding on unfamiliar trails, it's good to know where you are, what's coming up, and how to get back.

Emergency Kit with Flashlight and First Aid Kit

You'll need several items in your Emergency Kit including a flashlight.

The matches will come in handy if you need to start a fire to stay warm.

Flares are appropriate for signaling

help. A first aid kit is very important if an injury of some type should happen. A good First Aid Kit should include bandages, antiseptic spray, gauze, tape, etc.

Carry these items:

1. Flashlight
2. Matches
3. Flares
4. First Aid Kit

Active Riding

Overview

“Active Riding” involves an understanding of how your body weight, balance, gravity, and physical forces affect the handling of the ATV. For example, when you drive a car quickly into a sharp turn, your body is pulled to the outside of the turn by centrifugal force. Although a car is relatively stable, enough centrifugal force can cause an ATV to overturn. Constantly shifting your weight is one major difference between driving a car and riding an ATV. Knowing how to shift your weight is necessary to avoid rolling or flipping the ATV.

Basic Operating Maneuvers

Active riding and basic maneuvers are the foundation of your ATV ride. Without basic skills, it's impossible to move to this level—active riding. These are your basic maneuvers:

- Mounting the ATV
- Starting the Engine
- Starting a Cold Engine
- Varying Temperature Adjustments
- Braking / Stopping
- Shifting
- Parking
- Dismounting the ATV

Mounting the ATV

To get seated:

1. From the left side, grab the left-side handlebar and apply the hand brake; then put your left foot on the footrest.
2. Grab the right-side handlebar.
3. Swing your leg over the seat and set your right foot down on the right-side footrest.
4. Get seated in a comfortable position.
5. Always keep your feet planted on the footrests.

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Starting the Engine

Always start with the ATV on a flat, level surface. Carbon monoxide poisoning can kill you, so keep your ATV outside while it's running. Follow these steps to start it up:

1. Ensure that the fuel valve is in the ON position.
2. Climb up onto the ATV and sit down.
3. Engage the brake lever lock, by moving the brake lever.
4. Shift the transmission into neutral.
5. Move the choke lever to the engaged position if starting the engine cold (if it's already warmed up, you shouldn't need to use the choke at all).
6. Turn on the ignition.
7. Press the starter button.
8. Immediately after the engine starts, move the choke lever to the mid-position.
9. Let the engine warm up; then move the choke lever to the OFF position.

B	O	N	E	C
BRAKES	ON	NEUTRAL	ENGINE	CHOKE

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Starting A Cold Engine

1. Turn off all electrical accessories (lights, etc.); then rotate the ignition switch key to the first position(ON) leaving the headlights OFF.

Note that the Neutral light is illuminated.

2. Push the choke lever to the left.

3. Press on the starter button for a maximum eight seconds.



! CAUTION

Engaging the starter motor for longer than eight seconds at a time can damage the ATV. The starter motor and wiring harness may overheat. If the engine does not start after several attempts, check the fuel supply and ignition system.

4. When the engine starts, move the choke lever to the mid-position.
5. Allow the engine to warm up for approximately 2-2 1/2 minutes; then move the choke lever to the OFF position. Do not touch the throttle lever until the engine has run for at least 3 minutes.

■ Note:

If the engine RPM starts to decrease or if the engine starts to stall, move the choke lever to the left until RPM increases; then as the RPM stabilizes, move the choke lever to the OFF position.

6. Run the engine for at least 10 minutes so it is thoroughly warmed up. If the engine is run for a shorter period of time, the spark plug may not have reached a high enough temperature to burn off the excess fuel in the combustion chamber.

Varying Temperature Adjustments

To ensure proper starting and operating performance, the following adjustments should be made for varying ambient temperatures.

0° C (32° F) - Use 5W-30 Arctic Cat 4-Cycle Engine Oil (p/n 0436-003).

■ Note:

These recommended adjustments are the owner's responsibility.

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Braking/Stopping

Coming to a stop should be a slow, easy process. Always allow plenty of room and time to stop smoothly. Sometimes quick stops are inevitable, so always be prepared. Whether you're stopping slowly or stopping quickly, do this:

1. Release the throttle lever; then apply the hand brake.
2. If the wheels lock, release the brake for a second; then apply it again.
3. When coming to a complete stop, release the throttle lever completely.
4. Never "ride" the brake. Even maintaining minimal pressure on the brake lever or brake pedal will cause the brake pads to drag on the disc and may overheat the brake fluid, disc, and pads causing the brakes to "fade" or become "spongy."

! WARNING

Excessive repetitive use of the hydraulic brake for high speed stops will cause overheating of the brake fluid and premature brake pad wear which will result in an unexpected loss of brakes.

! WARNING

Use only Arctic Cat approved brake fluid. Never substitute or mix different types or grades of brake fluid. Brake loss can result. Check brake fluid level and pad wear before each use. Brake loss can result in severe injury or even death.

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Shifting

The ATV has a single-range automatic transmission with reverse. To shift the ATV, follow these steps:



1. To engage the forward gear from neutral, apply the brakes and move the shift lever outward and forward.
2. To engage reverse gear from neutral, apply the brakes, move the shift lever outward and rearward into the R position.

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! CAUTION

Always come to a complete stop before attempting to shift from one gear to the other. Always shift on level ground, or engage the brake lever lock before shifting into forward gear or into reverse.

! WARNING

Do not start the engine or operate this ATV with the V-belt cover removed. Severe injury could result.

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Parking

Parking involves following the previous rules for braking; then:

1. After the ATV stops, shift into neutral.
2. Turn off the ignition.
3. If you have to park on a hill, shift the ATV into low range and block the rear wheels;
4. otherwise, try to park only on level surfaces.
5. Engage the brake lever lock.

Dismounting the ATV

After you've followed the procedure for parking, it's time to dismount:

1. Double check that the brake lever lock is engaged.
2. Swing your right leg over to the left side of the seat.
3. Step to the ground on the left side of the ATV.



Active Riding

How to handle the ATV Active Riding Techniques)

Active riding involves moving your body. You must learn to lean and shift your weight into your turns to maintain control.

Your safety depends on using safe riding techniques. Statistics from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) say that inexperienced riders who don't use safe riding techniques are **13 times more likely to have an ATV accident** than riders who have over 1 month of experience.

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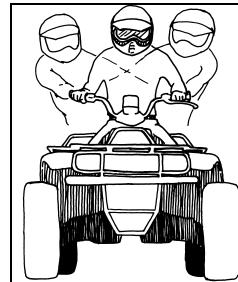
Safe riding techniques include:

- Riding
- Leaning, Weight Shift, and Balance
- Wide Turns
- Sharp Turns
- Quick Turns
- K-Turns
- Riding Downhill
- Riding Uphill
- Sidehilling / Traversing
- Swerving
- Crossing Obstacles

Riding

Once the engine is warm, the ATV is ready to go.

1. Keep your feet on the footrests and both hands on the handlebar.
2. Apply the brakes releasing the brake lever lock.
3. Move the shift lever from N and select a desired gear; then slowly com press the throttle lever while releasing the hand brake.

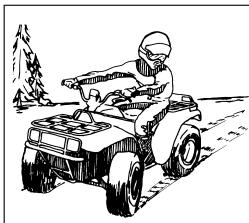


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Active Riding

Leaning, Weight Shift, and Balance

When you turn, the trick is to move forward and slide over to the side of the seat that's on the inside of the turn. Support your body weight on the outside footrest. At the same time, lean your body to the inside of the turn. Pay attention to the handling - if you feel the tires coming off the ground, reduce speed, shift more of your body weight to the side that's lifting, and make the turn wider if possible.



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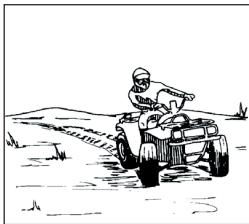


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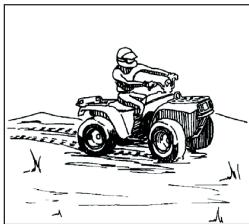
Wide Turns

About 20% of ATV accidents happen during turns. If you don't understand turning techniques, it's easy for the ATV to get away from you by losing traction, plowing, or tipping. Use this method for wide turns:

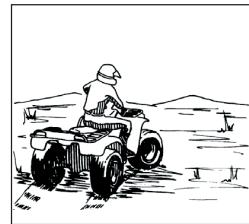
1. Ease off the throttle as you approach the turn to slow down.
2. Use the principles of leaning, weight shifting, and balancing- shift your body weight to the inside of the turn.
3. Gradually increase your speed as you come out of the turn.



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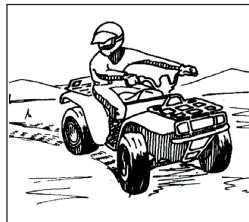
Sharp Turns

After mastering wide turns, practice the advanced skill of sharp turns.

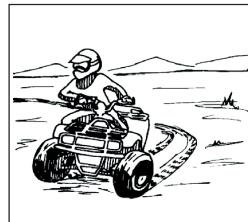
1. Ease off the throttle as you approach the turn to slow down.
2. Use the principles of leaning, weight shifting, and balancing - shift your body weight to the inside of the turn.
3. You might have to lean into the turn more than you do in a wide turn.
4. If shifting your weight and balance aren't enough to keep the ATV tires on the ground, straighten out the handlebars as much as you can.
5. Gradually increase your speed as you come out of the turn.



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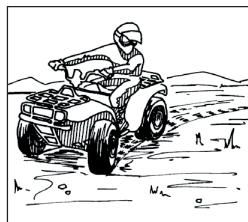


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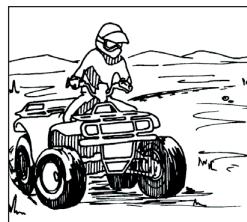
Quick Turns

Quick turns are the most difficult turns and should only be done after you are experienced with your ATV.

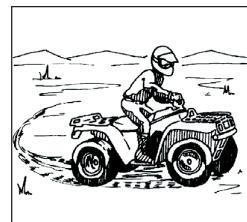
1. Ease off the throttle as you approach the turn to slow down.
2. Turn the handlebars and shift your weight and balance at the
3. same time as you enter the turn (use the principles of leaning,
4. weight shifting, and balancing—shift your body weight to the inside of the turn).
5. Follow this with slight acceleration.
6. For multiple turns, repeat this movement as needed.
7. To make your turn quicker, try raising yourself off the seat a few inches as you shift your weight.



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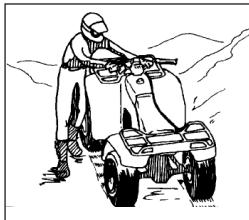
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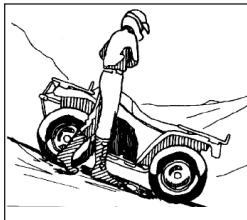
K-Turns

Use K-turns if you accidentally stall while riding uphill; you need to take action before the ATV rolls backward down the hill.

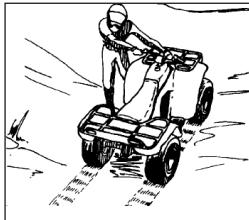
1. Stop where you are, apply the brakes, and shift to neutral.
2. Shut off the engine.
3. Keep your body weight shifted forward.
4. Get off the ATV on the uphill side.
5. If you're to the left of the ATV, turn the handlebar all the way left.
6. Partially release the brake, but lightly hold the brake lever.
7. Let the ATV roll to your right side until it faces slightly downhill.
8. Reapply the brakes.
9. Get back on the ATV from the uphill side, and keep your weight shifted uphill when you sit down.
10. Start the engine and follow the method for riding downhill.



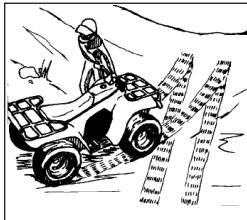
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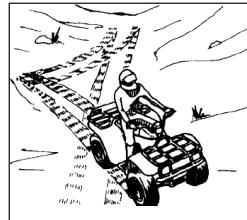
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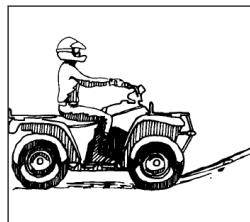
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Riding Uphill

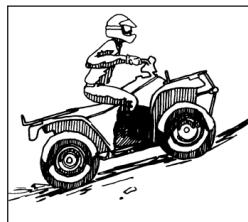
Roughly 20% of accidents happen while riding on hills and as a result of the ATV rolling or flipping. So, obviously, use extreme caution and follow this method for riding uphill.

1. Accelerate before you start climbing; then maintain a steady pace.
2. Lean as far forward as possible. For steeper hills, come off your seat to stand and lean forward.
3. If you lose speed, quickly shift to a lower gear (in case of gear box). At the same time, release the throttle (so your front tires don't lift), OR
4. If that doesn't work and you still have forward motion and the terrain permits, do a U-turn, go back down, and try climbing again, OR
5. If you have lost all forward motion, follow the K-turn procedure.

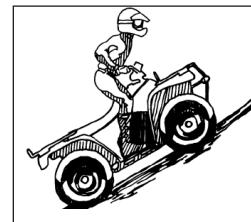
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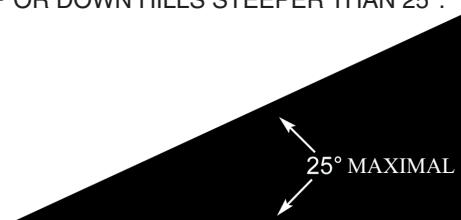


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NEVER OPERATE UP OR DOWN HILLS STEEPER THAN 25°.

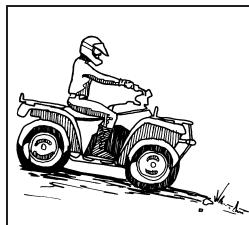


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Riding Downhill

Success in riding downhill depends on how well you know your brakes - take it easy on them, or you could flip over.

1. Shift your body weight as far back on the seat as possible.
2. Shift into low range; stay out of neutral.
3. Lightly apply the brake and release the throttle lever completely.



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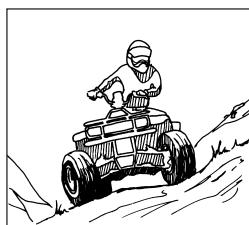


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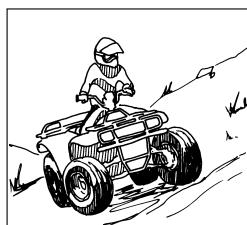
Sidehilling / Traversing

Sidehilling is considered an advanced skill; it's really tricky and unpredictable. So, whether your skills are advanced or not, try to avoid this kind of riding. If you're in a situation where you absolutely have to sidehill, follow this method:

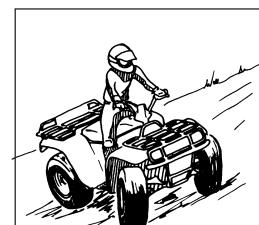
1. Keep your speed low and consistent.
2. Shift all your body weight to the uphill side of the seat; also, support your weight on the uphill footrest.
3. Steer like you're driving into the hill.
4. If the ATV feels like it's tipping, turn the handlebar downhill. If that's not possible because of the terrain or other conditions or if it just doesn't work, stop and get off. Dismount the ATV on the uphill side.



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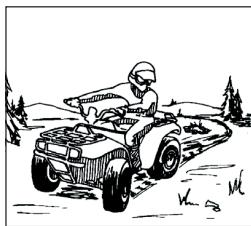
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Swerving

Swerving is usually an emergency reaction to avoid an obstacle but is similar to quick turns. The difference is that quick turns involve slight acceleration in the turn; don't accelerate if you swerve.

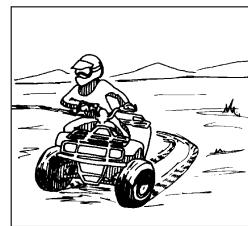
1. Ease off the throttle as you approach the obstacle.
2. Turn the handlebar. At the same time, shift your weight and balance as you swerve. Use the principles of leaning, weight shifting, and balancing - shift your body weight to the inside of the turn.
3. Keep your hand off the brake until the emergency is over and reback in control.



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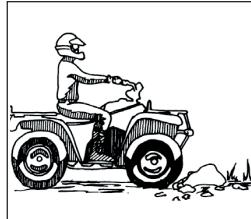
Crossing Obstacles

Crossing obstacles is risky; avoid it if possible. Riding over logs, rocks, and ruts means combining all the active riding skills into one big motion. Your ATV will respond differently for different obstacles (logs, ruts, etc.), but these are general guidelines for overcoming two-track (both tires contacting the obstacle at the same time) obstacles:

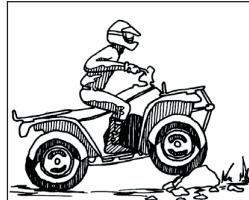
1. Keep your speed way down; less than 5 mph/10 km/h.
2. Approach the obstacle head-on.
3. Come up off the seat.
4. Keep your weight on the footrests.
5. Apply a little throttle when the front tires make contact with the obstacle.
6. Lean forward and release the throttle when the front tires clear the obstacle.
7. Keep your body loose to absorb any shock.
8. If the ATV starts tipping, shift your weight to keep it in balance.

To clear a single-track (only one tire contacts) obstacle, follow the same rules except:

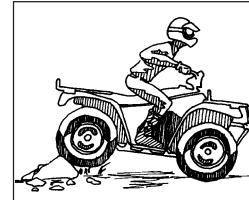
1. Use the ATV's momentum to clear the obstacle.
2. Don't pull up on the handlebar.
3. Don't apply the throttle.



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Active Riding

Tips

You know cars. You've been driving them for years. Driving an ATV and a car have similar rules; however, there are always exceptions to the rules. Here are a few situations that require special attention:

- Reversing
- Driving in Cold Weather
- Stopping the ATV
- Stopping the Engine
- Skidding or Sliding
- Parking on a Hill
- Stalling on a Hill
- Crossing Water

Reversing

It's tough to see things behind you.

1. Go slowly. It's hard to see behind you.
2. Keep your handlebar straight.
3. Backing down hills is a bad idea; do a U-turn or K-turn instead to turn around.

Skidding or Sliding

If you lose control after hitting sand, ice, oil, or water:

Turn your handlebar into the direction of the slide.

1. Keep your hand off the brakes until you're out of the skid.
2. Shift your weight forward.

Sometimes your ATV may not respond and goes straight ahead instead of letting you turn. Here's how to handle it:

1. Slow down.
2. Move forward on the seat.
3. Lean to inside of turn.
4. Turn handlebar.

Parking on a Hill

This shouldn't be necessary, but if it is:

1. Keep it in gear.
2. Engage the brake lever lock.
3. Find something to block the rear tires.

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Stalling on a Hill

If you use the right method for riding uphill, this shouldn't happen.

But if you have a problem, do this:

1. If the ATV hasn't started rolling backwards yet, follow the procedure for the K-Turn, OR
2. If the ATV is already rolling backward, lean as far forward as possible standing up on the footrests.
3. Nice and easy, apply the front and rear brakes.
4. When you come to a stop, follow the procedure for the K-turn.
5. If the ATV continues to roll backward, dismount immediately on the uphill side.

Crossing Water

Your ATV can only handle water up to its footrests. Any more than that and you risk engine damage and/or personal injury. Stay away from fast moving rivers. ATV tires can be buoyant, so if the water is too deep, you might find the ATV suddenly afloat.

1. Physically check the depth and current of the water, especially if you can't see the bottom. You're also checking for boulders, logs, or any other hidden obstacles.
2. Keep your speed slow.
3. Make sure you have a way out on the other side of the water.
4. If you get stuck in the sludge or mud, try rocking the ATV from side to side.
5. Once you've cleared the water, briefly apply the brakes to make sure they work.

Driving In Cold Weather

■ Note:

Check that all control levers move freely. Make sure that the footrest and brake pedal are free of ice and snow.

! WARNING

For your personal safety, it is very important to wear the type and amount of cold-weather clothing according to the coldest anticipated temperatures.

Active Riding

1. With the transmission in neutral, move the ATV forward and backward to check that the wheels roll freely. If the ATV will not roll, the tires may be frozen to the ground or the brake pads may be frozen to the discs.
2. If the tires are frozen to the ground, pour warm water around them to melt the ice.

! CAUTION

Before riding, manually move the ATV forward and backward to make certain that all wheels roll freely.

ACTIVE RIDING

3. If the brakes are frozen, take the ATV to a warmer area to thaw out the brakes.

■ Note:

After the brakes thaw, dry them by applying them several times while riding slowly.

! WARNING

Do not attempt to free frozen brakes by pouring warm water on the brake pads and housings.

■ Note:

After riding through water, mud, snow, or slush, it is important to dry both brake systems before parking the ATV.

! WARNING

Go slowly and be extra careful when riding on snow-covered or ice-covered terrain. Always be alert to changing terrain conditions when operating the ATV.

4. Practice driving in an open snow-covered or ice-covered area at slow speeds before driving on snow-covered or ice-covered trails.
5. Learn how the ATV responds to steering and braking on the type of terrain to be encountered on the ride.

Active Riding

Stopping The ATV

To stop the ATV, first release the throttle lever. Next, apply the brakes.

Stopping The Engine

To Stop the engine, turn the ignition switch key to the OFF position.

Sound Judgment

Overview

You are not invincible. Knowing that the first „S“ in „P.A.S.S.“ stands for „Sound Judgment“ means you need to use yours.

Environment

The environment controls you, not the other way around. And there's nothing you can do about it except respect it.

Weather

You need to consider the weather. It is dangerous to ride your ATV when the weather is bad or potentially bad. Keep abreast with weather forecasts.

Terrain

Just because you're on familiar terrain doesn't mean you can start daydreaming. You can't assume that the landscape you're used to doesn't change. Changes to landscape can happen at nearly any time. Fences can be constructed and excavations dug in a short period of time. Weather, climate and development take their toll. The thing about terrain is that sometimes you don't know it's changed until you get there. Whether it's familiar or not, check out your surroundings before and during your ride.

Sound Judgment

Trail riding

Use sound judgment when trail riding; that means riding on a trail that fits your ability level. If the trail is pretty rugged, standing up on your footrests will make it easier for you to endure the rough terrain.

Make yourself visible by using headlights and taillights, and pull completely off the trail if you need to stop.

Outsloped trails (trails that slant to allow rain to run off) make trail riding a bit more challenging. Accepting that challenge means keeping your weight shifted into the slope. Denying the challenge means sliding off the trail.

Sound Judgment

Those Around You

People do all kinds of things that you can't predict or control.

Riding Companions

Leave a lot of space between you and other riders, especially in dusty and dirty conditions, because it'll be difficult to see the riders in front of you stopping.

Riding with companions on several ATV's is not the same as riding one ATV with a passenger. The extra weight on the seat makes the ATV difficult to control.

Other Vehicles

Depending on where you're riding, you might encounter other ATV's, bikes, or motor vehicles on public lands. Respect the presence of others and make yourself be seen. If you can't see other vehicles coming, that means you're invisible, too.

Sound Judgment

Hikers

People can get to some strange places on foot that you'd never expect them to be. For their sake, keep your eyes open.

Animals

You love the outdoors... you love to hunt and fish... so don't destroy what you love.

Tread Lightly and leave it as you found it.

Equipment

The last thing you expected was that your ATV would break down in the middle of the field... it's usually so reliable that sometimes you forget the ATV has its limits.

ATV Maintenance

You have to maintain your ATV. The General Maintenance section of this Operator's Manual tells you about taking care of your ATV. If, at any time, abnormal noises, vibrations, or improper functioning of any component of this ATV is detected, DO NOT OPERATE THE ATV. Take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for inspection and adjustment or repair.

Cargo Limitations

Limit the ATV to the specified load capacity rating. The combined weight limit, including you and your personal items, is a specified amount, so consult the ATV Load Capacity Chart and monitor it carefully.

Extra weight on the ATV will also throw you off balance if it's not distributed evenly.

Think about these when dealing with weight:
1. Weight distribution
2. ATV speed

Sound Judgment

Personal Choices

You value your freedom... the freedom to be adventurous, and care-free, and reckless... to live life to its fullest and take chances. The other side of the story is the tragedy that sometimes occurs during these adventures... when a victim's family says, "Had I only known how dangerous these ATV's can be." Making good personal choices is your responsibility.

Maximum Load Capacity Chart

Model	Specifications
DVX 300	177 kg

ATV Load Capacity – Total weight of rider and passenger, personal items, and accessories must never exceed the above maximum load capacity.

! WARNING

Operating this ATV with improper modifications can be hazardous. Improper installation of accessories or modification of the ATV may cause changes in handling which could lead to an accident. Never modify the ATV with improper installation or use of improper accessories. All parts and accessories installed on this ATV must be genuine Arctic Cat parts and accessories designed for use on this ATV. Install and use them according to instructions. If you have any questions, contact an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer.

SOUND JUDGMENT

■ Note:

Use extra caution when operating an ATV with additional loads such as accessories and/or personal items. Handling of the ATV may be adversely affected. Reduce speed when adding additional loads.

! WARNING

POTENTIAL HAZARD

Overloading the ATV or carrying personal items improperly.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Could cause changes in ATV handling, which could lead to an accident.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

Never exceed the stated load capacity for the ATV.

Always follow the instructions in this Operator's Manual pertaining to ATV loading.

Sound Judgment

Your Physical Condition

Don't ride:
1. When you're tired

Being physically exhausted is like being drunk. Try to do something that's detail-oriented when you're really tired, and you'll feel totally uncoordinated.

Reckless Riding

If you are involved in an ATV accident when you're speeding, you have a 25% chance of landing yourself in the hospital. The faster you go, the more likely you are to destroy your head and internal organs, and skip the wheelies, jumps, stunts, and any other showboating.

Laws and Regulations

Any police officer will tell you that ignorance of the law is no defense. Your best defense is to check out your local, state, or provincial ATV laws before riding. It'll also make sure that you can continue to ride in your favourite areas. The quickest way to have a land area closed is by riding over the regulations.

Group Behaviour

People always do crazier and riskier things in a group than they would consider doing by themselves. When you're ATV riding with others and things start to get out of hand, decide whether you're willing to be injured or see your friends injured.

SIPDE

By themselves, none of these safe behaviours and sound judgments will go very far. But when you put them all together... when you're paying attention to how you feel, when you're monitoring the movements of your ATV, and when you're constantly evaluating your environment, then you're practicing SIPDE. SIPDE is an acronym that stands for:

S	I	P	D	E
Scan/Search	Identify hazards	Predict what will happen	Decide what to do	Execute the decision

Sound Judgment

Overview

You're responsible for supervising those who ride your ATV. Your wisdom is valuable... it'll bring them all back safely – your friends, your family, your relatives, and your ATV. It's crucial that you consider yourself a supervisor for all riders of your ATV. Whether you accept responsibility or not, the truth is that you are responsible for others riding your ATV.

Taking Responsibility

You're to the last letter in "PASS"... "Supervision." You've just gone through the manual, and you've seen what's involved. That puts you in a good position to be confident about what you know. So now it's time to use your knowledge and supervise others who ride your ATV.

Inexperienced/Untrained Riders

You can't let people ride your ATV who don't know what they're doing. Unless they've had over a year of experience with ATV riding or taken an ATV training course, it's your responsibility to keep them off your ATV. It can be dangerous (especially for underaged children) – all the more reason for you to be firm.

Experienced/Trained Riders

If anyone is going to borrow your ATV, you are responsible for their supervision. Before they ride, have them take the training course, have them watch the safety video, and have them read the Operator's Manual. You train them. It doesn't matter how you do it, as long as you do it.

ATV's are all a little different from the handling to the stability to the controls. So regardless of how much experience your family members have with ATV's, they don't have experience with your ATV. Let experienced riders get familiar with your ATV – show them the basics before they take off. You don't want it on your conscience that someone got hurt because you didn't tell them how to use your ATV.

Remember that regardless of experience, you should never let anyone under the age of 16 operate your ATV.

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DIVISION II

(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)

This Arctic Cat ATV Operator's Manual should be considered a permanent part of the ATV and must remain with the ATV at the time of resale. If the ATV changes ownership more than once, contact your Arctic Cat dealer or Arctic Cat GmbH, After Sales Department, Industriestraße 43, 5600 St. Johann, for proper registration information. Division II of this Operator's Manual was prepared by the Service Department of Arctic Cat.

You have chosen a quality Arctic Cat ATV designed and manufactured to give dependable service. Be sure, as the owner/operator of an Arctic Cat ATV, to become thoroughly familiar with its basic operation, maintenance, and storage procedures. Read and understand the entire Operator's Manual before operating the ATV to ensure safe and proper use of your new Arctic Cat ATV. Always operate the ATV within your level of skill and current terrain conditions.

Division II of this manual covers operator-related maintenance, operating instructions, and storage instructions. If major repair or service is ever required, contact an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for professional service.

At the time of publication, all information and illustrations in Division II were technically correct. Some illustrations used in Division II are used for clarity purposes only and are not designed to depict actual conditions. Because Arctic Cat constantly refines and improves its products, no retroactive obligation is incurred.

PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

When in need of replacement parts, oil, or accessories for your Arctic Cat ATV, be sure to use only GENUINE ARCTIC CAT PARTS, OIL, AND ACCESSORIES. Only genuine Arctic Cat parts, oil, and accessories are engineered to meet the standards and requirements of your Arctic Cat ATV. For a complete list of accessories, refer to the current Arctic Cat ATV Accessory Catalog.

SPECIFICATIONS* 300 DVX

ENGINE AND DRIVE	
Type	Four-Cycle/Liquid Cooled
Bore x Stroke	72.7 mm x 65.2 mm
Displacement	271 ccm
Ignition Type	CDI
Compression Ratio	10.3
Spark Plug Type	NGK DPR7EA-9
Spark Plug Gap	0.6 -0.7 mm
Brake Type	Hydraulic w/Twin Disc (Front) Hydraulic w/Single Disc (Rear) Mechanical Parking Brake
Carburetor Type	Keihin PTG
CHASSIS	
Length (Overall)	172.0 cm
Height (Overall)	113.5 cm
Width (Overall)	115.5 cm
Suspension Travel front/rear	15.5 cm/16.5 cm
Wheelbase	118.0 cm
Tire Size (Front)	21x7-10
Tire Size (Rear)	20x11-9
Tire Inflation Pressure - Offroad	0.8-1.0 bar (according to load and route)

* Specifications subject to change without notice.

SPECIFICATIONS* 300 DVX

MISCELLANY	
Dry Weight (Approx)	205 kg
Gas Tank Capacity (Rated)	12.5 L
Reserve Capacity	1.8 L
Transmission lubricant capacity	400 ml
Transm. lub. cap. (oil replacement)	300 ml
Rear Drive Capacity	150 ml
Engine Oil Capacity	1.6 L
Gasoline (Recommended)	EU unleaded 91 Octane
Engine Oil (Rec.)	SAE 5W-30
Rear Drive Lubricant	SAE 80W-90 Hypoid
Cooling capacity	1.6 L
Taillight/Brakelight	12V/5W/21W
Position Light	12V/5W
Turn Signal Light	12V/10W
Headlight	12V/35W/35W
Starting System	Electric

* Specifications subject to change without notice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ATV IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

The Arctic Cat ATV has two identification numbers: Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and Engine Serial Number (ESN).

The Vehicle Identification Number is located on the front of the frame.



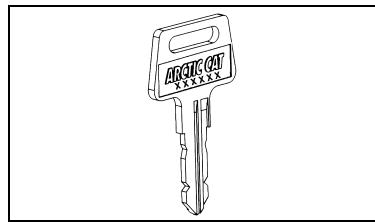
The Engine Serial Number is located on the lower left-side of the crankcase near the front of the engine.



IGNITION SWITCH KEY

Two keys come with the ATV. Keep the spare key in a safe place. An identifying number is stamped on each key. Use this number when ordering a replacement key.

The same applies for the keys of the anti-theft device.



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CONTROL LOCATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

Ignition Switch

The ignition switch has three positions.

OFF position - All electrical circuits are off. The engine will not start. The key can be removed in this position.



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ON position - The ignition circuit is complete and the engine can run. The key cannot be removed in this position.

LIGHTS position - The ignition circuit is complete and the position lights are on. The key cannot be removed in this position.

■ **Note:**

To illuminate the headlight, the engine must be running and the headlight switch must be in the HI or LO position.

! CAUTION

Leaving the ignition switch in the **LIGHTS** position for a long period of time when the engine is not running may cause the battery to discharge. Always leave the ignition switch in the **OFF** position when engine is not running.

Indicator Lights

A. Indicator left/right

1. Temperature Indicator - A red light will illuminate if the engine overheats. The light should be off during normal operation.

! CAUTION

Continued operation of the ATV with high engine temperature may result in engine damage or premature wear.

■ **Note:**

High engine RPM, low vehicle speed, or heavy load can raise engine temperature. Decreasing engine RPM, reducing load, and selecting an appropriate transmission gear can lower the temperature.

■ **Note:**

Debris in front of the engine (or packed between the cooling fins of the radiator) can reduce cooling capability. Using a hose, pressure-wash the radiator and the engine to remove any debris restricting air flow.



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2. High Beam Indicator - A blue light will illuminate when the engine is running, the ignition switch is in the LIGHTS position, and the headlight switch is in the HI beam position.
3. Neutral Indicator - A green light will illuminate when the transmission is in neutral and the ignition switch is on. The light will go out when shifted into any gear other than neutral.
4. Reverse Indicator - A red light will illuminate when the transmission is shifted into reverse gear. The light will go off when shifted out of reverse.

Shift Lever



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To engage the forward gear from neutral, apply the brakes and move the shift lever outward and forward.

To engage reverse gear from neutral, apply the brakes and move the shift lever outward and rearward into the R position.

! WARNING

Never shift the ATV into reverse gear when the ATV is moving as it could cause the ATV to stop suddenly throwing the operator from the ATV.

Brake Pedal



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Pressing the brake pedal downward will apply the brake to the front and rear wheels.

The foot brake is considered to be the main brake.

Right Hand Brake Lever

Compressing the right hand brake lever will apply the brake to the front wheels.

Left Hand Brake Lever

Compressing the left hand brake lever will apply the brake to the rear wheels.

Brake Lever Lock



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To engage and release the brake lever lock, use the following procedure.

1. Move the brake lever lock to the left side.
2. Release the brake lever lock by moving the brake lever lock to the right side.

Check to make sure the brake lever lock engages properly and that the brake (when engaged) locks the rear wheels.

■ Note:

The brake lever lock must lock the rear wheels. If it doesn't, take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for service.

! WARNING

Always check to be sure that the brake lever lock has been disengaged before operating the ATV. An accident could result if the brake lever lock is left engaged while the ATV is operated. The brake may relax if left engaged for a long period of time. This could cause an accident; therefore, do not leave the ATV on a hill depending on the brake lever lock. Always block the downhill side of the wheels if leaving the ATV on a hill or park the ATV in a sidehill position.

Headlight LI/LO/HI Switch



Use the headlight LI/LO/HI switch to select the high or low headlight beam when the ignition switch is in the LIGHTS position. When the switch is in the HI position, the high beam will illuminate. When the switch is in the LO position, the low beam will illuminate.

When the switch is in the LIGHT position, the front and rear position lights and the will illuminate.

Electric Starter Button

Pushing in on this button activates the starter motor. Before starting the engine, make sure the ignition switch is in the ON position, the transmission is in neutral, and the parking brake lock is engaged.

Choke Lever

The choke lever is used to help start a cold engine. Move the lever to the left to activate the choke. Return the lever to the right position to de-activate the choke.

Throttle Lever



Control engine RPM with the position of the throttle lever. Operate this lever with the thumb. Pushing it forward increases engine RPM and allowing it to retract decreases engine RPM.

Throttle lever travel may be limited by adjusting the throttle limiter screw. The throttle limiter should be adjusted according to the operator's skill and experience.



To adjust the throttle limiter, use the following procedure:

1. Loosen the jam nut (1).
2. Turn the throttle limiter screw (2) clockwise to decrease engine RPM maximum or counterclockwise to increase engine RPM maximum.
3. Tighten the jam nut securely.

Fuel Valve

The fuel valve is incorporated in the gas tank. There are three positions: ON, RES (reserve), and OFF.

In the OFF position, the valve will prevent gasoline flow to the carburetor. In the ON position (the normal operating position), gasoline will flow from the tank to the carburetor. In this position, 1.8 L (0.5 U.S. gal.) will remain in the tank as a reserve quantity.



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Moving the valve to the reserve (RES) position will allow the operator to use the remaining gasoline in the tank. When turning the valve to any of the three positions, be sure the indicator is pointed directly at the position desired.

! WARNING

Leaving the fuel valve in the ON or RES position when the engine is off can be hazardous. The carburetor may overflow and fuel may run into the engine. This can cause a fire or cause severe damage to the ATV when the engine is started. Always leave the fuel valve in the OFF position when the engine is not running.

GAS/VENT HOSES

Replace the gas hose every two years. Damage from aging may not always be visible. Do not bend or obstruct the routing of the carburetor vent hose. Make certain that the vent hose is securely connected to the carburetor and hose holder and the opposite end is always open.

CARBURETOR FLOAT BOWL DRAIN

Periodically, the float bowl should be drained to remove condensation. To drain the float bowl, use the following procedure.



1. Place a suitable container beneath the drain hose.
2. Loosen the drain screw and allow the gasoline and condensation to flow into the container.
3. Tighten the drain screw securely.

! WARNING

Draining fuel from the carburetor can be hazardous. Fuel can catch on fire if not handled properly. When draining the carburetor, always shut the engine off. Do not smoke and never drain or refuel in an area where there are open flames or sparks. Dispose of drained fuel properly.

OIL LEVEL INSPECTION WINDOW



The oil level inspection window is located on the lower-right side of the engine. With the ATV on a level surface, the oil level should be visible at any point between the level marks.

SEAT LATCH



1. To remove the seat, push the seat latch lever to the right (located at the bottom rear end of the seat). Raise the rear end of the seat and slide it backward.
2. To lock the seat into position, slide the front of the seat into the seat retainer and push down firmly on rear of seat.

The seat should automatically lock into position.

! WARNING

Make sure the seat is secure before mounting the ATV. Severe personal injury may result if the seat is not properly secured.

A bracket is provided for mounting a flag at the rear of the ATV.



TRANSPORTING ATV

When transporting the ATV, Arctic Cat recommends that the ATV be in its normal operating position (on all four wheels) and the following procedure be used.

1. Engage the brake lever lock.
2. Secure the ATV with load rated hold-down straps.

■ Note:

Suitable hold-down straps are available from your Arctic Cat ATV dealer. Ordinary rope is not recommended because it can stretch under load.

! CAUTION

If using additional hold-down straps in any other areas, care must be taken not to damage the ATV.

! CAUTION

When transporting the ATV, make sure the parking brake lock is engaged and the ATV is properly secured.

GASOLINE-OIL-LUBRICANT

Recommended Gasoline

The recommended gasoline to use in this ATV is 91 minimum octane regular unleaded. In many areas, oxygenates (either ethanol or MTBE) are added to the gasoline. Oxygenated gasoline containing up to 10% ethanol, 5% methane, or MTBE are acceptable gasoline.

When using ethanol blended gasoline, it is not necessary to add a gasoline antifreeze since ethanol will prevent the accumulation of moisture in the fuel system.

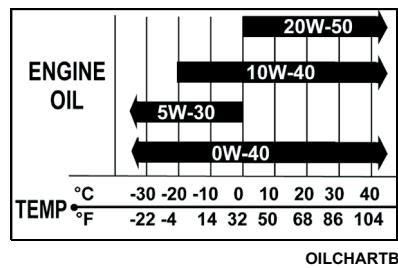
! CAUTION

Do not use white gas. Only Arctic Cat approved gasoline additives should be used.

Recommended Engine Oil

■ Note:

Arctic Cat recommends the use of genuine Arctic Cat lubricants.



The recommended oil to use in this ATV is an oil which is rated SE, SF, or SG under API service classification. These oils meet all of the lubrication requirements of the Arctic Cat ATV engine. The recommended engine oil viscosity is SAE 5W-30. Ambient temperature should determine the correct weight of oil. See the viscosity chart or an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for details.

! CAUTION

Any oil used in place of the recommended oil could cause serious engine damage.

Recommended Transmission/Rear Drive Lubricant

■ Note:

Arctic Cat recommends the use of genuine Arctic Cat lubricants.

The recommended lubricant (transmission and rear drive) is SAE approved 80W-90 hypoid. This lubricant meets all of the lubrication requirements of the Arctic Cat ATV.

! CAUTION

Any lubricant used in place of the recommended lubricant could cause serious transmission or rear drive damage.

Filling Gas Tank

! WARNING

Always fill the gas tank in a well-ventilated area. Never add gasoline to the ATV gas tank near any open flames or with the engine running or hot. **DO NOT SMOKE** while filling the gas tank.

Since gasoline expands as its temperature increases, the gas tank must be filled to its rated capacity only. Expansion room must be maintained in the tank particularly if the tank is filled with cold gasoline and then moved to a warm area.

Allow the engine to cool before filling the gas tank. Care must be taken not to overfill the tank. If overfilled, gas may leak onto the engine creating a fire hazard.

To remove and install the tank cap, use the following procedure:

1. Remove the vent tube from the instrument pod.

Turn the cap counter-clockwise and remove.

! WARNING

Do not overflow gasoline when filling the gas tank. A fire hazard could materialize. Always allow the engine to cool before filling the gas tank.

2. Turn the cap clockwise to tighten the cap securely after filling the tank; then install the vent tube making sure it is properly routed.

! WARNING

Do not overfill the gas tank.

BREAK-IN PROCEDURE

New ATV's and renewed ATV engines require a "break-in" period. The first month is most critical to the life of this ATV. Proper operation during this break-in period will help assure maximum life and performance from the ATV.

During the first 10 hours of operation, always use less than $\frac{1}{2}$ throttle. Varying the engine RPM during the break-in period allows the

components to “load” (aiding the engine/transmission component mating process) and then “unload” (allowing components to cool). Although it is essential to place some stress on the engine components during break-in, care should be taken not to overload the engine too often.

When the engine starts, allow it to warm up properly. Idle the engine several minutes until the engine has reached normal operating temperature. Do not idle the engine for excessively long periods of time.

! CAUTION

BRAKE PADS MUST BE BURNISHED TO ACHIEVE FULL BRAKING EFFECTIVENESS.

TO PROPERLY BURNISH THE BRAKES, USE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

- Choose an area sufficiently large to safely accelerate ATV to 50 km/h (30 mph) and to brake to a stop.
- Accelerate to 50 km/h (30 mph); then compress brake lever to decelerate to 0-10 km/h (0-5 mph).
- Repeat procedure 5 times until brakes are burnished.

! WARNING

Do not attempt sudden stops or put yourself into a situation where a sudden stop will be required until the brake pads are properly burnished.

After the completion of the break-in period, the engine oil should be changed and the screen/filter should be cleaned. Other maintenance after break-in should include checking of all prescribed adjustments and tightening of all fasteners. At the discretion and expense of the owner/operator, the ATV may be taken to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for this initial service.

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GENERAL MAINTENANCE

■ Note:

Proper maintenance of the ATV is important for optimum performance. Follow the Maintenance Schedule in your Service Booklet.

If, at any time, abnormal noises, vibrations, or improper functioning of any component of this ATV is detected, DO NOT OPERATE THE ATV. Take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for inspection and adjustment or repair.

MAINTENANCE IN DETAIL

COOLING SYSTEM

■ NOTE:

Debris in front of the engine or packed between the cooling fins of the radiator can reduce cooling capability. Using a hose, pressure-wash the radiator to remove any debris preventing air flow.

The cooling system capacity is approximately 1.4 L (1.5 U.S. qt). The cooling system should be inspected daily for leakage and damage. If leakage or damage is detected, take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for service. Also, the coolant level should be checked periodically.

! CAUTION

Continued operation of the ATV with high engine temperature may result in engine damage or premature wear.

■ Note:

High engine RPM, low vehicle speed, or heavy load can raise engine temperature. Decreasing engine RPM, reducing load, and selecting an appropriate transmission gear can lower the temperature.

The engine coolant will expand in the radiator as the temperature increases. Excessive coolant will flow to the coolant overflow tank; then as the system cools, coolant will be drawn back into the radiator. The coolant level in the overflow tank should be maintained between low and high marks on the tank.

When filling the cooling system, use a coolant/water mixture which will satisfy the coldest anticipated weather conditions of the area in accordance with the coolant manufacturer's recommendations. While the cooling system is being filled, air pockets may develop; therefore, run the engine for five minutes after the initial fill, shut the engine off, and then fill the cooling system.

■ Note:

Use a good quality, biodegradable glycol-based, automotive-type antifreeze.

! WARNING

Never check the coolant level when the engine is hot or the cooling system is under pressure.

! CAUTION

After operating the ATV for the initial 5-10 minutes, stop the engine, allow the engine to cool down, and check the coolant level. Add coolant as necessary.

SHOCK ABSORBERS

Each shock absorber should be visibly checked weekly for excessive fluid leakage (some seal leakage may be observed but it does not indicate the shock is in need of replacement), cracks or breaks in the lower case, or a bent shock rod. If any one of these conditions is detected, replacement is necessary.

■ NOTE:

When the ATV is operated in extremely cold weather (-23°C/-10°F or colder), a small amount of leakage may be present.



Unless the leakage is excessive, replacement is not necessary. The shock absorber has a spring force adjustment sleeve with five adjustment positions to allow the spring to be adjusted for different riding and loading conditions. If the spring action is too soft or too stiff, adjust it according to the chart.

■ NOTE:

Use a spanner wrench to adjust the sleeve to the desired position.

Position	Spring Force	Settings	Load
1	↓	Soft	Light
2		↑	↑
3		↓	↓
4		↑	↓
5		Stronger	Stiff

GENERAL LUBRICATION

Lubrication Points



It is advisable to lubricate certain components periodically and before storage to ensure free movement.

1. Brake Lever Holder (oil)
2. Throttle Lever (oil)
3. Steering Shaft Holder (grease)
4. Brake Pedal Pivot (grease)
5. Shift Rod Ball Joints (oil)

Engine Oil and Screen/Filter

Change the engine oil and clean the oil screen/filter at the scheduled intervals. The engine should always be warm when the oil is changed so the oil will drain easily and completely.

1. Park the ATV on level ground.



2. Loosen the oil fill plug. Be careful not to allow contaminates to enter the opening.
3. Remove the screen/filter cap from the bottom of the crankcase. Drain the oil into a drain pan.

! CAUTION

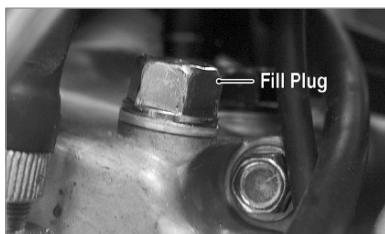
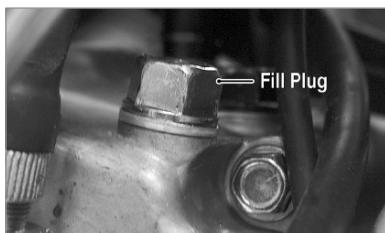
When the cap is removed, a compression spring, screen/filter, and an O-ring will fall into the drain pan. Take care to account for these components.



4. Using a brush and parts cleaning solvent, clean the screen/filter; then clean the cap and inspect the O-ring.
5. Install the O-ring, screen/filter, compression spring, and the O-ring; then secure with the screen/filter cap. Tighten cap to 1.5 kg-m (11 ft-lb).
6. Remove the oil fill plug; then pour recommended oil into the crankcase. Install fill plug.
7. Start the engine (while the ATV is outside on level ground) and allow it to idle for a few minutes.
8. Turn the engine off. Check the oil level in the oil level inspection window. The oil level should be between the low and high marks.
9. Inspect the area around the screen/filter cap for leaks.

Transmission Lubricant

Change the transmission lubricant at the scheduled intervals. The transmission should always be warm when the lubricant is changed so it will drain easily and completely.



1. Park the ATV on level ground.
2. Remove the fill plug. Be careful not to allow contaminates to enter the opening.
3. Remove the drain plug and drain the lubricant into a drain pan.
4. Install the drain plug and tighten to 3.0 kg-m (22 ft-lb).
5. Pour 300 ml of recommended lubricant into the fill plug hole; then install the fill plug and tighten securely.
6. Start the engine and drive the ATV to warm up the transmission; then check for any leaks around the drain and fill plugs.

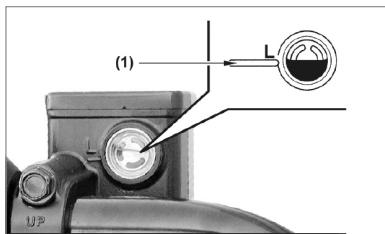
HYDRAULIC BRAKES

! WARNING

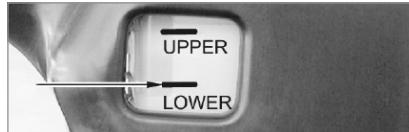
Be sure to inspect the hydraulic brake system before each use. Always maintain brakes according to the maintenance schedule in the service booklet.

Brake Fluid

Check the brake fluid level in the hand brake fluid reservoirs. If the level in the reservoirs is below the lower mark in the sight glass, add DOT 4 brake fluid. Check the brake fluid level in the foot brake reservoir.



If the level in the reservoir is below the LOWER mark, add DOT 4 brake fluid.



! CAUTION

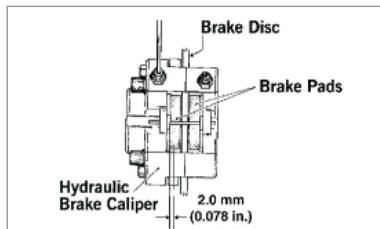
Be careful not to spill any fluid when filling the brake fluid reservoir. Wipe away spilled fluid immediately.

Brake Hoses

Carefully inspect the hydraulic brake hoses for cracks or other damage. If found, take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer to have the brake hoses replaced.

Brake Pads

The clearance between the brake pads and brake discs is adjusted automatically as the brake pads wear. The only maintenance that is required is replacement of the brake pads when they show excessive wear. Check the condition of each of the brake pads as follows:



1. Remove a front wheel.
2. Measure the thickness of each brake pad.
3. If thickness of either brake pad is less than 2.0 mm (0.078 in.), take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer to have brake pads replaced.

Brake Lever Lock

Check to make sure the brake lever lock engages properly and that the brake (when engaged) locks the rear wheels.



1. Engage the brake lever lock.
2. Attempt to push the ATV.

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■ Note:

The brake lever lock must lock the rear wheels. If it doesn't, take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for service.

PROTECTIVE RUBBER BOOTS

The protective boots should be inspected periodically according to the Maintenance Schedule.

Ball Joint Boots

(Upper and Lower/Right and Left)

1. Secure the ATV on a support stand to elevate the front wheels.
2. Remove both front wheels.



3. Inspect the four ball joint boots for cracks, tears, or perforations.
4. Check the ball joint for free-play by grasping the steering knuckle and turning it from side to side and up and down.
5. If boot damage is present or ball joint free-play seems excessive, contact an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for service.

Tie Rod Boots

(Inner and Outer/Right and Left)

1. Secure the ATV on a support stand to elevate the front wheels.
2. Remove both front wheels.
3. Inspect the four tie rod boots for cracks, tears, or perforations.
4. Check the tie rod end free-play by grasping the tie rod near the end and attempting to move it up and down.



5. If boot damage is present or tie rod end free-play seems excessive, contact an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for service.

BATTERY

The battery is located under the seat.

The battery in this ATV is a “sealed” type and does not require any maintenance unless discharged. Distilled water and/or electrolyte cannot be added to the battery.

! WARNING

Anytime service is performed on a battery, the following must be observed: Keep sparks, open flame, cigarettes, or any other flame away. Always wear safety glasses. Protect skin and clothing when handling batteries. When servicing battery in enclosed space, keep the area well-ventilated.

This maintenance-free battery requires periodic charging to prevent sulfiding. If the ATV will be idle for extended periods of time, either run the engine or trickle charge every 30 days. If the battery completely discharges, permanent damage will occur requiring replacement.

If the battery is discharged, remove the battery from the ATV and charge the battery at the standard charging rate of 1.4 amps for 10 hours.

To remove and charge the battery, use the following procedure.

1. Remove the seat assembly; then remove the battery hold-down bracket
2. Remove the negative battery cable; then remove the positive cable. Remove the battery from the ATV.

! CAUTION

Do not charge the battery while it is in the ATV with the battery terminals connected.

3. Trickle charge the battery at 1.4 amps for 5-10 hours.

! CAUTION

Never exceed the standard charging rate.

! CAUTION

Before installing the battery, make sure the ignition switch is in the OFF position.

4. Place the battery into position in the ATV and secure with the hold-down bracket.
5. Clean the battery posts and cable ends by using a battery post cleaning tool and/or a wire brush to remove dirt, grease, and corrosion.
6. Connect cables to the proper terminals: positive cable to the positive terminal (+) and negative cable to the negative terminal (-). Connect the negative cable last.

! CAUTION

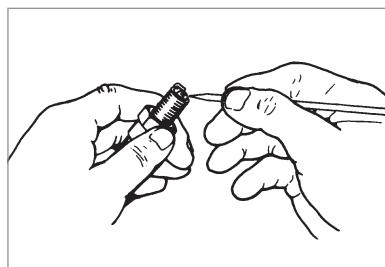
Connecting cables in reverse (positive to negative and negative to positive) can cause serious damage to the electrical system.

SPARK PLUG

The ATV comes equipped with a specified spark plug. See the specifications chart for the correct spark plug. A light brown insulator indicates that the plug is correct. A white or dark insulator indicates that the engine may need to be serviced or the carburetor may need to be adjusted.

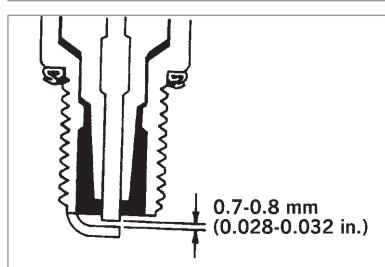
Consult an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer if the plug insulator is not a light brown color. To help prevent cold weather fouling, make sure to thoroughly warm up the engine before operating. To maintain a hot, strong spark, keep the plug free of carbon.

Before removing the spark plug, be sure to clean the area around the



spark plug. If you do not, dirt could enter engine when removing or installing the spark plug.

Adjust the gap to 0.7-0.8 mm for proper ignition. Use a feeler gauge to check the gap.



When installing the spark plug, be sure to tighten it securely. A new spark plug should be tightened 1/2 turn once the washer contacts the cylinder head. A used spark plug should be tightened 1/8 - 1/4 turn once the washer contacts the cylinder head.

ENGINE IDLE RPM ADJUSTMENT

To properly adjust the idle, a tachometer is necessary. If one is not available, take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer. To adjust idle RPM:



1. Start the engine and warm it up to normal operating temperature.

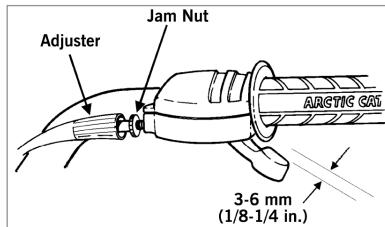
2. Turn the idle adjustment screw in or out until the engine idles at 1250-1350 RPM.

! WARNING

Adjust the idle to the correct RPM. Make sure the engine is at normal operating temperature before adjusting the idle RPM.

THROTTLE CABLE ADJUSTMENT

To adjust the throttle cable freeplay:



1. Slide the rubber boot away; then loosen the jam nut (1) from the throttle housing.
2. Turn the throttle cable adjuster (2) until the throttle lever has proper free-play of 3-6 mm (1/8 - 1/4 in.).
3. Tighten the jam nut (1) against

the throttle housing securely; then slide the rubber boot over the adjuster.

AIR FILTER (V-Belt Housing)

The air filter in the V-belt housing cooling inlet must be kept clean. If the ATV is used under normal conditions, service the filter at the intervals specified. If operated in dusty, wet, or muddy conditions inspect and service the filter more frequently. Use the following procedure to remove the filter and inspect and/or clean it.

1. Remove the two screws securing the filter housing to the inside of the left-front fender.
2. Remove the filter housing cover. Tap the filter lightly to remove dust and debris; then use compressed air to thoroughly clean the filter.

■ Note:

Inspect the filter element. If damaged or torn, it must be replaced.

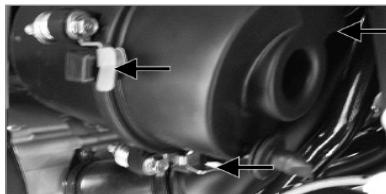
3. Install the filter housing cover onto the filter housing.
4. Place the filter housing into position inside the left-front fender. Tighten the two screws securely.

AIR FILTER (Engine)

The air filter inside the air filter housing must be kept clean to provide good engine power and gas mileage. If the ATV is used under normal conditions, service the filter at the intervals specified. If operated in dusty, wet, or muddy conditions inspect and service the filter more frequently. Use the following procedure to remove the filter and inspect and/or clean it.

! CAUTION

Failure to inspect the air filter frequently if the ATV is used in dusty, wet, or muddy conditions can damage the engine.



1. Remove the seat.
2. Remove the air filter housing cover by unseating the four retaining clips; then lifting and removing the cover.
3. Remove the air filter retaining nut (1); then remove the foam element (2) from its frame.
4. Fill a wash pan larger than the element with a non-flammable cleaning solvent; then dip the element in the solvent and wash it.
5. Squeeze the element by pressing it between the palms of both hands to remove excess solvent. Do not twist or wring the element or it will develop cracks.
6. Dry the element.
7. Put the element in a plastic bag; then pour in air filter oil and work the oil into the element.
8. Squeeze the element to remove excess oil.

! CAUTION

A torn air filter can cause damage to the ATV engine. Dirt and dust may get inside the engine if the element is torn. Carefully examine the element for tears before and after cleaning it. Replace the element with a new one if it is torn.

9. Clean any dirt or debris from inside the air cleaner. Be sure no dirt enters the carburetor.
10. Install the foam element into its frame; then place the assembly into position in the housing.
11. Install the cover and secure with the retaining clips.
12. Install the seat making sure it is properly secured.

AIR FILTER HOUSING DRAIN TUBE



Periodically (weekly) check the drain tube for gasoline or oil accumulation. If noticed, remove the drain tube cap from beneath the housing, drain the gasoline or oil into a suitable container, and install and secure the tube cap.

DRIVE CHAIN CONDITION/ADJUSTMENT

Drive chain condition and adjustment should be inspected each day before you ride. Always follow the guidelines below for inspecting and servicing the drive chain.

! WARNING

Failure to inspect and maintain the drive chain can be hazardous. Operating the ATV with the drive chain in poor condition or improperly adjusted can cause an accident resulting in possible injury.

Inspecting Condition

Inspect the drive chain for any of the following conditions.

- Loose pins.
- Loose or cracked rollers.
- Dry or rusted links.
- Kinked or binding links.
- Excessive wear.

The presence of any of the conditions requires drive chain replacement. Take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for this service.

■ Note:

If the drive chain is worn or damaged, the sprockets may also be worn or damaged. Inspect the sprockets for worn, broken, or damaged teeth. Always inspect the sprockets when a new drive chain is being installed.

Cleaning and Lubricating

The drive chain should be cleaned and lubricated frequently to prolong chain and sprocket life. Use the following procedure to clean and lubricate the chain.

■ NOTE:

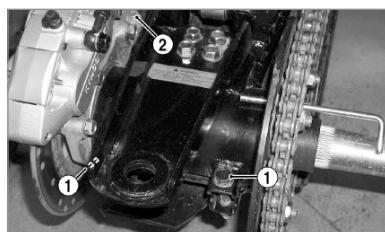
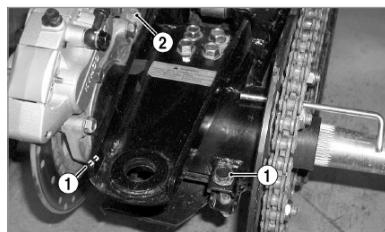
This ATV is equipped with an O-ring type roller chain. Each link incorporates small O-rings to seal out water and dirt. Care should be taken to choose cleaning solutions and lubricants that are suitable for O-ring chains.

Using a suitable, non-flammable cleaning solution, thoroughly wash the chain and sprockets.

Allow the chain to dry; then apply a dry, graphite-based lubricant to the chain.

The drive chain should be lubricated with a dry, graphite-based chain lubricant. By using a dry, graphite-based chain lubricant, dirt build-up on the drive chain will be minimized.

Adjusting Tension



To adjust the drive chain tension, use the following procedure.

1. Loosen the two cap screws (1) at the rear of the axle housing; then loosen the cap screw(2) on the front of the brake calliper.
2. Install an appropriate pin through the axle hub and rear sprocket.
3. With a person seated on the ATV, check chain tension at the mid-point of the chain.

■ NOTE:

Chain "slack" should be within a range of 30-40 mm (1.2-1.6 in.).

4. Push the ATV forward to tighten chain tension; push the ATV backward to loosen chain tension.
5. Tighten the two cap screws (1) to 3.5-4.4 kg-m; tighten the cap screw (2) to 0.8-1.2 kg-m.

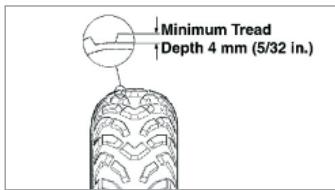
■ NOTE:

Drive chain adjustments may be done by the ATV owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for this service.

TIRES

! WARNING

Always use the size and type of tires as specified. Refer to the appropriate specifications chart for proper tire inflation pressure, and always maintain proper tire inflation pressure.



Tire Tread Condition

The use of worn-out tires on an ATV is very dangerous. A tire is considered to be worn out when the depth of the tread is less than 4 mm (5/32 in.). Be sure to replace the tires before reaching this minimum specification.

! WARNING

The use of worn-out tires can be dangerous and can increase the risk of an accident.

Tire Replacement

The ATV has low-pressure tubeless tires. Air is sealed by the contact surfaces of the inner wheel rim and the tire bead. If either the inner wheel rim or tire bead is damaged, air may leak. Be extremely careful not to damage these areas when replacing tires.

It is very important to use the proper tools when repairing or replacing tires to prevent damage to the tire bead or wheel rims. If proper tools and related items are not available, have this maintenance performed by an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer or a qualified tire repair station.

! CAUTION

When breaking the tire bead loose from the wheel, be extremely careful not to damage the inner wheel surface or the tire bead.

! WARNING

Use only Arctic Cat approved tires when replacing tires. Failure to do so could result in unstable ATV operation.

Tubeless Tire Repair

Should a leak or flat tire occur due to a puncture, the tire may be repaired using a plug-type repair. If the damage is from a cut or if the puncture cannot be repaired using a plug, the tire must be replaced. When operating the ATV in areas where transportation or service facilities are not readily available, it is strongly recommended to carry a plug-type repair kit and a tire pump along.

WHEEL REMOVAL

1. Park the ATV on level ground and engage the parking brake lock.
2. Loosen the lug nuts on the wheel to be removed.
3. Elevate the ATV by placing a jack under the axle.
4. Remove the lug nuts.
5. Remove the wheel.
6. Install the wheel and install the lug nuts.
7. Tighten the nuts in a crisscross pattern to 4.4 kg-m (32 ft-lb).

! WARNING

Failure to tighten the wheel nuts to the specified torque value can be hazardous. If the wheel nuts are not properly tightened, the wheel can come off causing an accident and possible injury.

8. Remove the jack.

LIGHT BULB REPLACEMENT

The wattage rating of each bulb is shown in the chart. When replacing a burned bulb, always use the same wattage rating.

Headlight	12V/35W/35W
Taillight/Brakelight	12V/5W/21W
Turn Signal Front	12V/21W
Turn Signal Rear	12V/10W
Position Light	12V/5W

Headlight

■ NOTE:

The bulb portion of the headlight is fragile. **HANDLE WITH CARE**. When replacing the headlight bulb, do not touch the glass portion of the bulb. If the glass is touched, it must be cleaned with a dry cloth before installing. Skin oil residue on the bulb will shorten the life of the bulb.

! WARNING

Do not attempt to remove the bulb when it is hot. Severe burns may result.

To replace the headlight bulb, use the following procedure:

1. Remove the three-wire connector from the bulb; then remove the rubber boot from the back of the headlight housing.
2. Release the end of the spring clip from the headlight housing taking care not to bend or deform the clip; then remove the bulb from the housing.
3. Install the new bulb into the housing; then secure with the spring clip.
4. Install the rubber boot; then connect the three-wire connector to the bulb.

! CAUTION

When replacing the headlight bulb, be careful not to touch the glass portion of the bulb. Grasp the new bulb with a clean cloth.

Taillight/Brake light

To replace the taillight/brake light bulb, use the following procedure.



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1. Remove the two screws and remove the lens.
2. Push the bulb in and turn it counterclockwise.
3. Install the new bulb by turning it clockwise while pushing in.
4. Install the lens. Tighten the two screws securely.

Turn-Light

To replace the turn light, use the following procedure:

1. Remove the screw and remove the lens.
2. Push the bulb in and turn it counterclockwise.
3. Install the new bulb by turning it clockwise while pushing in.
4. Install the lens. Tighten the screw securely.

FUSES

The fuse box (with three active fuses and one spare fuse) is located under the seat near the battery.

■ NOTE:

To remove the fuse, compress the locking tabs on either side of the fuse cover and lift off; then remove and replace the fuse.

! CAUTION

Always replace a blown fuse with a fuse of the same type and rating. If the new fuse blows after a short period of use, consult an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer immediately.

TOOLS

A basic tool kit, located under the seat, is provided with the ATV. Maintain the tool kit with the ATV at all times.

PREPARATION FOR STORAGE

! CAUTION

Prior to storing the ATV, it must be properly serviced to prevent rusting and component deterioration.

Arctic Cat recommends the following procedure to prepare the ATV for storage. An authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer should perform this service; however, the owner/operator may perform this service if desired.

1. Clean the seat cushion (cover and base) with a damp cloth and allow to dry.
2. Clean the ATV thoroughly by washing dirt, oil, grass, and other foreign matter from the entire ATV. Allow the ATV to dry thoroughly. DO NOT get water into any part of the engine or air intake.
3. Either drain the gas tank or add a fuel stabilizer to the gas in the gas tank. Remove the air filter housing cover and air filter. Start the engine and allow it to idle; then using Arctic Cat Engine Preserver, rapidly inject the preserver into the air filter opening for a period of 10 to 20 seconds. Install the air filter and housing cover.

! CAUTION

If the interior of the air filter housing is dirty, clean the area before starting the engine.

4. Drain the carburetor float bowl.
5. Plug the hole in the exhaust system with a clean cloth.
6. Apply light oil to the upper steering post bushing, plungers of the shock absorbers, and drive chain.
7. Tighten all nuts, bolts, cap screws, and screws. Make sure rivets holding components together are tight. Replace all loose rivets. Care must be taken that all calibrated nuts, cap screws, and bolts are tightened to specifications.
8. Fill the cooling system with properly mixed coolant.
9. Disconnect the battery cables (negative cable first); then remove the battery, clean the battery posts and cables, and store in a clean, dry area.

! CAUTION

This maintenance-free battery requires periodic charging to prevent sulfiding. If the ATV will be idle for extended periods of time, either run the engine or trickle charge every 30 days. If the battery completely discharges, permanent damage will occur requiring replacement.

10. Store the ATV indoors in a level position.

! CAUTION

Avoid storing outside in direct sunlight and avoid using a plastic cover as moisture will collect on the ATV causing rusting.

PREPARATION AFTER STORAGE

Taking the ATV out of storage and correctly preparing it will assure many miles and hours of trouble-free riding. Arctic Cat recommends the following procedure to prepare the ATV.

1. Clean the ATV thoroughly.
2. Clean the engine. Remove the cloth from the exhaust system.
3. Check all control wires and cables for signs of wear or fraying.
Replace if necessary.
4. Change the engine oil and filter.
5. Check the coolant level and add properly mixed coolant as necessary.
6. Charge the battery; then install. Connect the battery cables making sure to connect the positive cable first.
7. Check the entire brake systems (fluid level, pads, etc.), all controls, headlights, taillight, brake light, and headlight aim; adjust or replace if necessary.
8. Check the tire pressure. Inflate to recommended pressure as necessary.
9. Tighten all nuts, bolts, cap screws, and screws making sure all calibrated nuts, cap screws, and bolts are tightened to specifications.
10. Make sure the steering moves freely and does not bind.
11. Check the spark plug. Clean or replace as necessary.
12. Follow the recommendations found in the Starting the Engine sub-section in Division I of this manual.

WARRANTY

Arctic Cat extends legal warranty on each new Arctic Cat ATV and each part and accessory manufactured or sold by Arctic Cat. Warranty claims can be made only for parts and accessories sold by an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer. Warranty is extended to the original retail purchaser; however, against a fee of EUR 25,- the balance of the unused warranty may be transferred to a second party.

Warranty claims become invalid when there are other than the genuine Arctic Cat parts used. Arctic Cat does not assume any liability for consequential damages.

Arctic Cat assumes the costs for all parts that are found to be warrantable. The repair work **MUST** be done by an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer. No transportation or rental charges (for rented vehicles) will be paid by Arctic Cat. The warranty is validated upon examination of said parts by Arctic Cat or an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer. Arctic Cat reserves the right to inspect such parts at its factory.

The warranty periods are as follows:

1. 24 months from date of sale – for ATVs.
2. 6 months from date of sale – for batteries.
3. 30 days from date of sale for all parts and accessories.

Excluded from this warranty are:

- Defects due to abuse of the vehicle or spare parts and accessories
- Parts subject to normal wear:

The following will **VOID** warranty:

- Failure to perform the proper break-in procedure and all related maintenance and storage procedures.
- Repair by anyone other than an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer.
- Improper use.
- Use of improper carburetor jets and other accessories.
- Use of improper gasoline, lubricating oils or spark plug.
- An accident or subjecting the ATV to misuse, abuse or negligent operation.
- Modification or removal of parts (e.g. muffler, carburetor boot etc.) unless instructed to do so by Arctic Cat.
- Use of the ATV in any way for racing purposes.
- Removal of the engine for use in another vehicle.
- Removal or mutilation of the Chassis or Engine Number.
- Use of parts not sold by Arctic Cat.
- Damage due to improper transportation.
- Failure to perform the prescribed service (1. Service after 500 km, 2. Service after 1500 km, 3. Service after 5000 km, afterwards every 5000 km or after 1 year respectively, it depends on what comes first).
- Inappropriate modifications not expressly authorized by the manufacturer.

In consideration of the foregoing any warranty claim is limited in duration to the various warranty periods set forth.

WARRANTY CLAIMS

At the time of purchase of a new ATV you get a registration card which you have to fill out and send to Arctic Cat GmbH, Industriestraße 43, 5600 St. Johann/Pg., Austria. One copy remains with your Arctic Cat ATV dealer.

Apart from that the customer receives a vehicle registration certificate which has to be presented in occasion of each warranty claim.

Only an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer has the right to perform warranty repair work.

If a warrantable condition appears to exist, the Arctic Cat ATV dealer examines the ATV and will repair or replace, free of charge all damaged parts. The customer is then asked to sign a warranty form to ensure that warranty work (repair or replacement of the warrantable part respectively) was actually performed.

It's the owner's responsibility to maintain and service the ATV in accordance with Arctic Cat GmbH's recommendations in the Operator's Manual.

Arctic Cat GmbH will not warrant repairs required as a result of not performing standard operator maintenance, storage procedures and service as outlined in the Operator's Manual.

Should you have any questions concerning the warranty, contact an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, OWNERSHIP OR WARRANTY TRANSFER

Arctic Cat GmbH keeps on file the current address of the owner of this ATV. This will allow Arctic Cat GmbH to reach the current owner with any important safety information. For this reason we ask you to inform Arctic Cat GmbH immediately if you move or if the ATV is sold to another party. Please fill out this form completely and send it to Arctic Cat GmbH, Industriestraße 43, 5600 St. Johann/Pg., Austria.

This form may also be used to transfer the unused portion of the original warranty to a second party: Fill out this form completely and send it to Arctic Cat GmbH enclosing a copy of the vehicle registration certificate.

ADRESS CHANGE

OWNERSHIP CHANGE

WARRENTY TRANSFER

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS/OWNERSHIP/WARRANTY
TRANSFER TO:**

Name: _____

Adress: _____

Construction year & Model: _____

Chassis Nr.: _____

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Identification Numbers Record

! WARNING

Indicates a potential hazard that could result in serious injury or death.



1. KEY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

The key identification number is stamped on the key as shown in the illustration. Record this number in the space provided for reference if you ever need a new key.

2. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

3. ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER:

Record the Vehicle Identification Number and Engine Serial Number in the spaces provided to assist you in ordering parts from your authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer or for reference in case the ATV is stolen.

Errors and omissions excepted!

■ NOTE: All vehicle features in this booklet refer to the basic variation. Further equipment and options are to be found in the price list.

■ NOTE: Some of the information in this booklet may not be up-to-date due to changes performed since printing. The models shown in the pictures contain, in part, special equipment. Please ask your ATV dealer for the newest information before placing an order. The producer reserves the right to make price, color, material, specification and model changes without notice.