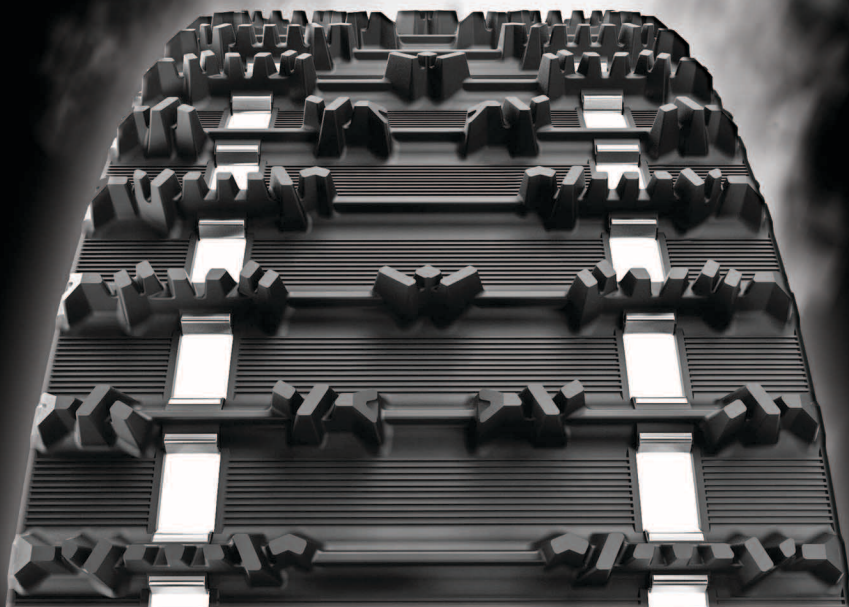




# 2018

OPERATOR MANUAL

3000/7000/9000  
MODELS



## Limited Warranty

Arctic Cat Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Arctic Cat) extends a limited warranty as described below on each new Arctic Cat Snowmobile it assembles and on each genuine Arctic Cat Snowmobile part and accessory assembled and sold by an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer. The limited warranty on an Arctic Cat Snowmobile is extended to the original retail purchaser for the time periods described below; however, the balance of the remaining warranty may be transferred to another party unless the purchase is for commercial use (see below). Warranty coverage is only available in the country in which the original retail purchase occurs to the original retail purchaser resident in that country or to a transferee resident in that country of the balance of the remaining warranty.

Arctic Cat warrants only the products it assembles and/or sells and does not warrant that other products will function properly when used with an Arctic Cat Snowmobile or will not damage the Arctic Cat Snowmobile. Arctic Cat does not assume any liability for incidental or consequential damages.

Arctic Cat will repair or replace, at its option, free of charge (including any related labor charges), any parts that are found to be warrantable in material or workmanship. This repair work MUST be done by an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer. No transportation charges, rental charges, or inconvenience costs will be paid by Arctic Cat. The warranty is validated upon examination of said parts by Arctic Cat or an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer. Arctic Cat reserves the right to inspect such parts at its factory for final determination if warranty should apply.

The warranty periods are as follows:

1. For snowmobiles used for recreational purposes:
  - If purchased between May 1 and November 30, warranty expires ONE (1) YEAR from December 1 of the current year.
  - If purchased between December 1 and April 30, ONE (1) YEAR from the date of sale.
2. For snowmobiles used for commercial purposes (including rental operations), ONE (1) YEAR from the date of invoice and/or 5000 MILES whichever comes first (non-transferable).
3. THIRTY (30) DAYS from date of sale of snowmobile on Arctic Cat supplied batteries.

Exclusions to this warranty include normal wear, abuse (i.e. a track run on marginal snow conditions without proper lubrication or additional idler wheels), and the following parts:

|             |                    |             |                            |                              |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fuel Filter | Light Bulbs        | Windshield  | Drive Belt                 | Torn or Punctured Upholstery |
| Wear Bars   | Brake Pads         | Spark Plugs | Drive Clutch/Driven Clutch | Wear Parts                   |
| Wear Strips | Shock Absorber(s)* |             |                            |                              |

\*Limited to one (1) year or 1000 miles of "normal" riding conditions - replace for defective or leaking shock, corroded or pitted shaft, peeling chrome.

■ **NOTE: Snowmobiles that are factory equipped with Fox shocks and experience a shock failure within the factory warranty period (1 year) must not be tampered with. Only the "Schrader" (air pressure) valve is serviceable during the warranty period. Failures (air leaks) must be confirmed by following the test procedure as shown in the service manual. Any other tampering with the shock will void Fox warranty.**

The following will VOID Arctic Cat's warranty:

1. Failure to perform the proper break-in procedure and all related maintenance, storage procedures (if stored for extended periods), and/or service as recommended in the Operator's Manual.
2. Repairs and/or adjustments by anyone other than an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer.
3. Use of an improper fuel mixture ratio.
4. Use of improper carburetor jets.
5. Use of improper gasoline, lubricating oils, or spark plugs.
6. An accident or subjecting the snowmobile to misuse, abuse, or negligent operation.
7. Any modification, addition, or removal of parts unless instructed to do so by Arctic Cat.
8. Use of the snowmobile in any way for racing purposes.
9. Removal of the engine for use in another vehicle.
10. Removal or mutilation of the Vehicle Identification Number or Engine Serial Number.
11. Use of parts not sold or approved by Arctic Cat.
12. Track and tunnel damage resulting from either ice stud or hooker plate installation.
13. Damage due to improper transportation.

Arctic Cat shall not be responsible for and this limited warranty excludes recovery of economic, punitive, consequential and incidental damages, lost profits, and loss of use. Some states or provinces do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation may not apply to you. Arctic Cat's aggregate liability may not exceed the price of the product. The law of the State of Minnesota shall apply to all claims or disputes, exclusive of its conflicts of law provisions.

### IMPLIED WARRANTY EXCLUSION AND DISCLAIMER

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Arctic Cat excludes and disclaims all implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

If you are not satisfied with warranty service or repairs, you should contact Arctic Cat at (U.S.) 1-218-681-9851 or (Canada) 1-204-982-1656.

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# Reference Information

Write the appropriate information for your Arctic Cat Snowmobile in the spaces below.

Always use these numbers when referring to your snowmobile.

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Arctic Cat Dealer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **WARNING**

**A snowmobile is a very high performance vehicle. Because it does accelerate rapidly and is capable of very high speeds, it should not be operated by a novice or an inexperienced operator. Never accelerate rapidly or drive at high speed beyond the limits of visibility or without being totally familiar with the terrain and what lies in front of you. Obey speed limits and never operate at speeds that do not allow adequate maneuvering and stopping distances. Read and study the entire Operator's Manual and Safety Handbook. Failure to follow this warning could result in personal injury to yourself or others.**

## **Personal Injury**

- To avoid injury to yourself and others, NEVER operate the snowmobile without first reading and understanding this manual and the Snowmobile Safety Handbook; then follow the instructions and heed the warnings given.
- USE COMMON SENSE.
- DON'T DRINK and DRIVE.
- STAY IN CONTROL at ALL TIMES.
- TELL YOUR FRIENDS. If you see a friend operating a snowmobile recklessly, at excessive speeds, while intoxicated, or in other unsafe ways, don't wait until it is too late to warn of the consequences of snowmobile misuse. Such conduct endangers everyone. TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

## **Parts and Accessories**

When in need of replacement parts, oil, or accessories for your Arctic Cat Snowmobile, be sure to only use 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 Snowmobile. For a complete list of accessories, refer to the current Arctic Cat Accessory Catalog. To aid in service and maintenance procedures on these snowmobiles, an Illustrated Parts Manual and a Service Manual are available through your local Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer.

# Foreword

Congratulations! You have chosen a quality Arctic Cat Snowmobile designed and assembled to give dependable service. Be sure, as the owner/operator of an Arctic Cat Snowmobile, to become thoroughly familiar with its basic operation, maintenance, and off-season storage procedures. Read this manual and the accompanying Snowmobile Safety Handbook before operating the snowmobile to learn safe and proper use of your new Arctic Cat Snowmobile. Always operate the snowmobile within your level of skill and current terrain conditions.

The Operator's Manual, Snowmobile Safety Handbook, and Snowmobile Decals display the words Warning, Caution, and Note to emphasize important information. The symbol  **WARNING** identifies personal safety-related information. Be sure to follow the directive because it deals with the possibility of serious personal injury or even death. A **CAUTION** identifies unsafe practices which may result in snowmobile-related damage. Follow the directive because it deals with the possibility of damaging part or parts of the snowmobile. The symbol  **NOTE:** identifies supplementary information worthy of particular attention.

This manual covers operator-related maintenance, operating instructions, and off-season storage instructions. If major repair or service is ever required, contact an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for professional service.

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

This Operator's Manual should be considered a permanent part of the snowmobile and must remain with the snowmobile at the time of resale. If the snowmobile changes ownership more than once, contact Arctic Cat Inc., Service Department, P.O. Box 810, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, for proper registration information. This manual was prepared by the Product Service and Warranty Department of Arctic Cat Inc.

Every Arctic Cat Snowmobile meets or exceeds the standards of the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee and displays the SSCC decal. Arctic Cat Inc. endorses and encourages the safe use of all snowmobiles. Always wear a helmet and eye protection. Drive with caution, observe all state and local regulations, and respect the rights of others. ISMA members like Arctic Cat do their part to improve trails, sponsor events, and generally support the sport of snowmobiling. As a member of the National Snowmobile Foundation, Arctic Cat Inc. promotes snowmobiling through education, charity, and research programs.

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# Declaration of Conformity

Application of council directives:

Issued by European Commission.

Type of Equipment: Snowmobile

Model Numbers:

|               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| S2018ZRTLXUSG | S2018ZRTLXUSG | S2018ZRTLXUSG | S2018ZRTLXUSG |
| S2018ZRTLXOSG | S2018ZRTLXOSG | S2018ZRTLXOSG | S2018ZRTLXOSG |
| S2018BCTXPUSW | S2018BCTXPUSW | S2018BCTXPUSW | S2018BCTXPUSW |
| S2018BCTXPOSW | S2018BCTXPOSW | S2018BCTXPOSW | S2018BCTXPOSW |
| S2018PTTTOUSB | S2018PTTTOUSB | S2018PTTTOUSB | S2018PTTTOUSB |
| S2018PTTTOOSB |               |               |               |

Standards to which conformity is declared:

EMC: EN 55012, EN 61000-6-2

Manufacturer (if not issuing agent):

EMC Directive 2004/108/EC

EC Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Brand Name: Arctic Cat

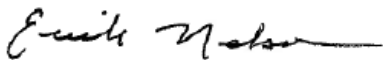
MACHINERY: EN 12100:2010

Arctic Cat Inc.

601 Brooks Ave. S.

Thief River Falls, MN 56701 USA

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the equipment specified above conforms to the directive(s) and standard(s) as specified.



Erik Nelson

Vice President/General Manager - Snowmobile Division

## SNOWMOBILE SAFETY RULES

Arctic Cat® endorses and encourages the safe use of all snowmobiles. Always follow these rules to ensure your continued enjoyment of the sport. Always receive proper training and operate within your capabilities. See operator's manual for complete safety instructions.

## RÈGLEMENTS DE SÉCURITÉ EN MOTONEIGE

Arctic Cat® endorse et encourage l'utilisation sécuritaire de toutes motoneiges. Respectez toujours ces règlements qui vous permettront de pratiquer ce sport avec plaisir. Obtenez la formation nécessaire et conduisez selon vos capacités.

## SÄKERHETSREGLER VID SNÖSKOTERKÖRNING

Arctic Cat<sup>®</sup> - man är till försäklighet vid snöskoterkörning. Följ alltid dessa regler när du är ute och kör.

# MOOTTORIKELKAN TURVASÄÄNNÖT

Arctic Cat korostaa ja kannustaa moottorikelkkojen turvallista käyttöä. <sup>5</sup> Laits asintola tarkkaan noudattaa saat kolkkaillusta irti parhaan mahdollisen hyödyn ja hyödyn.

## SIKKERHETSREGLER FOR BRUK AV SNØSCOOTER

Arctic Cat® oppfordrer alle til å utvise forsiktighet ved bruk av snøscootere. Følg alltid disse reglene når du er ute og kjører.

## NORME DI SICUREZZA PER LE MOTOSLITTE

La Arctic Cat® sostiene ed incoraggia la sicurezza della motoslitta.  
Per un divertimento continuo di questo sport seguito sempre le suddette norme.

## スノーモービルの安全運転ルール

アーザキ・ツグ・キョクトはスノーモービルの資金を、仲間を誘致して下さる。いつまでもスノーモービルの夢を諦めず、7人の資金援助を、一歩ずつ進めたい。

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>1</p> <p>Don't drink and ride.<br/>         Kgr aldrig om du är alkoholiserad.<br/>         Jos ajat, älä kulkakalle!<br/>         Älä juhlata alkoholiin.<br/>         Non bevete durante la guida.<br/>         飲酒運転はしてはいけません。</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Watch out for thin ice/slip on water.<br/>         Evitez la glace mince et les trous d'eau.<br/>         Vær oppmerksom på tynne is og vann.<br/>         Varm oppmerksomhet på tynne is og vann.<br/>         Se opp for tynne is/slippt vann.<br/>         Attenti allo spessore/rotture della ghiacciaio.<br/>         薄氷や氷が溶けていては滑りやすいので注意。</p>                                                                                                                           |
| <p>2</p> <p>Always wear a helmet.<br/>         Portez toujours un casque.<br/>         Hjälm ska alltid bäras.<br/>         Käytä aina suojalupia.<br/>         Indossate sempre il casco.<br/>         乗車、ヘルメットを着用すること。</p>            | <p>4</p> <p>Use caution when crossing road/rail tracks.<br/>         Soyez prudent lorsque vous traversez des routes.<br/>         Ver forsiktig når du krossar veg/vaggrag.<br/>         Var försiktig när du korsar vägvägg.<br/>         Ole varovainen kun ajat tien tai rautatieen poikki.<br/>         Uppmärksamhet vid övergång över järnvägssträckor.<br/>         Usato prudenza nell'attraversare strade/passeggi<br/>         a livello.<br/>         乗車、道路や鉄道の横断を慎重に行うこと。</p> |

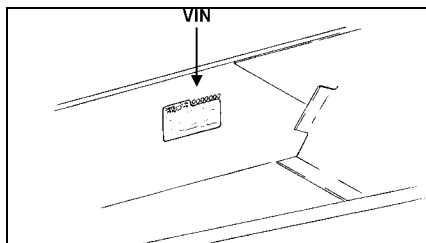
# Snowmobile Safety Rules

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# General Information

## Snowmobile Identification

The Arctic Cat Snowmobile has two important identification numbers. The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is stamped into the tunnel near the right-side footrest. The Engine Serial Number (ESN) is stamped into the crankcase of the engine.



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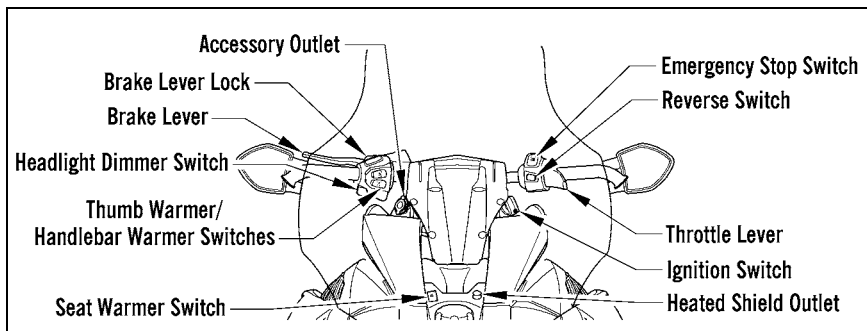
These numbers are required by the dealer to complete warranty claims properly. No warranty will be allowed by Arctic Cat Inc. if the engine serial number or VIN is removed or mutilated in any way.

Always provide the snowmobile name, VIN, and ESN when contacting an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for parts, service, accessories, or warranty. If the complete engine must be replaced, ask the dealer to notify Arctic Cat for correct registration information.

## Control Locations

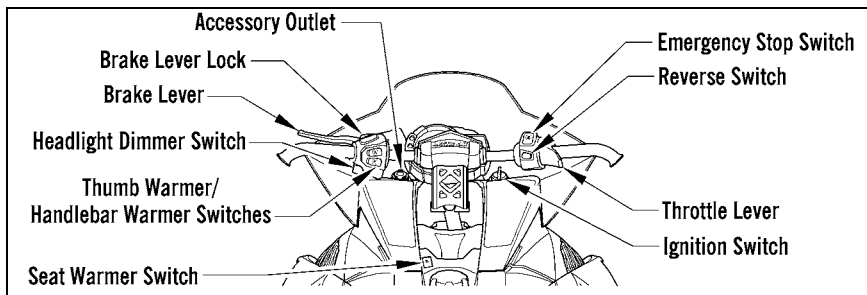
Shown are the typical control locations for Arctic Cat snowmobiles. Location of a specific control will vary according to model.

### Pantera



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### ZR/XF/Norseman/M



0747-616C



## Gasoline-Oil

### Recommended Gasoline

#### 3000/7000

The recommended gasoline to use in these snowmobiles is 87 octane regular unleaded. In many areas, oxygenates are added to the gasoline. Oxygenated gasolines containing up to 10% ethanol are acceptable gasolines.

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 or gasolines containing methanol. Only Arctic Cat approved gasoline additives should be used.**

#### 9000

The only recommended gasoline to use in these snowmobiles is 91 octane (minimum).

#### CAUTION

**If a situation arises wherein 91 octane gasoline is not available, 89 or 87 octane gasoline can be substituted; however, do not prolong the usage of 89 or 87 octane gasoline as it will cause poor engine performance.**

In many areas, oxygenates are added to the gasoline. Oxygenated gasolines containing up to 10% ethanol are acceptable gasoline. Do not use gasolines containing methanol.

### Recommended Engine Oil

The recommended oil to use is C-TEC4 Synthetic Oil (p/n 6639-524 - qt) or (p/n 6639-525 - gal.).

After the engine break-in period, the engine oil should be changed every 2500 miles and before prolonged storage.

### Filling 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.

Also, if the snowmobile is to remain on a trailer after filling the gas tank, the bed of the trailer must be maintained level to prevent gasoline from draining out through the gas tank vent hose.

#### ⚠ WARNING

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

The Pantera 7000 LTD features a 4.3 gallon auxiliary gas tank. A separate gas tank cap is located beneath the cowling just behind the passenger seat. The auxiliary tank is plumbed directly into the main gas tank.



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To gain access to the spare belt location along with the tool kit on the SR10SD46, the storage box lid, auxiliary gas tank cap, and the storage tray will have to be removed.

### Engine Break-In

#### 3000

This engine does not require any pre-mixed fuel during the break-in period.

#### CAUTION

**DO NOT use premixed fuel in the snowmobile gas tank. Engine damage will occur.**

To ensure trouble-free operation, careful adherence to the following break-in guidelines will be beneficial.

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| 0-200 miles   | 1/2 Throttle (30 MPH-max) |
| 200-400 miles | 1/2-3/4 Throttle          |
| 400-600 miles | 1/2-3/4 Throttle*         |

\* With occasional full-throttle operation

To ensure proper engine break-in, Arctic Cat recommends that the engine oil and filter be changed after 500 miles. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## 7000/9000

The Arctic Cat engine (when new or rebuilt) requires a short break-in period before the engine is subjected to heavy load conditions.

Premixing fuel and oil during the break in period is not required. There is never a more important period in the life of the engine than the first 300 miles.

Since the engine is brand new, do not put an excessive load on it for the first 300 miles. The various parts in the engine wear and polish themselves to the correct operating clearances. During this period, prolonged full throttle operation or any condition that might result in engine overheating must be avoided.

Operating your snowmobile for the first time: Start the engine and let it idle for 15 minutes.

0-160 km (0-100 miles): Avoid prolonged operation above 6000 RPM.

160-500 km (100-300 miles): Avoid prolonged operation above 8000 RPM.

500 km (300 miles) and beyond: The snowmobile can now be operated normally.

**■ NOTE: After 500 miles of operation, the engine oil must be changed and the oil filter replaced. If any engine trouble should occur during the engine break-in period, immediately have a Arctic Cat dealer check the snowmobile.**

## Drive Belt Break-In

Drive belts require a break-in period of 25 miles. Drive the snowmobile for 25 miles at 3/4 throttle or less. By revving the engine up and down (but not exceeding 60 mph), the exposed cord on the side of a new belt will be worn down. This will allow the drive belt to gain its optimum flexibility and will extend drive belt life.

**■ NOTE: Before starting the snowmobile in extremely cold temperatures, the drive belt should be removed and warmed up to room temperature. Once the drive belt is at room temperature, install the drive belt (see Drive Belt sub-section in the Maintenance section).**

### CAUTION

**Never run the engine with the drive belt removed. Excessive revving of the engine could result in serious engine damage and drive clutch failure.**

## Cold Drive-Away Function

On these models, there is a “cold drive-away” function incorporated within the ECM.

When cold-starting the engine, the coolant temperature warning icon will illuminate and the LOW TEMP display on the readout screen will begin to flash. With the engine in this temperature range, the RPM “limit” of the engine will be below drive system engagement speed. As the engine warms, the coolant temperature warning icon will begin to flash, the LOW TEMP display will continue to flash, and the RPM “limit” of the engine will increase allowing the snowmobile to move without full-throttle operation. When the engine reaches proper operating temperature, the coolant temperature warning icon and the LOW TEMP display will go out.

### CAUTION

**It is extremely important that the engine is properly warmed up before subjecting the engine to high speed operation or heavy loads. The engine should be allowed to idle at least 3-4 minutes before it is operated at more than 1/2 throttle. In extremely cold conditions, the warm-up time will be longer. Cold seizure and piston scuffing caused by insufficient warm-up will not be covered by warranty. Also, do not idle the engine for excessively long periods of time.**

## Speedometer/ Tachometer/Indicator Icons

These snowmobiles are equipped with different gauge styles. Determine which style your model is equipped with and use the appropriate following information.

### Power Sport Gauge



**XM248A**

1. Left Button - Shifts top display through speedometer, RPM, and clock.
2. Middle Button - Shifts middle display through speedometer, RPM, clock, odometer, trip 1, trip 2, and engine hours.
3. Right Button - Shifts bottom display through coolant temperature, battery voltage, and fuel level.
4. Speedometer/Tachometer Display - Indicates approximate vehicle speed in MPH or KM/H when speedometer function is selected, RPM when tachometer function is selected. Press the Left Button to change which parameter is being displayed. With speedometer selected, press and hold the Left Button to shift between standard (MPH/miles/Fahrenheit) and metric (km/h/kilometers/Celsius).
5. Engine Hour Meter/Odometer/Trip Meter/Speedometer/Tachometer/Clock Display - Displays engine hours, odometer, trip meter, speedometer, tachometer, or clock. Press the Middle Button to change which parameter is being displayed. The Engine Hour Meter and Odometer cannot be reset. To reset the trip meter, select the Trip Meter; then press and hold the Middle Button until the trip meter display reads 0.  
  
With the clock mode selected, press and hold the Left Button to set the clock. The option of selecting the 12-hour or 24-hour clock is available; press the Left Button to alternate between the two modes. Next, press the Middle Button to set the clock. Press the Left or Right to set the hours; then press the Middle Button to set the minutes. Press the Left or Right Button to set the minutes. When the proper time has been set, press the Middle Button to return to the main gauge display.
6. Coolant Temperature/Battery Voltage/Fuel Level Display - Displays coolant temperature, battery voltage, and fuel quantity. Press the Right Button to change which parameter is being displayed. Press and hold the Right Button to see the actual values associated with the mode selected.
7. Gear Position Indicator - Indicates if reverse is selected.

8. **Coolant Temperature Indicator** - When the snowmobile is started, this indicator will flash and LOW TEMP will be displayed until the engine reaches operating temperature. If the coolant temperature rises too far above proper operating temperature, the indicator will flash a warning (alert) and the engine will “surge” to alert the operator. If the coolant temperature rises to a critical point above proper operating temperature, the indicator will cease flashing and will remain constantly illuminated.

### CAUTION

If the indicator is illuminated, stop the engine immediately and allow it to cool down. If unable to either determine or remedy the problem, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

9. **High Beam Indicator** - The indicator is on whenever the high beam mode is selected by the headlight switch.
10. **Oil Pressure Indicator** - The indicator relates to engine oil pressure, not the oil level; however, if the oil level is low, it may affect oil pressure. If oil pressure is lost, check the oil level. If the indicator does not go out or if the engine does not start, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.
11. **Fuel Level Indicator** - The indicator will display whenever gas is low in the fuel tank.

## Deluxe Digital Gauge



CWI-051A

## A. Coolant Temperature Indicator

The indicator and LOW TEMP display will cease to flash when the engine reaches proper operating temperature.

If the coolant temperature rises too far above proper operating temperature, the indicator will flash a warning (alert) and the engine will “surge” to alert the operator. If the coolant temperature rises to a critical point above proper operating temperature, the indicator will cease flashing and will remain constantly illuminated.

### CAUTION

If the indicator is illuminated, stop the engine immediately and allow it to cool down. If unable to either determine or remedy the problem, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## B. High Beam Indicator

The indicator is on whenever the high beam mode is selected by the headlight switch.

## C. Oil Pressure Indicator

The indicator relates to engine oil pressure, not the oil level; however, if the oil level is low, it may affect oil pressure. If oil pressure is lost, check the oil level (see page 24).

If the indicator does not go out or if the engine does not start, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## D. Low Fuel Indicator

The indicator illuminates whenever the gas in the gas tank is low.

## E. Coolant Temperature/ Battery Voltage/Intake Air Temperature Display

This bar display shows coolant temperature, battery voltage, and intake air temperature. Press the Lower Left Button to change which parameter is being displayed. Press and hold the Lower Left Button to see the actual values associated with the mode selected.

## F. Fuel Level Display

This bar display shows the approximate amount of gas remaining in the gas tank.

## G. RPM/Speed/Clock/ Altimeter

Press the Upper Left Button to cycle the left screen between RPM and speed.

■ **NOTE:** When RPM is displayed on the left screen, the right screen will display speed, clock, or altimeter. When speed is displayed on the left screen, the right screen will display RPM, clock or altimeter.

Press the Upper Right Button to cycle the right screen between speed, RPM, clock, and altimeter.

Press and hold the Upper Button on the speed-side of the gauge to shift between standard (MPH/miles/Fahrenheit) and metric (km/h/kilometers/Celsius).

Press and hold the Upper Button on the RPM-side to view maximum RPM. This value is reset each time the ignition key is turned off.

With the clock mode selected by pressing the Upper Right Button, press and hold the Upper Right Button to set the clock. The option of selecting the 12-hour or 24-hour clock is available; press the either Left Button to alternate between the two modes. Next, press the Lower Right Button to set the clock. Press either Left Button to set the hours; then press the Lower Right Button to set the minutes. Press either Left Button to set the minutes. When the proper time has been set, press the Lower Right Button to return to the main gauge display.

With the altimeter mode selected by pressing the Upper Right Button, press and hold the Upper Right Button to set the current altitude by using either Left Button. When the proper altitude has been set, press the Lower Right Button to return to the main gauge display.

## H. Engine Hour Meter/ Odometer/Trip Meter/ Clock

This display shows engine hours, odometer, trip meter, or clock. Press the Lower Right Button to change which parameter is being displayed. The Engine Hour Meter and Odometer cannot be reset. To reset the trip meter, select the Trip Meter; then press and hold the Lower Right Button until the trip meter display reads 0.

■ **NOTE:** The clock can only be displayed in this position if it is not already being displayed in the main right screen. To set the clock when the clock is in this position, press and hold the Lower Right Button; then use the procedure found in G.

## Diagnostic Codes

Diagnostic codes are activated by the ECM and may be displayed on the read-out screen for a number of reasons.

If a code is displayed while the engine is running, the ECM is receiving input that is outside of its established parameters. If a code has been activated, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

Refer to the following chart for a list of possible diagnostic codes.

| Code  | Trouble                                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| P0016 | Crankshaft Position - Camshaft Position Correlation |
| P0030 | O2 Heater Control Circuit (9000)                    |
| P0031 | O2 Heater Control Circuit Low (9000)                |
| P0032 | O2 Heater Control Circuit High (9000)               |
| P0107 | Manifold Absolute Pressure Circuit Low              |
| P0108 | Manifold Absolute Pressure Circuit High             |
| P0112 | Intake Air Temperature Sensor Circuit Low           |

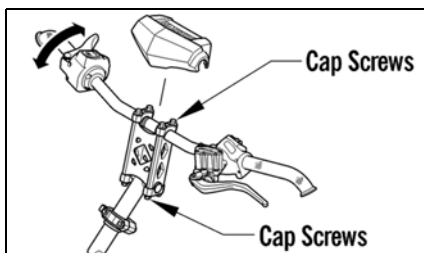
| Code  | Trouble                                                  |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| P0113 | Intake Air Temperature Sensor Circuit High               |
| P0114 | Intake Air Temperature Sensor Circuit Intermittent       |
| P0115 | Engine coolant temp sensor 1 circuit                     |
| P0117 | Engine Coolant Temperature Sensor 1 Circuit Low          |
| P0118 | Engine Coolant Temperature Sensor 1 Circuit High         |
| P0119 | Engine Coolant Temperature Sensor 1 Circuit Intermittent |
| P0120 | Throttle position sensor circuit                         |
| P0121 | Throttle Position Sensor Circuit Range Performance       |
| P0122 | Throttle Position Sensor Circuit Low                     |
| P0123 | Throttle Position Sensor Circuit High                    |
| P0130 | O2 Sensor Circuit                                        |
| P0131 | O2 Sensor Circuit Low Voltage                            |
| P0132 | O2 Sensor Circuit High Voltage                           |
| P0171 | System Too Lean                                          |
| P0172 | System Too Rich                                          |
| P0201 | Injector Circuit/Open - Cylinder 1                       |
| P0202 | Injector Circuit/Open - Cylinder 2                       |
| P0203 | Injector circuit/open - cylinder 3                       |
| P0217 | Engine coolant over temp condition                       |
| P0261 | Cylinder 1 Injector Circuit Low                          |
| P0262 | Cylinder 1 Injector Circuit High                         |
| P0264 | Cylinder 2 Injector Circuit Low                          |
| P0265 | Cylinder 2 Injector Circuit High                         |
| P0267 | Cylinder 3 injector circuit low                          |
| P0340 | Camshaft Position Sensor "A" Circuit                     |
| P0500 | Vehicle Speed Sensor "A"                                 |
| P0508 | Idle Air Control System Circuit Low                      |
| P0509 | Idle Air Control System Circuit High                     |
| P0511 | Idle air control circuit                                 |
| P0522 | Engine oil pressure sensor circuit low                   |
| P0523 | Engine oil pressure sensor circuit high                  |
| P0562 | System Relay Voltage Low                                 |
| P0563 | System Relay Voltage High                                |
| P0642 | Sensor Reference Voltage "A" Circuit Low                 |
| P0643 | Sensor Reference Voltage "A" Circuit High                |
| P0780 | Shift Error                                              |
| P1315 | Crankshaft Position Out of Sync                          |
| P1338 | Crankshaft Spike Detected                                |
| P1339 | Crankshaft Tooth Number Detection Error                  |
| P1685 | Main Relay Open Circuit                                  |
| P1686 | Main Relay Circuit Low                                   |
| P1687 | Main Relay Circuit High                                  |
| P1688 | Reverse Relay Open Circuit                               |

| Code  | Trouble                                            |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------|
| P1689 | Reverse Relay Circuit Low                          |
| P1690 | Reverse Relay Circuit High                         |
| P1691 | Forward Relay Open Circuit                         |
| P1692 | Forward Relay Circuit Low                          |
| P1693 | Forward Relay Circuit High                         |
| P1694 | Headlight Relay Open                               |
| P1695 | Headlight Relay Low                                |
| P1780 | Shift Switch Stuck                                 |
| P2228 | Barometric pressure sensor A circuit low           |
| P2229 | Barometric pressure sensor A circuit high          |
| P2282 | Air Leak Between Throttle Body and Intake Valves   |
| P2300 | Ignition Coil "A" Primary Control Circuit Low      |
| P2301 | Ignition Coil "A" Primary Control Circuit High     |
| P2303 | Ignition Coil "B" Primary Control Circuit Low/Open |
| P2304 | Ignition Coil "B" Primary Control Circuit High     |
| P2306 | Ignition coil C primary control circuit low        |
| U0155 | Lost communication with the ECM                    |
| U1000 | Vehicle not registered or invalid PIN              |
| U1001 | Vehicle not registered and vehicle limits enabled  |

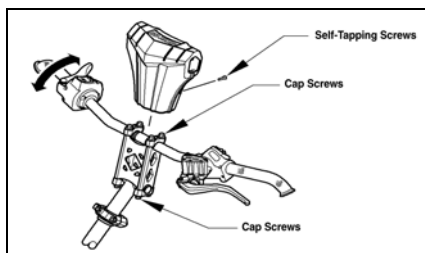
## Handlebar Tilt

The handlebar can be adjusted to the operator's preference. To adjust the handlebar, use the following procedure:

1. Remove the handlebar cover; then loosen the eight cap screws securing the handlebar caps to the riser and the riser to the steering post.



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- Adjust the handlebar to operator's desired position, tighten the cap screws evenly to 15 ft-lb, and check steering for maximum right/left turning capabilities.

■ **NOTE:** Do not rotate the handlebar to a position that allows air to enter the brake system.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Tighten cap screws according to specifications to prevent unexpected "movement" of the handlebar during operation over rough terrain. **DO NOT** position the handlebar so steering (maximum right/left turning capabilities) or throttle and brake controls are affected.

## **Exhaust System**

The exhaust system is designed to reduce noise and to improve the total performance of the engine. If any exhaust system component is removed from the engine and the engine is run, severe engine damage will result.

## **Air-Intake Silencer**

Used in conjunction with the fuel intake system is a specially designed air-intake silencer. The purpose of the silencer is to quiet the intake of fresh air. Since the fuel intake system is calibrated with the air-intake silencer in place, the engine must never be run with the silencer removed. Performance will not be improved if the air-intake silencer is removed. In contrast, severe engine damage will occur.

### **CAUTION**

These snowmobiles are not designed to be operated in dusty conditions. Operating the snowmobile in dusty conditions will result in severe engine damage.

## **Cooling System**

These snowmobiles are equipped with a closed liquid cooling system for engine cooling. The cooling system should be inspected daily for leakage and damage. Also, the coolant level should be checked daily. If leakage or damage is detected, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

When filling the cooling system reservoir, use an ethylene glycol-based coolant/water mixture which will satisfy the coldest anticipated weather conditions of your area in accordance with the coolant manufacturer's recommendations.

■ **NOTE:** If operating on ice or hard-packed snow conditions, it is recommended that Ice Scratchers (p/n 5639-897) be installed and engaged to reduce wear strip wear and engine overheating.

For checking/filling cooling system, refer to Coolant Level sub-section in the Maintenance section.

## **Battery**

It is extremely important that the battery be maintained at full charge at all times and that the battery connections be clean and tight. If charging the battery becomes necessary, refer to Battery sub-section in the Maintenance section.

### **CAUTION**

Always turn the ignition switch key to the OFF position when the snowmobile is not being used. Leaving the ignition switch in the ON position will result in discharging the battery and possible damage to the battery.

## Jump-Starting

■ **NOTE:** Arctic Cat does not recommend jump-starting a snowmobile with a dead battery but rather to remove the battery, service it, and correctly charge it; however, in an emergency, it may be necessary to jump-start a snowmobile. If so, use the following procedure to carefully and safely complete this procedure.

### **WARNING**

Improper handling or connecting of a battery may result in severe injury including acid burns, electrical burns, or blindness as a result of an explosion. Always remove rings and watches.

1. On the snowmobile to be jump-started, slide any terminal boots away.

### **WARNING**

Any time 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 a battery. When servicing a battery in an enclosed space, keep the area well-ventilated.

2. Inspect the battery for any signs of electrolyte leaks, loose terminals, or bulging sides. Leaking or bulging battery cases may indicate a frozen or shorted battery.

### **WARNING**

If any of these conditions exist, **DO NOT** attempt to jump-start, boost, or charge the battery. An explosion could occur causing serious injury.

3. Inspect the vehicle to be used for jump-starting to determine if voltage and ground polarity are compatible. The vehicle must have a 12-volt DC, negative ground electrical system.

### **CAUTION**

Always make sure the electrical systems are of the same voltage and ground polarity prior to connecting jumper cables. If not, severe electrical damage may occur.

4. Move the vehicle to be used for the jump-start close enough to ensure the jumper cables easily reach; then set and lock the brakes, shut off all electrical accessories, and turn the ignition switch OFF.

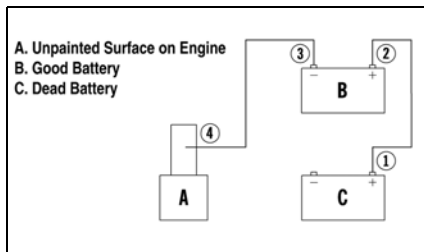
■ **NOTE:** Make sure all switches on the snowmobile to be jump-started are turned OFF.

5. Disconnect all external accessories such as cell phones, GPS units, and radios on both vehicles.

### **CAUTION**

Failure to disconnect electronic accessories during jump-starting may cause system damage due to power spikes.

6. Attach one clamp of the positive (red) cable to the positive (+) terminal (1) of the dead battery (C) being careful not to touch any metal with the other clamp; then attach the other clamp of the positive (red) cable to the positive (+) terminal (2) of the good battery (B).



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■ **NOTE:** Some jumper cables may be the same color but the clamps or ends will be color-coded red and black.



7. Attach one clamp of the negative jumper cable (black) to the negative (-) terminal (3) of good battery (B); then attach the other clamp of the negative (black) jumper cable (4) to an unpainted metal surface (A) on the engine or frame well away from the dead battery and fuel system components.

### **WARNING**

**Never make the final connection to a battery as a spark could ignite hydrogen gases causing an explosion of the battery resulting in acid burns or blindness.**

8. Stand well away from the dead battery and start the vehicle with the good battery. Allow the vehicle to run for several minutes applying some charge to the dead battery.
9. Start the snowmobile with the dead battery and allow it to run for several minutes before disconnecting the jumper cables.
10. Remove the jumper cables in opposite order of hook-up (4, 3, 2, 1). Be careful not to short cables against bare metal.

■ **NOTE:** Have the battery and electrical system checked prior to operating the snowmobile again.

## **Drive Clutch and Driven Clutch**

The drive clutch and driven clutch do not require lubrication; therefore, no special maintenance is required by the snowmobile owner except for periodical cleaning.

When operating the snowmobile at high altitudes, it may be necessary to change certain component parts of the drive clutch and/or the driven clutch. See an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for further information.

### **CAUTION**

**DO NOT attempt to service the drive clutch and driven clutch. The drive clutch and driven clutch must be serviced by an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer only.**

## **Drive Clutch/Driven Clutch Alignment**

The offset between the drive clutch and driven clutch are set at the factory. Normally, no adjustment is necessary as long as neither the drive clutch nor the driven clutch is removed or disassembled. However, if premature drive belt wear is experienced or if the drive belt turns over, the drive clutch/driven clutch alignment must be checked. Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## **Fuel Pump**

The fuel pump is designed to provide adequate amount of gas to the injectors at all throttle settings. If a fuel delivery problem is suspected, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## **Standard-Lug Track**

Accelerated wear strip wear caused by operating on ice or hard-packed snow conditions is NOT covered under Arctic Cat Inc. warranty policy.

## **Track Studs**

■ **NOTE:** Stud or hooker plate installation will void track and tunnel warranty.

■ **NOTE:** Arctic Cat does not recommend studding a track greater than a 1.6 inch lug.

■ **NOTE:** Stud installation can be performed by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

### **WARNING**

**When installing studs on a single-ply track, it is important to use Arctic Cat-approved studs (proper head diameter). If approved studs (proper head diameter) are not used, studs could tear free of the track causing possible injury or even death. Consult an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for information.**

For proper installation, use the following procedure:

1. Using the appropriate stud template (see chart), mark the desired stud pattern to be used.

| Track Length | p/n      |
|--------------|----------|
| 129/137 in.  | 6639-532 |

2. Using the proper-sized stud hole drill bit, drill out the stud holes.
3. Push the stud through the hole from inside the track; then place the domed support plate and lock nut on the exposed stud.
4. Using a wrench to secure the stud, tighten the lock nut on the exposed stud.

It is also recommended that whenever studs are installed on a track, carbide wear bars should be installed on the skis. Carbide wear bars complement the track studs to balance steering control under these conditions. The length of the carbide on the wear bars should be proportionate to the number of track studs (i.e. small number of track studs — short length of carbide...many track studs — long length of carbide). The proper proportion between the number of studs and carbide length on the wear bar will maintain steering balance.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Always balance the snowmobile with the proper proportion between the number of studs and carbide length on the wear bars. Do not “over drive” conditions; use common sense in all operating conditions.

### **CAUTION**

Do not use studs that are more than 9.525 mm (0.375 in.) longer than the track lug height.

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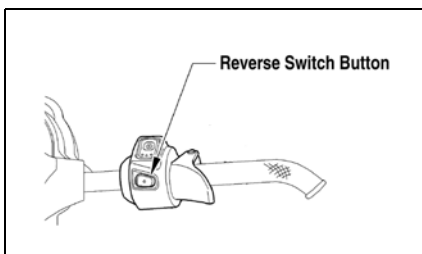
Do not operate a snowmobile with loose studs as they may be thrown from the track. Always use a shielded safety stand whenever performing any maintenance or adjustments.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**DO NOT stand behind the snowmobile or near the rotating track. NEVER run the track at high speed when the track is suspended.**

## **Reverse Operation**

The reverse function offers the operator the convenience of being able to back up the snowmobile rather than having to turn the snowmobile around by hand. This feature, under most situations, should not be used to free a stuck snowmobile as it will tend to dig the skis deeper into the snow. Always use minimal speed when operating in reverse and come to a complete stop before shifting from either forward to reverse or reverse to forward.



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■ **NOTE:** Correct drive belt tension (deflection) is important for the reverse function to operate properly. If the belt is too tight, difficulty in engaging reverse will be experienced (the reverse function will make up to three attempts to engage into reverse. If the function is not completed after the third attempt, the engine will shut down).

■ **NOTE:** Always warm up the engine for 2-3 minutes prior to shifting into reverse.

1. To shift into reverse, stop the snowmobile and allow the engine to idle (under 3000 RPM); then press the reverse button and release. The reverse selection will be complete.

■ **NOTE:** Shift only with the engine at idle RPM and the snowmobile completely stopped. The reverse function will not engage if engine is above idle RPM.

■ **NOTE:** The system will not shift until the button is released.

■ **NOTE:** When reverse is engaged, a reverse icon will illuminate in the speedometer/tachometer and a reverse alarm sounds.

3. If the throttle lever is compressed before complete reverse engagement, the engine may shut down. Always wait for the reverse icon to illuminate and the reverse alarm to sound before backing up.

### **WARNING**

**Do not use high speed when backing up. Control could be lost and injury could occur.**

### **CAUTION**

**Do not use high speed when backing up. Damage to the drive belt and driven clutch components may occur.**

■ **NOTE:** While operating in reverse, a “rev-limiter” will activate at 6000 RPM.

3. To shift into forward, stop the snowmobile and allow the engine to idle (under 3000 RPM); then press the reverse button and release. The forward selection will be complete.
4. After shifting from reverse to forward (or from forward to reverse), apply the throttle slowly and evenly to allow the driven clutch to engage properly.

■ **NOTE:** The reverse function is cancelled whenever the engine is shut off.

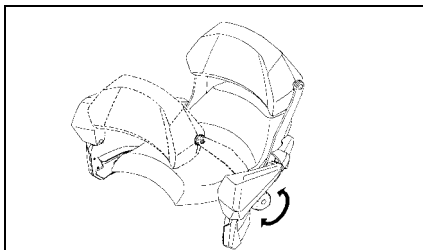
### **CAUTION**

**After reversing in deep powder snow conditions, make sure the snowflap does not become “caught up” in the track. Track and/or snowflap damage may occur.**

## **Adjustable Backrest (Pantera)**

The backrest is designed for maximum comfort and safety. When riding double, the backrest must be in the passenger seat position.

To change the position of the backrest, loosen the two adjuster knobs on either side of the seat and push the backrest forward or backward. Tighten both adjuster knobs.



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When riding single, the backrest can be moved to the forward seat position.

### **WARNING**

**Moving the backrest to the forward seat position limits the seating capacity to one person only.**

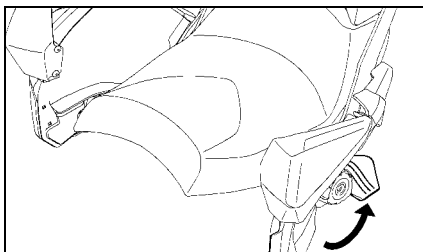
## **Removable Seat Pantera**

■ **NOTE:** If additional cargo is being added, maximum weight on the snowmobile (operator/passenger/cargo) should not exceed the maximum limitation set for each snowmobile. See the chart in the Suspension - Overload Springs sub-section in the Maintenance section for details. Also, the overload springs should be engaged.

### **WARNING**

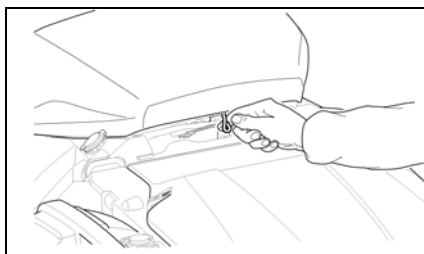
**Make sure the rear seat is securely locked in place before carrying a passenger or personal injury may result.**

To remove the rear seat, lift up both seat latches and hold them in that position; then lift and remove the seat. Make sure to disconnect the accessory harness.



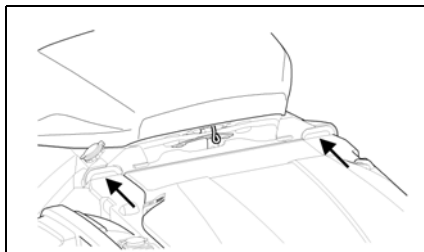
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Release the lever securing the front seat assembly; then lift up and remove the front seat. Make sure to disconnect the seat heater harness.



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To install the rear seat base, position the front of the seat base tabs under the loops in the seat frame; then press down and secure using the two seat latches.

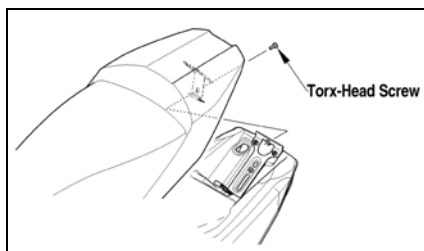


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■ **NOTE:** On certain models, be sure to connect the accessory harness.

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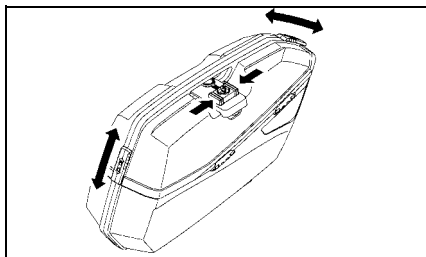
These snowmobiles are equipped with a removable seat. To remove the seat, remove the screw from the underside of the seat; then lift on the back of the seat and move it up and rearward to remove it.



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## Detachable Hard Storage Cases (Pantera 7000 LTD)

These snowmobiles are equipped with two detachable hard storage cases. To open the cases, slide the side two latches up; then press in the key lock and remove from the outer cover. Reverse to close the cover.



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To remove the cases from the snowmobile use the following procedure: Press in the key lock tabs then lift the lock; then press down on the silver tab to unlock the case from the snowmobile. Carefully tip the case outward and away from the snowmobile. Reverse order to install.



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## Towing

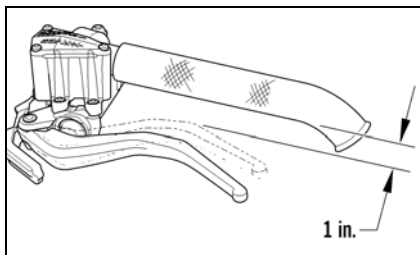
If the snowmobile is to be towed by another snowmobile, do not tow using the loops in the skis. The tow rope should be attached to the lower A-arms.

# Operating Instructions

## Pre-Start

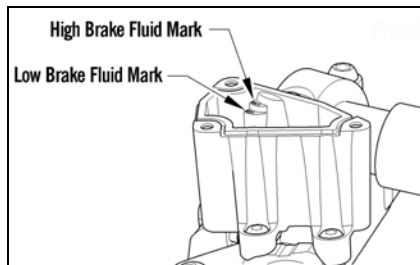
It is imperative that the brake system be checked for wear and proper operation and that all safety checks found in the accompanying Snowmobile Safety Handbook be performed before attempting to start the engine. After the engine has been started, check the headlights (high and low beam), taillight, and brakelight to be sure they are working properly and adjusted correctly. Make sure all lights are clean to provide maximum illumination. The headlight and taillight must be clean and must be illuminated whenever the engine is running.

1. Test the operation of the brake system by compressing the brake lever. The brake lever must feel firm when compressed; then while holding the brake lever in the compressed position, measure the distance between the brake lever and the handlebar. The distance must be greater than 2.54 cm (1 in.).



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2. With the brake fluid reservoir in a level position and the cover removed, check the fluid level. The brake fluid level must be at the high brake fluid mark in the reservoir.



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3. If the brake fluid is below the high brake fluid mark, add Arctic Cat approved DOT 4 brake fluid until the fluid is at the recommended level. Install and secure the reservoir cover. Do not allow moisture to contaminate the brake system.

## CAUTION

**Brake fluid is highly corrosive. Do not spill brake fluid on any surface of the snowmobile.**

## ⚠ WARNING

**Do not overfill the brake fluid reservoir. Overfilling the reservoir may cause the brake system to hydraulically lock. Use only Arctic Cat approved brake fluid.**

## ⚠ WARNING

**Do not start the engine if the brake system is not functioning properly. Service the brake system or have it properly repaired prior to operating the snowmobile. Serious personal injury or even death may occur if the brake system is not operating properly.**

4. Test the throttle control lever by completely compressing and releasing it several times. The lever **MUST** return to the idle position quickly and completely.

## CAUTION

**Always check the coolant level before starting the engine.**

5. Make sure the battery is fully charged to ensure the engine is turning over at a sufficient RPM to start.

■ **NOTE:** Even though the engine turns over, the engine may not have sufficient RPM to start.

6. Check the spark plugs and replace as necessary. Short engine run times cause carbon buildup on spark plugs.
7. Ensure the gas tank is full of fresh gas whenever the snowmobile is removed from storage.

8. Ensure drive belt tension and deflection are correct to reduce starter drag.

## Starting and Stopping Engine

1. Move the emergency stop switch to the UP or RUN position.
2. Insert key into ignition switch; then rotate key to the RUN position.

■ **NOTE:** When a cold engine is being started, **DO NOT COMPRESS THE THROTTLE CONTROL LEVER.** If the throttle control lever is compressed, the engine will not start because the fuel/air mixture will be too lean.

3. Rotate the key to the START position for 5-10 seconds; then when the engine starts, release the key.

### CAUTION

**Do not continuously run the starter for more than 10 seconds at a time.**

4. A "cold drive-away" function is incorporated within the engine. This function is active until the engine reaches operating temperature.

### CAUTION

**It is extremely important that the engine is properly warmed up before subjecting the engine to high speed operation or heavy loads. The engine should be allowed to idle at least 3-4 minutes before it is operated at more than 1/2 throttle. In extremely cold conditions, the warm-up time will be longer. Cold seizure and piston scuffing caused by insufficient warm-up will not be covered by warranty. Also, do not idle the engine for excessively long periods of time.**

5. Flooding — If the engine does not start but seems ready to start, engage the brake lever lock; then compress the throttle control lever fully and try to start the engine. When the engine starts, release the throttle control lever immediately. After the warm-up, release the brake lever lock.

■ **NOTE:** Spark plugs can be changed by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for inspection and service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

6. To shut off the engine, turn the ignition key to the OFF position or push the emergency stop switch to the DOWN position.

### CAUTION

**Always turn the ignition switch key to the OFF position when the snowmobile is not being used. Leaving the ignition switch in the ON position will result in discharging the battery and possible damage to the battery.**

■ **NOTE:** When the engine is turned off, wait for the gauge to completely power down before attempting to start the engine.

## Braking

The following items are items that the operator must be familiar with when operating this snowmobile and its hydraulic brake system. Important additional information on the proper maintenance of the brake system is found in the Maintenance section.

1. Use the brakes wisely. Each time the brakes are applied in all hydraulic brake systems (including automotive applications), heat is transferred to the brake fluid. The amount of heat transferred during high speed stops and/or repetitive use may be high enough to boil the brake fluid and cause the brakes to either fade or may cause an unexpected loss of brakes.

If this occurs, the brake fluid requires a cool-down period before the brakes will again function properly. This cool-down period will vary depending upon the ambient air temperature and the temperature of the brake fluid. If loss of brakes has occurred because of high fluid temperatures, do not operate the snowmobile until the cool-down period has expired and brake lever firmness has returned.

### **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.**

2. Be sure to maintain the brake fluid at the proper level and take care not to get any moisture in the system as moisture in the brake fluid lowers the boiling point. If the brake fluid is ever boiled (by high speed stops or repetitive use) or if moisture is allowed to enter the system, it must be changed. Never substitute or mix different types or grades of brake fluid.

### **WARNING**

**Use only Arctic Cat approved DOT 4 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.**

3. Never ride the brake. Even maintaining minimal pressure on the brake lever will cause the brake pads to drag on the disc and may overheat the brake fluid.

4. The brake lever lock is not a parking brake and should not be applied for periods exceeding 5 minutes. **NEVER OPERATE THE SNOWMOBILE WITH THE BRAKE LEVER LOCK ENGAGED.**

### **WARNING**

**The brake lever lock is not a parking brake and should not be applied for periods exceeding 5 minutes. The brake lever lock maintains the brake lever in the compressed position and maintains pressure against the brake disc; however, after a period of time, the pressure applied to the brake disc may relax below the amount required to hold the snowmobile stationary.**

5. Pumping the brake lever is permissible; however, if pumping the brake lever more than twice is necessary to obtain the necessary stopping power, immediately take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.
6. When new brake pads are installed, a "burnishing" process is required. Drive the snowmobile slowly and compress the brake lever several times until the pads just start to heat up; then allow them to thoroughly cool down. This process stabilizes the pad material and extends the life of the pads.

## **Emergency Stopping**

There are several methods of stopping or slowing the snowmobile under a variety of situations. Identified in the following chart are the ways a snowmobile may be brought to a stop and the effectiveness under normal conditions.

| Item                             | Function                    |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Emergency Stop Switch            | interrupts ignition circuit |
| Throttle/Ignition Monitor Switch | interrupts ignition circuit |
| Ignition Switch                  | interrupts ignition circuit |
| Brake                            | slows the drive system      |

## Throttle/Ignition Monitor Switch

The throttle control is equipped with a monitor switch for safety purposes which will stop the engine when a loss of return spring force occurs. If ice forms in the throttle system or if there is some other malfunction of the throttle system resulting in a loss of return spring force, the monitor switch will stop the engine when the throttle control lever is released.

### **WARNING**

If any malfunction of the throttle system occurs (such as freezing in fluffy snow) and the monitor switch does not shut off the engine, press down on the emergency stop switch IMMEDIATELY to stop the engine. DO NOT start the engine until the malfunction in the throttle system has been located and corrected.

If the snowmobile engine stops abruptly when the throttle control lever is released and the activation of the monitor switch is suspected, use the following procedure:

1. Rotate the ignition key to the OFF position.
2. Remove ice and snow from the throttle system and wait 5-10 minutes for the engine heat to thaw ice from the throttle system.
3. Test the throttle control lever by compressing and releasing it several times. The lever MUST return to the idle position quickly and completely.

■ **NOTE:** If the throttle control lever operates properly and the engine does not start, compress the throttle lever slightly (approximately 1/8 throttle) and try starting the engine. If the engine now starts and stops when the throttle lever is released, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

### **WARNING**

If the throttle control lever does not work properly, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO START THE ENGINE.

4. If the throttle control lever operates properly, rotate the ignition key to the RUN position and go through normal starting procedures.

■ **NOTE:** If the throttle control lever operates properly and the engine does not start, a malfunctioning monitor switch may be the problem. Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner. However, if a dire emergency exists wherein the engine must be started, disconnect the throttle monitor switch located in the right-side handlebar control.

■ **NOTE:** If disconnection of the throttle monitor switch is needed to start the engine, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service as soon as possible. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

### **WARNING**

Under no circumstances should disconnection of the throttle control wiring harness be used as a substitute for the monitor switch during normal operation of the snowmobile. Personal injury and damage could occur if the throttle system malfunctions or if the operator is unable to stop the engine in an emergency. If the snowmobile must be operated with a disconnected throttle control wiring harness, EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE TAKEN. NEVER EXCEED 10 MPH WITH THE THROTTLE CONTROL WIRING HARNESS DISCONNECTED.

■ **NOTE:** The monitor switch is now bypassed. All other ignition/electrical features (ignition switch, emergency stop switch, headlight, taillight, and brakelight) will operate properly.

## Varying Altitude Operation

Operating a snowmobile at varying altitudes requires changes in performance components. These changes affect drive train components.



For altitude information, see the appropriate specifications sheet.

■ **NOTE:** Just as important as calibrating the snowmobile for higher altitudes is recalibrating the snowmobile when going to lower altitudes. Always consult the altitude decal.

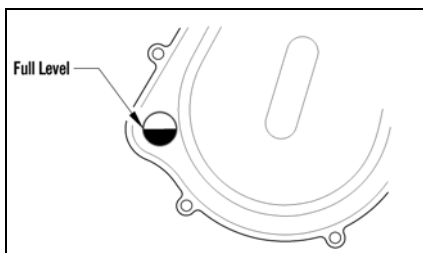
■ **NOTE:** Drive train changes can be made by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

# Lubrication

## Chain Case

■ **NOTE:** The snowmobile must be on a level surface for this procedure.

Check the lubricant level in the chain case by using the sight glass.



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■ **NOTE:** The correct level is when the lubricant is at least halfway up in the sight glass.

■ **NOTE:** Adding lubricant can be done by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

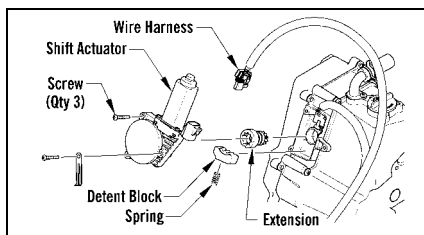
■ **NOTE:** Make sure the snowmobile is fully shifted into forward.

1. If the lube level is low, remove the three screws securing the shift actuator to the chain case, disconnect the actuator wiring harness, and remove the actuator extension, shift detent, and spring; then add appropriate amount of Arctic Cat Synthetic Chain Lube (p/n 6639-539) through the shift actuator opening until the lube is halfway up the sight glass.
2. Install the actuator extension and gently rotate counter clockwise to make sure the shift fork is in the forward position.
3. Remove the actuator extension; then re-install the actuator extension making sure the notch in the extension is directed downward.

4. Install spring into the bottom of detent block and install into the chain case cover. The notch in the extension should be lined up with the notch in the block.

■ **NOTE:** Rotate the extension clockwise approximately 20° making sure not to pull out the extension when rotating. This is only to aid in the installation of the actuator.

5. Install the actuator and secure using the existing three torx screws. Tighten to 36 in-lb.
6. Connect the harness to the gear position sensor; then secure the connector to the main harness using a cable tie.



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7. Start the engine and verify proper reverse and forward operation by shifting in and out of reverse three times.

■ **NOTE:** If excessive build-up of moisture or discolored oil is detected in the chain case, it may be necessary to replace the lube.

## Rear Suspension

This procedure should be done every 40 operating hours.

■ **NOTE:** Arctic Cat recommends that Arctic Cat Low-Temp Grease (p/n 7639-517) be used for this procedure.

1. Using Handlebar Stand (p/n 5639-152) or Steering Post Stand (p/n 5639-946) or a suitable substitute, lay the snowmobile on its left side.
2. Lubricate all grease fittings with low-temperature grease.

# Maintenance

| Periodic Maintenance Checklist        |                      |       |                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Item                                  | Interval             | Page  | Remarks                                                                                                                                                             |
| Brake System                          | Daily                | 33    | Check for binding, leakage, and proper operation; lever firmness, travel, caliper, disc, and pads                                                                   |
| Cooling System - Liquid               | Daily                | 11,26 | Check for leakage, damage, obstructions, coolant level                                                                                                              |
| Oil System                            | Daily                | —     | Check for leakage, damage, and injection/engine oil level                                                                                                           |
| Engine Oil                            | 2500 Mi/<br>Seasonal | 25    | Change oil and filter                                                                                                                                               |
| Battery                               | Daily                | 11,30 | Check for proper charge and tight connections                                                                                                                       |
| Stop Switch                           | Daily                | —     | Check for proper operation                                                                                                                                          |
| Hoses                                 | Daily                | —     | Check for damage, leakage, and wear                                                                                                                                 |
| Headlight & Taillight/Brakelight      | Daily                | 44    | Check for proper operation and cleanliness                                                                                                                          |
| Steering System                       | Daily                | —     | Check for proper operation, tightness of bolts, and binding                                                                                                         |
| Throttle Control System               | Daily                | 19    | Check for binding, sticking, proper operation, throttle cable tension, and wear                                                                                     |
| Drive Belt                            | Daily<br>Monthly     | 36    | Check for wear, cracks, and fraying<br>Check length and width dimensions                                                                                            |
| Ski Wear Bars                         | Daily                | 45    | Check for wear and damage                                                                                                                                           |
| Electrical Wiring                     | Weekly               | —     | Check for wear, damage, and tight connections                                                                                                                       |
| Exhaust System                        | Weekly               | 11    | Check for damage, leakage, and obstructions                                                                                                                         |
| Nuts, Bolts, Fasteners                | Weekly               | —     | Check tightness                                                                                                                                                     |
| Recoil Starter                        | Weekly               | —     | Check rope for wear, fraying, and proper operation                                                                                                                  |
| Shock Absorbers                       | Weekly               | 13,43 | Check for fluid leakage and damage                                                                                                                                  |
| Spark Plugs                           | 3500 Mi              | 28    | Check center electrode insulator color, carbon, and gap                                                                                                             |
| Valve Clearance (3000)                | 5000 Mi              | 29    | Check/adjust                                                                                                                                                        |
| Valve Clearance (7000/9000)           | 5000 Mi              | 36    | Check/Adjust                                                                                                                                                        |
| Suspension                            | Weekly               | 41    | Check for damage, loose components, and proper adjustment                                                                                                           |
| Track Tension/Alignment               | Weekly               | 39,40 | Check/adjust as necessary                                                                                                                                           |
| Wear Strips                           | Weekly               | 46    | Check for wear and damage                                                                                                                                           |
| Wires & Cables                        | Weekly               | —     | Check for wear, damage, and fraying                                                                                                                                 |
| Fuel System - Tank, Pump, & Vent Hose | Weekly               | —     | Check for damage, wear, obstructions, and leakage                                                                                                                   |
| Chain Case                            | Daily                | 22    | Check lube level and for leakage                                                                                                                                    |
| Chain Case - Lubricant                | Seasonal             | 22    | Replace                                                                                                                                                             |
| Heat Exchangers                       | Monthly              | —     | Check for wear, leakage, and damage                                                                                                                                 |
| Drive Clutch/Driven Clutch            | Monthly              | 13,13 | Check for damage, binding, and wear/remove drive belt, clean drive clutch/driven clutch with compressed air, and clean sheaves with suitable parts-cleaning solvent |
| Rear Suspension                       | Monthly              | 22    | Grease                                                                                                                                                              |

The longevity and safety of the snowmobile can be increased by making periodic checks of the items in the preceding checklist.

If, at any time, abnormal noises, vibrations, or improper working conditions of any component of this snowmobile are detected, **DO NOT OPERATE THE SNOWMOBILE**. Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for inspection and adjustment or repair. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

The snowmobile should be taken to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer at the end of each snowmobiling season for general inspection and for off-season storage servicing. This inspection and servicing is at the expense of the snowmobile owner.

## Fuel System

### **WARNING**

**Whenever any maintenance or inspection is made on the fuel system in which there may be fuel leakage, there should be no welding, smoking, open flames, etc., in the area.**

## Gasoline Additives

Fuel de-icer can be used for all models. Arctic Cat Fuel Stabilizer (p/n 0436-907) should also be added to the last tank of gasoline before storage.

## Fuel Pickup Valves

These models are equipped with fuel pickup valves in the gas tank. If ever there is a restricted fuel flow and a pickup valve is suspected, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## Checking Engine Oil Level

### 3000

■ **NOTE:** The snowmobile must be on a level surface for this procedure.

### **CAUTION**

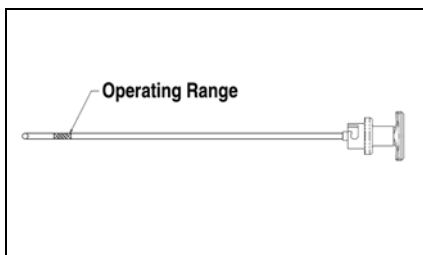
**If the engine and oil are not at operating temperature the oil will not read correctly on the oil level stick.**

1. Start the engine and let it idle and warm up until the fan on the radiator turns on.
2. Shut the engine off; then remove the left access panel. Remove the oil level stick and wipe it with a clean cloth.



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3. Install the oil level stick and remove the oil level stick; the engine oil level should be within the operating range but not above the FULL mark.



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4. If step 1-3 was followed and the oil level is not within the operating range, add the recommended engine oil through the oil stick tube. Install the oil level stick and the left access panel.

## 7000

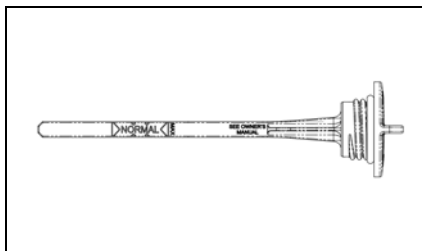
■ **NOTE:** The snowmobile must be on a level surface for this procedure.

### **CAUTION**

**If the engine and oil are not at operating temperature the oil will not read correctly on the oil level stick.**

1. Start the engine and let it idle and warm up until the fan on the radiator turns on.

2. Shut the engine off; then allow the engine to cool. Remove the oil level stick from the oil tank and verify it is within the "NORMAL" range on the stick.



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3. If step 1 and 2 was followed and the oil level is not within the "NORMAL" range, add the recommended engine oil.

■ **NOTE:** Care must be taken not to over-fill the oil tank.

4. Install the oil level stick.

## 9000

■ **NOTE:** The snowmobile must be on a level surface for this procedure.

### CAUTION

If the engine and oil are not at operating temperature the oil will not read correctly in the oil level tube.

1. Start the engine and let it idle and warm up until the engine reaches operating temperature.
2. Shut the engine off. Remove the right-side access panel; then look at the oil level tube on the backside of the oil tank. The oil should be above the MIN line and below the MAX line.



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3. If step 1 and 2 was followed and the oil level is not within the "MAX to MIN" range, add the recommended engine oil through the oil tank fill hole.

■ **NOTE:** Care must be taken not to over-fill the oil tank.

4. Install the oil fill plug.

## Changing Engine Oil/Filter

### ⚠ WARNING

Engine oil is extremely hot immediately after the engine is turned off. Burning could occur if oil contacts skin or clothing.

■ **NOTE:** Recycle or properly dispose of the used engine oil.

■ **NOTE:** The access panels and hood must be removed for this procedure.

1. Park the snowmobile on a level surface; then start the engine and let it idle and warm up until the fan on the radiator turns on, or if the snowmobile was operated, allow the engine to idle for approximately 30 seconds. Shut the engine off.
2. Remove the torx-head screws and the rear access plate from beneath the snowmobile.
3. Place a drain pan beneath the engine oil drain screw; then remove the screw and allow the oil to drain completely.



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4. Using Oil Filter Wrench, loosen (but do not remove) the oil filter and allow the oil to drain from the filter into the drain pan; then remove the filter.

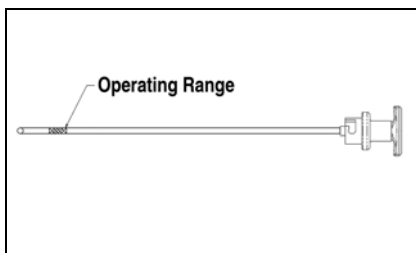


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5. Apply a light coat of fresh engine oil to the seal of the new oil filter.
6. Install the new oil filter by turning the oil filter by hand until the seal has contacted the oil filter mounting surface; then tighten the oil filter to 12 ft-lb.
7. Install the engine oil drain screw with a new gasket. Tighten the screw to 7.2 ft-lb (7000) or 10 ft-lb (3000).
8. Pour 2.8 L (3 US quarts) of engine oil in through the oil level stick tube.
9. Install the oil level stick then start the engine and check for the oil pressure warning icon.

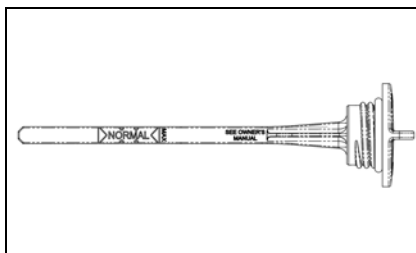
■ **NOTE:** The warning icon should go out within five seconds. If it does, proceed to step 10. If the warning icon does not illuminate, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

10. On the 3000, shut the engine off; remove the oil level stick from the oil tank and verify it is within the operating range on the stick.



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11. On the 7000, shut the engine off; remove the oil level stick from the oil tank and verify it is within the "NORMAL" range on the stick.



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■ **NOTE:** If the oil and engine are not at operating temperature, the oil level may read too low. Always make sure the engine is at operating temperature before checking the oil.

12. Install the access plate beneath the engine; then install the hood and access panels.

## Coolant Level

### 3000/7000

#### CAUTION

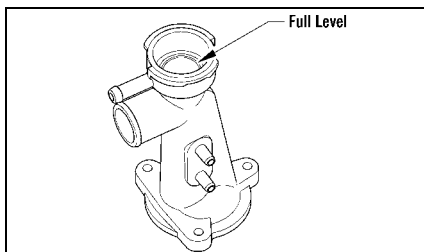
**After operating the snowmobile for the initial 5-10 minutes, stop the engine, allow the engine to cool down, and check the coolant level. Add coolant as necessary.**

Locate the filler neck located above the resonator; then remove the coolant cap from the filler neck. Verify that the coolant is at the bottom of the tab in the filler neck.

**CAUTION**

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

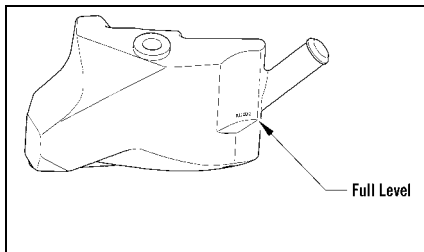
Locate the filler neck located above the driven clutch; then remove the coolant cap from the filler neck. Verify that the coolant is at the bottom of the tab in the filler neck.



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■ **NOTE:** Under normal conditions checking only the overflow tank (located above the drive clutch) is acceptable. Only if this tank does not have coolant should the operator have to remove the hood and check the level at the filler neck.

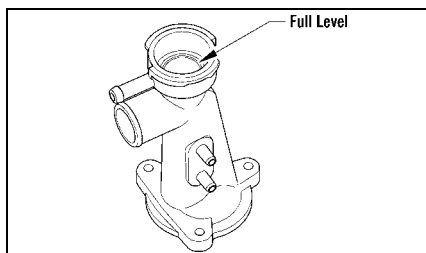
Locate the coolant tank above the drive clutch; then remove the plug from the coolant tank. Add coolant to the full level on the tank. Install the plug.



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**CAUTION**

If the coolant is below the neck and if coolant has been added, immediately inspect for leakage and/or damage. If leakage or damage is detected, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.



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■ **NOTE:** Under normal conditions checking only the overflow tank (located above the driven clutch) is acceptable. Only if this tank does not have coolant should the operator have to remove the hood and check the level at the filler neck.

Locate the coolant tank above the drive clutch; then remove the plug from the coolant tank. Add coolant to the full level on the tank. Install the plug.

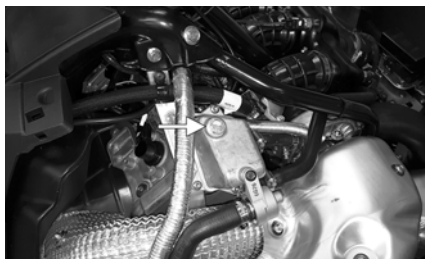


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## CAUTION

If the coolant is below the neck and if coolant has been added, immediately inspect for leakage and/or damage. If leakage or damage is detected, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

Remove the plug in the vapor tank located above the exhaust. Once the plug is removed, verify the coolant is just below the treads. If coolant needs to be added, raise the left-side (PTO) ski up approximately 6 inches and add coolant to the bottom of the threads. Install the plug.



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## Air Filter (9000)

The air filter inside the air filter housing must be clean to provide good engine power and gas mileage.

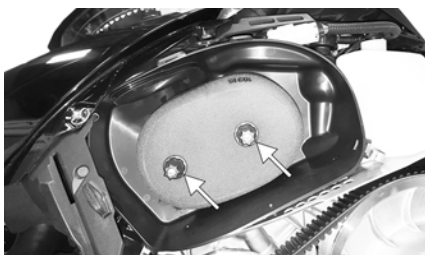
If operating the snowmobile in deep powder conditions, the air filter should be inspected for snow buildup.

1. Remove the left-side access panel; then remove the clips securing the air filter housing cover.



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2. Loosen the two knobs securing the air filter to the inside of the housing; then remove the filter.



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3. Install the filter and secure using the two knobs.
4. Install the air filter housing cover and secure with the clips.
5. Install the left-side access panel.

## Spark Plugs

■ **NOTE:** Always use the recommended spark plugs in the engine. See the appropriate specifications sheet for correct spark plug gap.

Varying terrain conditions and operating usage may require spark plugs of a different heat range. For example, sustained cross-country riding will usually require colder heat-range spark plugs while trail riding or other continual slow speed operation will usually require hotter heat-range spark plugs.

## Removing/Installing

### CAUTION

If adjusting spark plug gap is necessary, do not use the center electrode as a leverage point. Damage to the plug may occur.



■ **NOTE:** Spark plug maintenance may be done by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

■ **NOTE:** For this procedure, the hood and side panels must be removed.

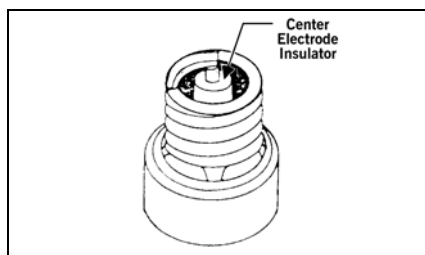
1. Remove the spark plug end caps.
2. Using a 3/8-in. drive ratchet, adapter, and a 5/8-in. spark plug socket, remove the spark plugs.

■ **NOTE:** Prior to installing the spark plugs, check the gap between the electrode and ground strap. The clearance should be 0.7-0.8 mm (0.028-0.031 in.).

3. Install the spark plugs. Tighten to 96 in.-lb.
4. Install the spark plug end caps.
5. Install the hood and access panels.

## Checking

To see if the spark plugs being used are of the proper heat range (after the snowmobile has been operated under normal driving conditions), remove the spark plugs and examine the condition of the center electrode insulator of each spark plug.



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- A. TAN or LIGHT BROWN insulator indicates correct spark plugs (heat range).
- B. LIGHT GRAY or WHITE insulator indicates over-heating of the engine. This condition is caused by a too lean condition or incorrect spark plugs (heat range too hot).

C. BLACK insulator indicates fuel in the combustion chamber is not burning completely. This condition is caused by a too rich condition, too much oil, or incorrect spark plugs (heat range too cold).

■ **NOTE:** If the center electrode insulators are light gray, white, or black, oil-injection pump synchronization, and ignition timing are correct, different heat-range spark plugs may be necessary. Authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealers have detailed spark plug information. Consult a dealer before changing spark plugs, as incorrect heat-range spark plugs could cause poor engine performance or engine damage.

## CAUTION

If a spark plug is light gray, white, or black and another is tan or light brown, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for inspection and service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## Valve Clearance 7000/9000

After 25,000 miles, valve clearance should be checked and adjusted as necessary.

■ **NOTE:** Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for inspection and service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## CAUTION

It is critical that the checking/adjusting valve clearance be done at the recommended intervals or severe engine damage may occur.

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After 5000 miles, valve clearance should be checked and adjusted as necessary.

■ **NOTE:** Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for inspection and service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

### CAUTION

It is critical that the checking/adjusting valve clearance be done at the recommended intervals or severe engine damage may occur.

## Battery

These sealed batteries after being in service require regular cleaning and recharging in order to deliver peak performance and maximum service life. The following procedures are recommended for cleaning and maintaining sealed batteries. Always read and follow instructions provided with battery chargers and battery products.

■ **NOTE:** Battery maintenance may be done by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

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

### ⚠ WARNING

Improper handling or connecting of a battery may result in severe injury including acid burns, electrical burns, or blindness as a result of an explosion. Always remove rings and watches. Any time 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 a battery. When servicing a battery in an enclosed space, keep the area well-ventilated.

### ⚠ WARNING

Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

1. Remove the torx-head screw from the rear underside of the seat; then remove the seat.

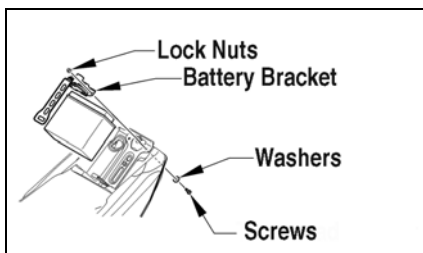
### CAUTION

On the LXR, make sure to disconnect the seat heater harness connector prior to removing the seat.

2. Remove the negative battery cable and ground wire; then remove the positive cable.

■ **NOTE:** For installing purposes prior to removing the battery, note the routing and securing locations of the cables and harness wires.

3. Remove the two screws and lock nuts securing the battery bracket/solenoid to the seat-base; then move the bracket up and out of the way and remove the battery.



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### ⚠ WARNING

Avoid spillage and contact with skin, eyes, and clothing.

### CAUTION

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

4. Thoroughly wash the battery with soap and water; then using a wire brush, clean the battery posts and cable ends removing all corrosive buildup. Replace damaged cables or cable ends.

■ **NOTE:** If battery posts or cable ends have a build-up of white/green powder residue, apply water and baking soda to neutralize acid; then flush off with warm soapy water.

### CAUTION

Do not remove seal strip on a sealed battery.

### ⚠ WARNING

Battery acid is harmful if it contacts eyes, skin, or clothing. Care must be taken whenever handling a battery.

5. Using a multimeter, test battery voltage. The meter must read no less than 12.5 DC Volts for a fully charged battery.

■ **NOTE:** At this point if the meter reads as specified, the battery may be returned to service (see step 9).

6. If the meter reads less than specified voltage, charge the battery using the following guidelines.
  - A. When using an automatic battery charger, always follow the charger manufacturer's instructions.
  - B. When using a constant-current battery charger, use the following Battery Charging Chart.

### CAUTION

Never exceed the standard charging rate.

### ⚠ WARNING

An overheated battery could explode causing severe injury or death. Always monitor charging times and charge rates carefully. Stop charging if the battery becomes very warm to the touch. Allow it to cool before resuming charging.

### Battery Charging Chart (Constant-Current Charger)

| Battery Voltage (DC) | Charge State | Charge Time Required (at 1.5-2.0 Amps) |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| 12.5 (minimum)       | 100%         | None                                   |
| 12.2-12.4            | 75%-99%      | 3-6 hours                              |
| 12.0-12.2            | 50%-74%      | 5-11 hours                             |
| 11.0-11.9            | 25%-49%      | 13 hours (minimum)                     |
| 11.5 or less         | 0-24%        | 20 hours (minimum)                     |

■ **NOTE:** If the battery voltage is 11.5 DC Volts or less, some chargers may "cut off" and fail to charge. If this occurs, connect a fully charged booster battery in parallel (positive to positive and negative to negative) for a short period of time with the charger connected. After 10-15 minutes, disconnect the booster battery leaving the charger connected and the charger should continue to charge. If the charger "cuts off," replace the battery.

7. After charging the battery for the specified time, remove the battery charger and allow the battery to sit for 1-2 hours.
8. Connect the multimeter and test the battery voltage. The meter should read no less than 12.5 DC Volts. If the voltage is as specified, the battery is ready for service.

■ **NOTE:** If voltage in step 8 is below specifications, charge the battery an additional 1-5 hours; then retest. The battery is ready for service.

9. Place the battery into position in the snowmobile; then coat the battery posts and cable ends with a light coat of multi-purpose grease.

### CAUTION

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

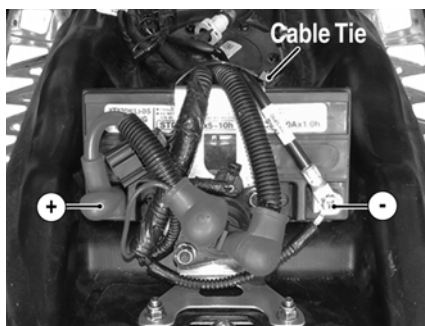
10. Secure the red positive cable to the positive terminal on the battery using a cap screw, lock washer, and a flat washer. Tighten securely.

11. Secure the main black negative cable and the small black negative cable to the battery using a cap screw, lock washer, and a flat washer. Tighten securely.

### CAUTION

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

■ **NOTE:** Assure the harness wires and cables are routed properly as noted during removing battery procedure.



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12. Install the battery bracket/solenoid and tighten the two screws and lock nuts to 105 in.-lb; then install the seat and secure with the torx-head screw. Tighten securely.

■ **NOTE:** On the LXR prior to lowering and securing the seat, connect the seat heater harness connector.

## Fuses

Fuses protect the snowmobile electrical system from overloading. If electrical parts in the snowmobile are not working, the system may have been overloaded and caused a blown fuse. Before repairing or replacing any electrical part, check the appropriate fuses. If a fuse blows (opens a circuit), all the parts of the snowmobile that use that circuit will not work.

Once which fuse to check has been determined, perform the following steps:

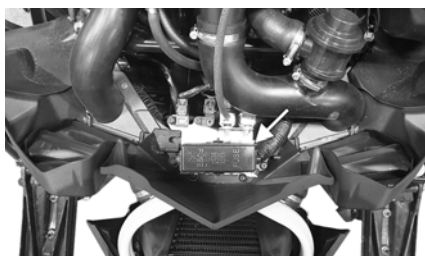
1. Locate the fuse block and remove the fuse block cover.

■ **NOTE:** To locate the fuse block on 3000/7000, open the left-side access panel; the fuse block is behind the coolant overflow bottle.



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■ **NOTE:** On the 9000, remove both access panels and the hood. Locate the fuse block in front of the engine.



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■ **NOTE:** There are spare fuses beneath the fuse block cover.

2. Remove the suspected fuse.

■ **NOTE:** Fuse function descriptions are next to the fuse contacts in the fuse block.

3. Look through the clear side of the fuse to see if the element inside is burned or separated. If it is, the fuse is blown and should be replaced with a fuse of the correct amperage rating.

### ⚠ WARNING

Always replace a fuse with one having the same specified amperage rating. Using a fuse with a higher rating can cause severe wire damage and could start a fire.

4. Install the fuse block cover.

Even after replacing a fuse, it may continue to blow if the cause of the overload is not determined. If the fuse continues to blow, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## Brake System

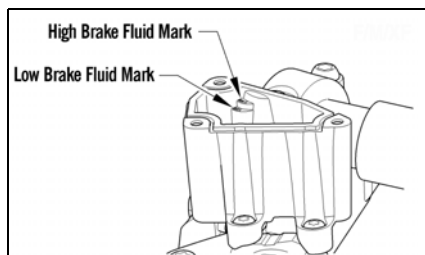
Arctic Cat recommends that the brake system (brake lever, fluid reservoir, hose, caliper, pads, and brake disc) be checked daily for fluid leakage, wear, or damage and for proper operation. Also, the brake fluid level must be checked every time before starting the engine. The brake fluid must be visible in the sight glass.

### WARNING

**DO NOT** operate the snowmobile when the brake lever lock is engaged or when any component in the brake system is damaged, worn, or adjusted improperly. If the snowmobile is operated and the brake system is not functioning properly, severe personal injury could result.

## Checking/Adding Brake Fluid

1. With the brake fluid reservoir in a level position and the cover removed, check the fluid level. The brake fluid level must be at the high brake fluid mark in the reservoir.



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2. If the brake fluid is not visible in the sight glass, remove the reservoir cover and add Arctic Cat approved DOT 4 brake fluid until the fluid is at the recommended level. Install and secure the reservoir cover. Do not allow moisture to contaminate the brake system.

### CAUTION

**Brake fluid is highly corrosive. Do not spill brake fluid on any surface of the snowmobile.**

### WARNING

**Do not overfill the brake fluid reservoir. Overfilling the reservoir may cause the brake system to hydraulically lock. Use only Arctic Cat approved DOT 4 brake fluid. Never substitute or mix different types or grades of brake fluid. Brake loss can result. Brake loss can result in severe injury or even death.**

## Changing Brake Fluid

The brake fluid must be changed on a regular basis and whenever the brake fluid has been overheated or contaminated. The brake fluid should be changed every 1000 miles or at the end of the snowmobiling season, whichever occurs first. Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

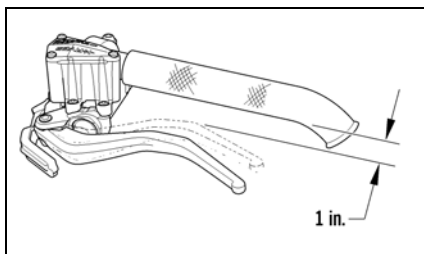
## Checking Brake Lever Travel

Before each use, check the brake lever travel using the following procedure:

1. Compress the brake lever fully.

**NOTE:** Do not pump the brake lever as it will produce an inaccurate reading.

2. Measure the distance between the brake lever and the handlebar. The distance must be greater than 2.54 cm (1 in.).



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3. If the resultant distance is less than specified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

### **WARNING**

**Do not operate the snowmobile if the compressed distance between the brake lever and the handlebar is less than 2.54 cm (1 in.). Brake loss may occur. Brake loss can result in severe personal injury.**

### **Bleeding Brake System**

If the brake lever feels spongy when applied, the brake system may need to be bled. To bleed the brake, use the following procedure:

■ **NOTE:** The brake system may be bled by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

1. Remove the reservoir cover and (if necessary) fill the reservoir to the high brake fluid mark with Arctic Cat approved DOT 4 brake fluid.

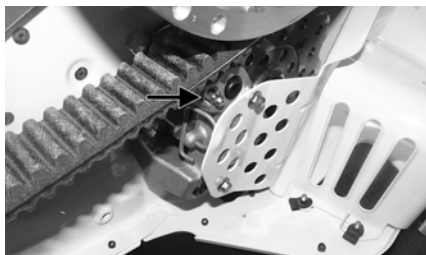
### **CAUTION**

**Brake fluid is highly corrosive. Do not spill brake fluid on any surface of the snowmobile.**

### **WARNING**

**Use only Arctic Cat approved DOT 4 brake fluid. Any substitute may result in a loss of brakes.**

2. Slide a piece of flexible tubing over the ball of the bleeder valve and direct the other end into a container.



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3. Slowly compress the brake lever until maximum pressure is attained; then hold the lever in the compressed position to maintain pressure. Open the bleeder valve to release the fluid and air. When the fluid stops, close the bleeder valve; then release the brake lever.
4. Repeat step 3 until the brake fluid flows free of air bubbles.

■ **NOTE:** It may be necessary to refill the reservoir during the bleeding process. Never allow the brake fluid to go below the low brake fluid mark in the reservoir.

5. When the brake fluid is free of all air and the brake lever feels firm when compressed, fill the reservoir to the high brake fluid mark; then install and secure the cover. Remove the tube from the bleeder valve.

### **Checking/Changing Brake Pads**

The condition of the brake pads must be checked daily and changed if worn or damaged. To check and change the brake pads, use the following procedure:

■ **NOTE:** The brake pads may be changed by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

■ **NOTE:** When installing new brake pads, always install them as a set. Never install just one pad or use brake pads which have been used in another snowmobile.

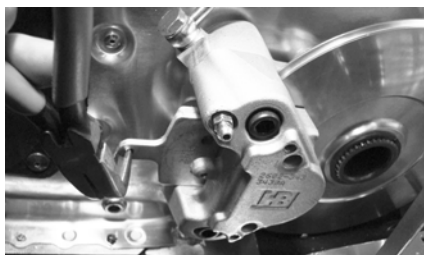
1. Remove the brake fluid reservoir cover; then remove most of the brake fluid from the reservoir. Install the cover.

### CAUTION

Brake fluid is highly corrosive. Do not spill brake fluid on any surface of the snowmobile.

■ **NOTE:** The above procedure will allow room for the fluid from the caliper when the pistons are pushed into the caliper for installing new brake pads. Replacing the cover will prevent fluid spillage.

2. Open the left-side access panel.
3. Remove the torx-head screws securing the brake shield to the belt guard mount; then remove the cap screws securing the brake shield to the brake caliper.
4. Carefully move the shield out of the way; then remove the hairpin clip securing the brake pads to the caliper assembly.
5. Using a pair of pliers, pull the outer brake pad out of the caliper assembly.



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■ **NOTE:** Changing one pad at a time will prevent one piston from pushing out the other piston from the caliper.

6. Measure the thickness of the brake pad. The brake pad thickness must be greater than 1.0 mm (0.04 in.). If the brake pad thickness is less than specified, replacement of both pads is necessary.



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7. Using a flat-blade tool, slowly and carefully push the piston into the caliper.
8. Position the outer brake pad into the caliper; then install the hair-pin clip into the caliper assembly.
9. Repeat steps 5-8 for the inner pad; then secure the pad with the hairpin clip.
10. Remove the reservoir cover and remove the remaining fluid; then fill the reservoir with fresh fluid and install the cover.
11. Pump the brake lever to ensure correct positioning of the brake pads and proper brake lever travel; then release.
12. Remove the reservoir cover and fill the reservoir (if necessary) to the proper level with fresh brake fluid; then install the cover.
13. Secure the brake shield; then close and secure the left-side access panel.

■ **NOTE:** When new brake pads are installed, a “burnishing” process is required (see Burnishing Brake Pads sub-section).

### Burnishing Brake Pads

After changing brake pads, the new brake pads must be burnished to achieve full braking effectiveness. Braking distance will be extended until brake pads are properly burnished.

To properly burnish the brakes, use following procedure:

1. Choose an area sufficiently large to safely accelerate to 30-40 mph and to brake to a stop.

■ **NOTE:** This procedure can also be accomplished using a shielded jack stand.

2. Accelerate to 30-40 mph; then compress brake lever to decelerate to a stop.

■ **NOTE:** Lightly apply the brake lever to come to an easy stop; do not over-apply brakes or “lock up” the track.

3. Repeat procedure 10-15 times allowing some cooling between stops.

■ **NOTE:** Do not repeat too soon or too aggressively as to get the brake disc “red hot.”

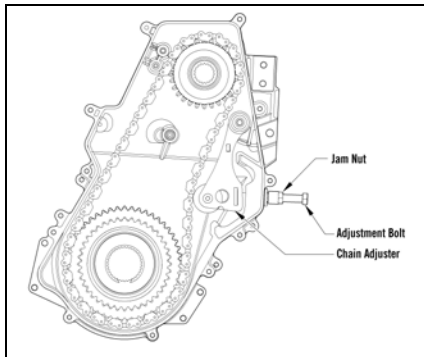
### **WARNING**

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.

■ **NOTE:** This procedure stabilizes the pad material and extends the life of the pads.

## **Chain Tension (7000/9000)**

1. Remove the right side access cover; then remove the exhaust assembly.
2. Loosen the jam nut.
3. Turn the chain tension adjustment bolt clockwise until it is finger tight; then loosen it 1 1/2 turns.



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4. While holding the bolt with a wrench, tighten the jam nut to 18 ft-lb.
5. Install the exhaust assembly with a new gasket.
6. Install the right-side access cover.

■ **NOTE:** Check that the harness is installed correctly.

## **Drive Belt**

The drive belt transfers power from the drive clutch to the driven clutch. If the belt is worn, cracked, or stretched, maximum power will not be transmitted and the belt could also fail and therefore must be replaced. Periodic checks (at least once a month under normal usage) of two drive belt specifications are essential.

1. Measure the outside circumference of the drive belt. The belt should be within the recommended range in circumference (see appropriate specifications sheet).
2. Measure the outside width of the drive belt. The belt should be within the recommended range in width.
3. Check the belt for cracking, fraying, etc.

If any of the specifications or conditions are unsatisfactory, replace the drive belt.

■ **NOTE:** Drive belts should be purchased from an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer, as Arctic Cat drive belts are made to exact specifications and of quality material. Belts made by other manufacturers may not be of the same specifications or quality and, therefore, usage could result in poor performance and premature belt failure.

■ **NOTE:** Before starting the snowmobile in extremely cold temperatures, the drive belt should be removed and warmed up to room temperature. Once the drive belt is at room temperature, install the drive belt.



Also, new drive belts have a break-in period of approximately 25 miles. After installing a new drive belt, drive the snowmobile for 25 miles at 3/4 throttle or less. By revving the engine up and down (but not exceeding 60 mph), the exposed cord on the side of a new belt will be worn down. This allows the drive belt to gain its optimum flexibility and will extend drive belt life.

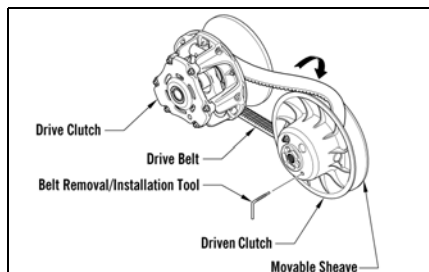
## CAUTION

**Never run the engine with the drive belt removed. Excessive revving of the engine could result in serious engine damage and drive clutch failure.**

■ **NOTE:** Changing a drive belt can be done by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## Removing (7000/9000)

1. Set the brake lever lock; then remove the left-side access panel.
2. Thread Removal/Installation Tool clockwise into the driven clutch until the movable sheave opens far enough to remove the drive belt.



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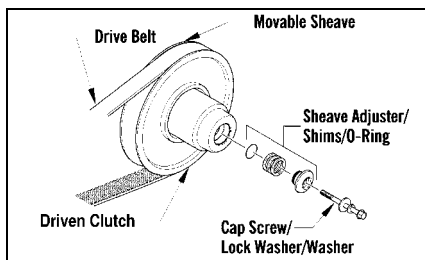
3. When the sheaves are fully apart, pull up on drive belt and roll belt over stationary sheave until it is free of the driven clutch.
4. When the belt is free of driven clutch, remove the belt from the drive clutch.

## Installing (7000/9000)

1. Place the belt (so the part number can be read) between the sheaves of the drive clutch.
2. With the sheaves fully apart, roll the belt over the stationary sheave.
3. With the drive belt properly positioned in the drive clutch and driven clutch, turn the belt tool counter-clockwise and roll the belt back and forth to allow the driven clutch sheaves to fully close.
4. Install the left-side access panel.
5. Release the brake lever lock.

## Removing (3000)

1. Turn ignition key to the OFF position and wait for all moving parts to stop.
2. Set the brake lever lock.
3. Open the left-side access panel.
4. Remove the cap screw, lock washer, and sheave adjuster from the end of the driven clutch; then remove the sheave adjuster from the cap screw.



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■ **NOTE:** Each time the driven clutch cap screw is removed, the hole in the driven shaft should be cleaned free of any Loctite residue.

■ **NOTE:** Verify the shims and O-ring are not removed from the adjuster.

5. Remove the lock washer and flat washer from the cap screw and reverse the sheave adjuster.

6. Install the cap screw into the driven clutch; then tighten the cap screw until the movable sheave opens far enough to allow the belt to be removed.
7. Remove the drive belt from the driven clutch first; then from the drive clutch.

■ **NOTE:** Before installing the drive belt, use a suitable cleaning solvent to thoroughly clean the sheaves.

### Installing (3000)

1. Place the belt (so the part number can be read and the arrows are facing the front of the snowmobile) between the sheaves of the drive clutch first; then between the sheaves of the driven clutch.

### CAUTION

Before securing the driven clutch, be sure the rollers are up against the torque bracket or damage to the back-side cams may occur.

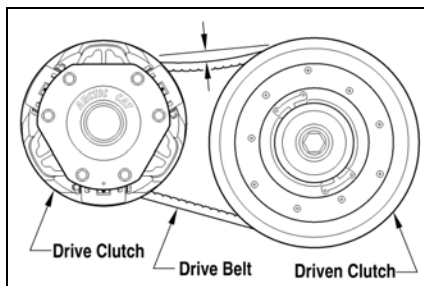
2. Install the cap screw, lock washer, washer, and sheave adjuster back into the driven clutch. Tighten the cap screw (apply a few drops of blue Loc-tite #243 to the threads) to 20 ft-lb.
3. Install the left-side access panel.

### WARNING

Never operate the snowmobile without the belt guard/access panel secured in place.

4. Release the brake lever lock.

### Checking/Adjusting Deflection (3000)



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Drive belt length, condition, and deflection are all important for peak performance.

1. With the engine off, remove the left-side access panel.
2. Make sure the drive belt is sitting at the top of the driven clutch sheaves.
3. Place a straightedge on the top of the drive belt. The straightedge should reach from the drive clutch to the top of the driven clutch.
4. Using a stiff ruler centered between the drive clutch and driven clutch, push down on the drive belt just enough to remove all slack and note the amount of deflection. The deflection should be within the range of 28.5-31.8 mm (1 1/8-1 1/4 in.).

■ **NOTE:** Push down on the belt with the ruler only until the bottom of the belt flexes upward; then read the amount of deflection.

■ **NOTE:** Turning the set screw clockwise increases distance between the sheaves (increases belt deflection measurement); turning the set screw counterclockwise decreases distance between the sheaves (decreases belt deflection measurement).

6. To correct drive belt deflection, remove the sheave adjuster from the clutch, remove or add shim washers to the adjuster, and install the adjuster.

■ **NOTE:** Adding shim washers will decrease belt deflection and removing shim washers will increase belt deflection. Available shim washers from Arctic Cat are p/n 0648-714 (0.090 in.) - one included in the tool kit, p/n 0648-715 (0.030 in.), and p/n 0648-716 (0.060 in.).

■ **NOTE:** Removing/adding shim washers may be done by the snowmobile owner if qualified to do so. If the owner does not feel qualified, take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## Track Tension

Track tension is directly related to the overall performance of the snowmobile. If the track is too loose, it may slap against the tunnel causing wear or it may “ratchet” on the track drive sprockets. If extremely loose, the idler wheels may climb over the track lugs forcing the track against the tunnel causing the track to “lock.”

Arctic Cat recommends that the track tension be checked daily during the first 300 miles of operation and once a week thereafter and adjusted according to need. The track will stretch and take a “set” during break-in. Track deflection must be maintained within the recommended range.

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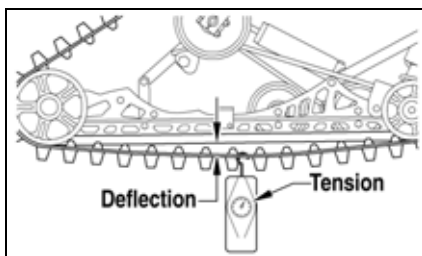
Track tension must be properly maintained. Personal injury could result if a track is allowed to become excessively loose.

## Checking Track Tension

### **WARNING**

**DO NOT** attempt to check or adjust track tension with engine running. Turn ignition key to the OFF position. Personal injury could result from contact with a rotating track.

1. Remove excess ice and snow buildup from the track, track drive sprockets, and the inside of the skid frame.
2. Elevate the snowmobile on a shielded safety stand high enough to use a spring scale.
3. At mid-point of the track (on the bottom side), hook a spring scale around a track clip; then pull down on the scale to 20 ft-lb. Measure the deflection (distance) between the bottom of the wear strip and the inside surface of the track clip. Measurement should be 51 mm (2 in.).

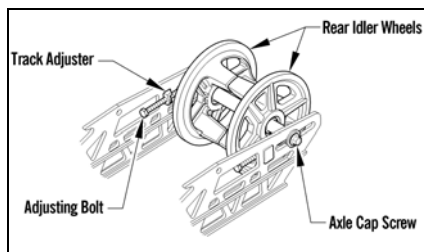


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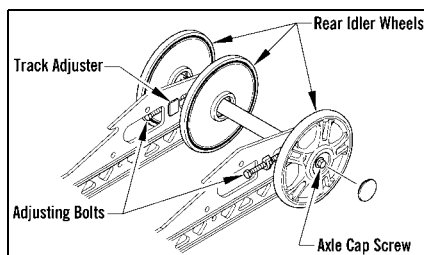
## Adjusting Track Tension

■ **NOTE:** To ensure proper track tension adjustment, perform all adjustments on both sides of the snowmobile.

1. Loosen the idler wheel axle cap screws.



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2. If the deflection (distance between the bottom of the wear strip and the inside surface of the track clip) exceeds specifications, tighten the adjusting bolts to take up excessive slack in the track.

3. If the distance between the bottom of the wear strip and the inside surface of the track clip is less than specified, loosen the adjusting bolts to increase the slack in the track.

### CAUTION

**Always maintain track tension within recommended specification.**

4. Check track alignment.
5. After proper track tension is obtained, tighten the idler wheel axle cap screws to 34 ft-lb; then tighten the adjusting bolts securely against the axle.

■ **NOTE:** Since track tension and track alignment are interrelated, always check both even if only one adjustment seems necessary.

### WARNING

Always make sure the adjusting bolts are snug against the axle and the idler wheel cap screws are tightened to specifications. Failure to do so could cause the track to become extremely loose and, under some operating conditions, allow the idler wheels to climb over the track lugs forcing the track against the tunnel causing the track to "lock." If a track "locks" during operation, severe personal injury could result.

## Track Alignment

Proper track alignment is obtained when the rear idler wheels are equal distance from the inner track drive lugs. Excessive wear to the idler wheels, drive lugs, and track will occur if the track is improperly aligned. Arctic Cat recommends that the track alignment be checked once a week or whenever the track tension is adjusted.

## Checking Track Alignment

### WARNING

**Make sure the ignition key is in the OFF position and the track is not rotating before checking or adjusting track alignment. Personal injury could result if contact is made with a rotating track.**

1. Remove excess ice and snow buildup from the track, track drive sprockets, and the inside of the skid frame.
2. Position the tips of the skis against a wall; then using a shielded safety stand, raise the rear of the snowmobile off the floor making sure the track is free to rotate.

### WARNING

**The tips of the skis must be positioned against a wall or similar object.**

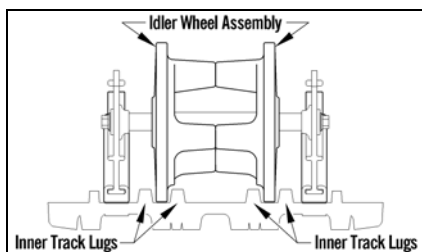
### WARNING

**DO NOT stand behind the snowmobile or near the rotating track. NEVER run the track at high speed when the track is suspended.**

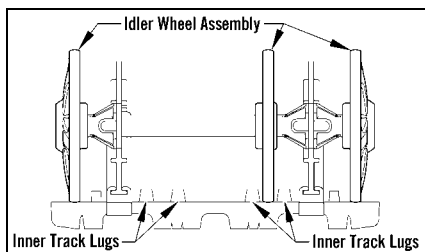
3. Start the engine and accelerate slightly. Use only enough throttle to turn the track several revolutions. SHUT ENGINE OFF.

■ **NOTE:** Allow the track to coast to a stop. DO NOT apply the brake because it could produce an inaccurate alignment condition.

4. When the track stops rotating, check the relationship of the rear idler wheels and the inner track drive lugs. If the rear idler wheels are centered between the inner track drive lugs, no adjustment is necessary.



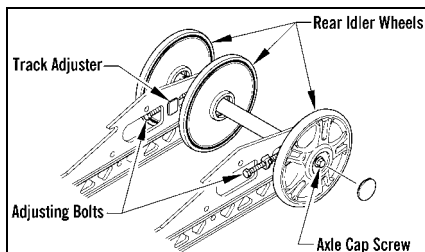
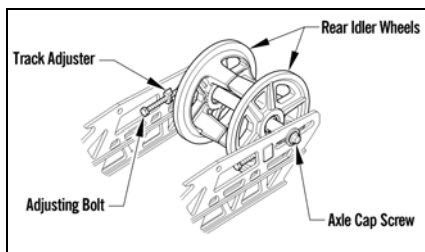
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5. If the idler wheels are not centered between the inner track drive lugs, an adjustment is necessary.

## Adjusting Track Alignment

1. On the side of the track which has the inner track drive lugs closer to the rear idler wheel, loosen the idler wheel axle cap screw; then rotate the adjusting bolt clockwise 1 to 1 1/2 turns.



■ **NOTE:** On XF HC models, use the allen wrench in the tool kit to adjust the allen-head screw to tighten or loosen the track.

2. Check track alignment and continue adjustment until proper alignment is obtained.

■ **NOTE:** Make sure correct track tension is maintained after adjusting track alignment.

3. After proper track alignment is obtained, tighten the idler wheel axle cap screw to 34 ft-lb; then tighten the adjusting bolts securely against the axle.

## **WARNING**

**Always make sure the adjusting bolts are snug against the axle and the idler wheel cap screws are tightened to specifications. Failure to do so could cause the track to become extremely loose and, under some operating conditions, allow the idler wheels to climb over the track lugs forcing the track against the tunnel causing the track to "lock." If a track "locks" during operation, severe personal injury could result.**

4. Field test the track under actual conditions.
5. After the field test, check the alignment of the track. If additional adjustment is necessary, repeat Adjusting Track Alignment procedure.

## Suspension

The suspension should be adjusted for the operational needs and riding preference of the operator.

The front shock springs determine the amount of ski pressure and the reaction of the front suspension to rough terrain. The amount of ski pressure can also be changed by adjusting the length of the skid frame front arm limiter straps.

On models with rear suspension springs, the springs influence the load carrying capability of the snowmobile and should be adjusted for the weight and riding preference of the operator.

■ **NOTE:** On models with a rear arm float shock, this adjustment is achieved by increasingly or decreasing the air pressure in the rear arm air shock absorber.

## Arctic Cat IFP Rebuildable Gas Shocks

Servicing rebuildable shock absorbers is considered normal maintenance and is the responsibility of the owner. Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner. If changes in shock valving are desired, see an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

Each shock absorber should be visibly checked weekly for fluid leakage, cracks or breaks in the body, or a bent shaft. If any one of these conditions is detected, replacement is necessary. Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. If not under warranty, this service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

## FOX Shocks

If service work is needed on any FOX shocks, the shock will have to be removed and sent to FOX or any FOX distributor for any service work. For FOX shock information log on to [www.ridefox.com](http://www.ridefox.com) or call FOX at 1-800-369-7469.

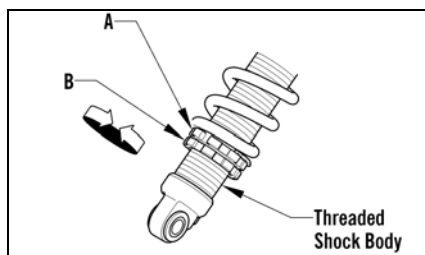
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## Adjusting Front (Ski) Shock Springs

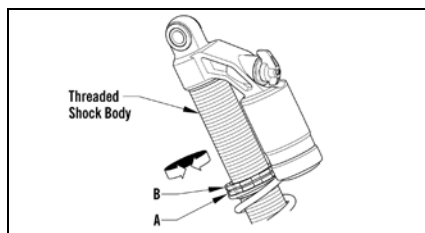
The front (ski) shock springs are individually adjustable for the terrain conditions and driving style of the operator. The spring adjuster nut has been set at the factory so the correct amount of threads are exposed between the adjuster nut and the threaded shock body as an initial setting. Additional ski pressure can be obtained by tightening the spring tension; ski pressure can be decreased by relaxing spring tension.

**■ NOTE: Equal adjustments should be maintained on both sides of the snowmobile.**

Front (ski) shock spring pre-load adjustment is accomplished by loosening the adjuster nut locking collar (B) from the adjuster nut (A) and using the Spring Adjuster Tool from the tool kit, rotating the adjuster nut in whichever direction is desired. Tighten the locking collar against the adjuster nut.

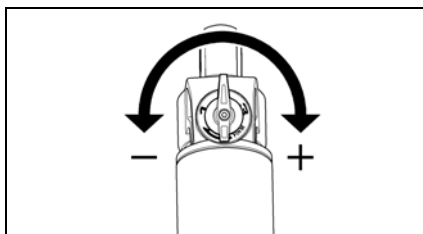


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On limited models, use the adjustment lever located above the remote reservoir on the shock to adjust the damping. There are three settings that may be chosen 1, 2, or 3. Setting #3 is the stiffest and most controlled position.



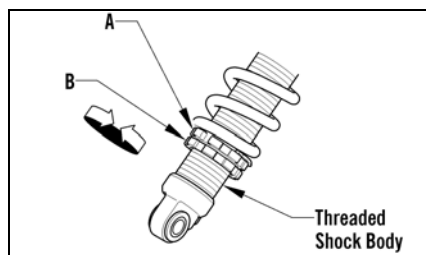
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## Adjusting Front Shock Springs (Pantera 7000)

The front (ski) shock springs are individually adjustable for the terrain conditions and driving style of the operator. The spring adjuster nut has been set at the factory so the correct amount of threads are exposed between the adjuster nut and the threaded shock body as an initial setting. Additional ski pressure can be obtained by tightening the spring tension; ski pressure can be decreased by relaxing spring tension.

■ **NOTE:** Equal adjustments should be maintained on both sides of the snowmobile.

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## Adjusting Rear Spring Pre-Load

Proper adjustment of rear spring pre-load is necessary to get the most desirable ride. The chart is designed to help in setting up rear spring pre-load; however, riding style is the single greatest factor in determining rear spring requirements.

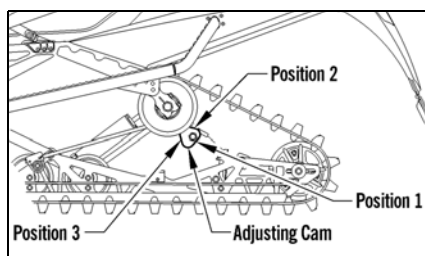
| Rider Weight (lb) | Cam Position |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Up to 180         | 1            |
| 180-240           | 2            |
| Over 240          | 3            |

■ **NOTE:** These cam position settings are suggestions only. Personal riding style will greatly influence cam position settings. Spend time to determine setting preferences.

Rear spring pre-load adjustment is accomplished by rotating the adjusting cams. Position 1 is for the light driver or slow-speed trail riding. Position 2 is for the average operator under normal conditions. Always rotate the cam from the lighter position to the heavier position.

### CAUTION

Never force the adjustment cams from the low position to the high position. Cam damage may occur.



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To rotate an adjusting cam, use the spark plug wrench from the tool kit. Rotate the wrench until the cam is in the desired position. To stiffen the ride, rotate the cam so as to raise the spring end. Make the appropriate adjustment on the other cam.

## Overload Springs (Pantera 7000)

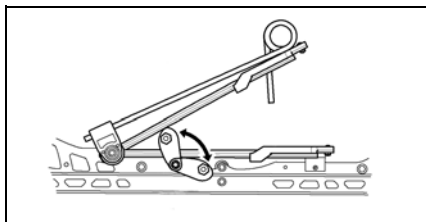
When either carrying a heavy load or riding 2-up, the overload springs should be engaged by rotating the spring tension blocks to the UP position. The spring tension blocks lock in an over-center position when engaged.

■ **NOTE:** Arctic Cat recommends that the overload springs be engaged whenever a load on the snowmobile (operator/passenger/cargo) exceeds 136 kg (300 lb).

### CAUTION

There are weight limitations for these snowmobiles. If additional cargo is being added, maximum weight on the snowmobile (operator/passenger/cargo) should not exceed 170 kg (375 lb). Also, the overload springs should be engaged.

To either engage or disengage the spring tension blocks, use a spark plug socket and a screwdriver to adjust the spring block to the desired position. Make sure both spring blocks are in the same position (either engaged or disengaged).



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## Lights

For the correct headlight bulb and/or taillight/brakelight LED, see the appropriate specifications sheet.

### Removing and Installing Taillight/Brakelight

These models are equipped with an LED taillight/brakelight. If the LED fails, it must be replaced. To remove and install the LED, use the following procedure.

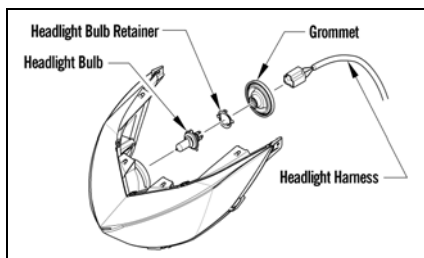
1. Disconnect the taillight harness connector.
2. Remove the torx-head screws securing the taillight.

3. Connect the taillight harness connector; then secure the taillight to the bracket with the torx-head screws.

### Removing/Installing Headlight Bulb

■ **NOTE:** The bulb portion of headlight is fragile. **HANDLE WITH CARE.** When replacing the headlight bulb, the bulb assembly must first be removed from the housing. Do not touch the glass portion of the bulb. If the glass is touched, it must be cleaned with a dry cloth before installing.

1. Disconnect the headlight harness connector from the bulb; then remove the rubber grommet from the headlight housing.
2. Rotate the bulb retainer counter-clockwise until it unlocks from the housing; then remove the bulb.



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3. Install the bulb and retainer; then rotate the retainer clockwise until it properly locks in place.
4. Install the rubber grommet; then connect the headlight harness connector to the bulb.
5. Check headlight aim.

### ⚠ WARNING

Do not operate the snowmobile unless headlight beam is adjusted properly. An incorrectly adjusted beam will not provide the operator the optimum amount of light.

### Adjusting Headlight Aim

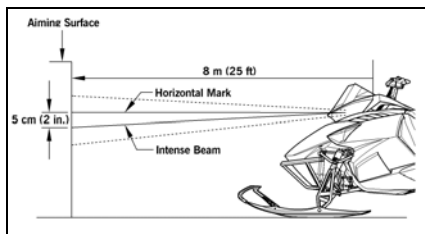
The headlight can be adjusted for vertical aim of the HIGH/LOW beam. The geometric center of HIGH beam zone is to be used for vertical aiming.



1. Position the snowmobile on a level floor so the headlight is approximately 8 m (25 ft) from an aiming surface (wall or similar surface).

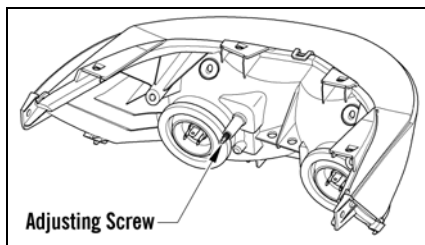
■ **NOTE:** There should be an “average” operating load on the snowmobile when adjusting headlight aim.

2. Measure the distance from the floor to midpoint of the headlight.
3. Using the measurement obtained in step 2, make a horizontal mark on the aiming surface.
4. Make a vertical mark which intersects the horizontal mark on the aiming surface directly in front of the headlight.
5. Engage the brake lever lock and start the engine. Move the headlight dimmer switch to the HIGH beam position. DO NOT USE LOW BEAM.
6. Observe the headlight beam aim. Proper aim is when the most intense beam is centered on the vertical mark 5 cm (2 in.) below the horizontal mark on the aiming surface.

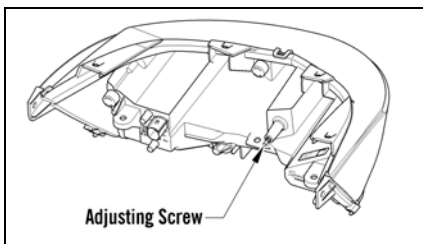


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7. Adjust the headlight using the adjusting screw on the backside of the headlight using a 4 mm swivel socket and long extension until correct aim is obtained. Shut the engine off; then disengage the brake lever lock.



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## Ski Wear Bars

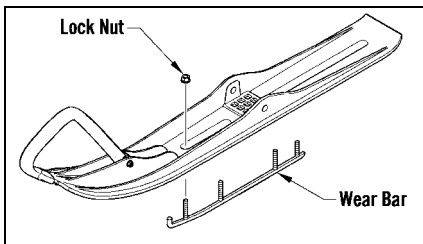
The ski wear bar is a replaceable bar attached to the underside of the ski. The purpose of the wear bar is to assist in turning the snowmobile, to minimize ski wear, and to maintain good steering control. If the snowmobile is operated primarily in deep snow, ski wear bar wear will be minimal; however, if the snowmobile is operated on terrain where the snow cover is minimal, the ski wear bar will wear faster. To maintain positive steering characteristics, Arctic Cat recommends that the ski wear bars be checked before each use and replaced if worn beyond 1/2 of the original diameter. Ski wear bars are available from an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer.

## WARNING

Operating the snowmobile with excessively worn ski wear bars may result in a loss of steering control.

## Removing Ski Wear Bars

1. Using Front End Lift (p/n 5639-151), elevate the front of the snowmobile.
2. Remove the lock nuts securing the wear bar to the ski.



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3. Remove the wear bar from the ski.

## Installing Ski Wear Bars

1. Move the wear bar into position on the bottom of the ski.

■ **NOTE:** If installing a double-offset wear bar for normal steering capabilities, the carbide edge should be directed to the inside of the ski.

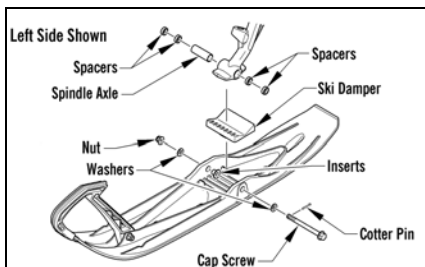
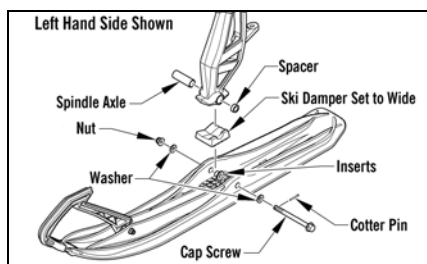
2. Align the wear bar studs with the holes in the ski; then install the lock nuts. Tighten to 11-15 ft-lb.

## Adjusting Ski Stance

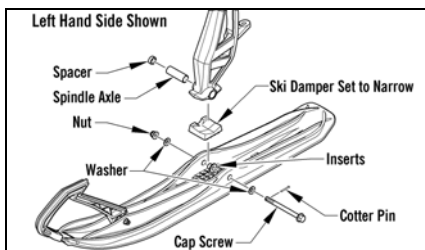
■ **NOTE:** Local laws and/or regulations as to maximum width of the ski stance on these snowmobiles may be applicable. Always comply with the maximum width laws and/or regulations when adjusting ski stance.

■ **NOTE:** Ski stance can be increased/decreased by 2.5 cm (1.0 in.).

1. Place the front of the snowmobile on a support stand.
2. Remove the cotter pin; then remove the slotted nut and cap screw securing the ski assembly to the spindle. Remove the ski. Account for the rubber damper, inserts, and washers.
3. To increase ski stance, place ski stance spacer to the outside of the spindle and adjust the damper.



4. To decrease ski stance, place ski stance spacer to the inside of the spindle and adjust the damper.



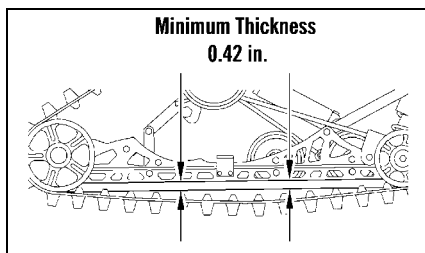
5. Apply an all-temperature grease to the non-threaded portion of the cap screw; then slide the cap screw through the ski accounting for the rubber damper, inserts, and washers.

■ **NOTE:** Install the cap screw so the nut will be located to the inside of the ski.

6. If using the existing nut, apply red Loctite #271 to the threads of the cap screw; then tighten the nut to 45 ft-lb.
7. Place new cotter pin into the ski cap screw and spread the pin.
8. Repeat procedure for the other ski.

## Rail Wear Strips

Arctic Cat recommends that the wear strips be checked weekly and replaced as necessary. Measure the wear strips at 25.4 cm (10 in.) intervals. Wear strips must be 10.7 mm (0.42 in.) thick or thicker.



If wear strip measurements are less than specified, replacement of both wear strips is necessary to prevent premature track clip wear and possible track damage. Take the snowmobile to an authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer for this service. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner.

Each time a new set of wear strips are installed, they should be tempered. Temper the wear strips by driving the snowmobile for approximately a mile on a hard pack trail; then immediately drive into deep snow and allow the wear strips to cool. Repeat the procedure (warming up the wear strips; then cooling them down) two or three times.

■ **NOTE: The rail wear strips will wear rapidly if the snowmobile is operated on terrain on which the snow cover is minimal. Loose snow is required to cool and lubricate the wear strips and prevent accelerated wear.**

# Preparation for Storage

Prior to storing the snowmobile, it must be properly serviced to prevent corrosion and component deterioration. An authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer should perform this service; however, the owner/operator can perform this service if desired. This service is at the discretion and expense of the snowmobile owner. To prepare the snowmobile for storage, Arctic Cat recommends the following procedure:

1. Clean the seat cover with a damp cloth and a Vinyl Protectant.
2. Clean the snowmobile thoroughly by hosing dirt, oil, grass, and other foreign matter from the skid frame, tunnel, hood, and belly pan. Allow the snowmobile to dry thoroughly. DO NOT get water into any part of the engine.
3. Change the engine oil.
4. Fill the gas tank to its rated capacity; then add Arctic Cat Fuel Stabilizer (p/n 0436-907) to the gas tank following directions on the container for the stabilizer/gasoline ratio. Tighten the gas tank cap securely.
5. Remove the drive belt from the drive clutch/driven clutch. Lay the belt on a flat surface or slide it into a cardboard sleeve to prevent warping or distortion during storage.
6. Clean and inspect the drive clutch and driven clutch.
7. Apply light oil to the upper steering post bushing and shafts of the shock absorbers.
8. Lubricate the rear suspension, spindles, and steering arms with low-temperature grease.
9. Tighten all nuts, bolts, and cap screws making sure all nuts, bolts, and cap screws are tightened securely. Make sure all rivets holding the components together are tight. Replace all loose rivets.

10. Clean and polish the hood, console, and chassis with Cat Cleaner (p/n 4639-371). DO NOT USE SOLVENTS. THE PROPELLANT WILL DAMAGE THE FINISH.

■ **NOTE:** Disconnect the battery cables making sure to disconnect the negative cable first; then clean the battery posts and cables. Charge the battery.

## CAUTION

Sealed batteries require charging if left for extended non-start periods. Arctic Cat recommends trickle charging once a month. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and cautions.

11. If possible, store the snowmobile indoors. Raise the track off the floor by blocking up the back end making sure the snowmobile is secure. Loosen the track adjusting bolts to reduce track tension. Cover the snowmobile with a machine cover or a heavy tarpaulin to protect it from dirt and dust.
12. If the snowmobile must be stored outdoors, position the snowmobile out of direct sunlight; then block the entire snowmobile off the ground making sure the snowmobile is secure. Loosen the track adjusting bolts to reduce track tension. Cover with a machine cover or a heavy tarpaulin to protect it from dirt, dust, and rain.

## CAUTION

Avoid storing in direct sunlight and using a plastic cover as moisture may collect on the snowmobile causing corrosion.

## Preparation after Storage

Taking the snowmobile out of storage and correctly preparing it for another season will assure many miles and hours of trouble-free snowmobiling. Arctic Cat recommends the following procedure:

1. Clean the snowmobile thoroughly. Polish the exterior of the snowmobile.
  2. Clean the engine. Remove the cloth from the exhaust system. Check exhaust system and air-intake silencer for obstructions.
  3. Inspect all control wires and cables for signs of wear or fraying. Replace if necessary. Use cable ties or tape to route wires and cables away from hot or rotating parts.
  4. Inspect the drive belt for cracks and tears. Check belt specifications. Replace if damaged or worn.
- **NOTE: If the old belt is worn but in reasonable condition, retain it with the snowmobile as a spare in case of emergency.**
5. Inspect all fuel hoses and oil hoses for deterioration or cracks; replace if necessary. Make sure all connections are tight.
  6. Inspect the spark plugs. Replace, gap, or clean as necessary.
  7. Verify the condition of and the adjustment of the throttle cable.
  8. Tighten all nuts, bolts, and cap screws making sure all nuts, bolts, and cap screws are tightened securely.
  9. If not done during preparation for storage, lubricate the rear suspension, spindles, and steering arms with all-temperature grease.
  10. Check the coolant level and all coolant hoses and connections for deterioration or cracks. Add properly mixed coolant as necessary.
  11. Charge the battery until fully charged; then connect the battery cables making sure to connect the positive cable first. Test the electric start system.
  12. Inspect the entire brake system, all controls, headlight, taillight, brakelight, ski wear bars, and headlight aim; adjust or replace as necessary.
  13. Adjust the track to the proper tension and alignment.

# **U.S. EPA Emission Control Statement/Warranty Coverage (U.S. Only)**

## **STATEMENT/WARRANTY**

Arctic Cat warrants to the original retail purchaser, and each subsequent purchaser, that all U.S. EPA-certified Arctic Cat snowmobiles are designed, built, and equipped to conform to all U.S. EPA Emission Control Regulations. Please read the following information completely.

Your authorized Arctic Cat snowmobile dealer will repair or replace any defective emission-related component at no cost to you during the warranty period. You may have non-warranty service performed by any repair establishment that uses equivalent components. The regulations provide significant civil penalties for tampering that causes your snowmobile to no longer meet U.S. EPA emission standards.

Arctic Cat further warrants that the engine and its emission-related components are free from defects in materials or workmanship that could cause the engine to fail to comply with applicable regulations during the warranty period.

If you have any questions about this information, or the emission warranty coverage statement, contact your local authorized Arctic Cat snowmobile dealer.

## **WARRANTY PERIOD**

The emission warranty period for this snowmobile begins on the same date as the standard warranty coverage and continues for 30 months or 2500 miles, whichever comes first.

## **COMPONENTS COVERED**

The emissions warranty covers major emissions control components and emission-related components listed as follows:

### **Engine Management and Sensors**

Barometric Pressure Sensor  
Camshaft Position Sensor  
Engine Control Module (ECM)  
Engine Coolant Temperature Sensor  
Intake Air Temperature Sensor  
Valve  
Oxygen Sensor  
Throttle Position Sensor

### **Ignition System Systems**

Ignition Coil  
Knock Sensor System  
Crankshaft Position Sensor  
Exhaust Temperature Sensor  
Capacitive Discharge Ignition (CDI) Module  
Magnet Pick-Up  
Spark Plugs

### **Fuel/Air System**

Fuel Injectors  
Fuel Pressure Regulator  
Fuel Pump  
Carburetor(s)  
Manifold Absolute Pressure Sensor  
Air Bypass

Crankcase Ventilation System  
ISC Valve

### **Miscellaneous Items Used in Aforementioned**

Connectors  
Switches  
Grommets  
Clamps  
Hoses  
Ties  
Gaskets  
Wiring

## **OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The owner of any snowmobile warranted under this Arctic Cat Emission Control Statement is responsible for the proper maintenance and use of the snowmobile in accordance with Arctic Cat's recommendations in the Operator's Manual.

## **Change of Address, Ownership, or Warranty Transfer**

Arctic Cat Inc. keeps on file the current name and address of the owner of this vehicle. This allows Arctic Cat to reach the current owner with any important safety information which may be necessary to protect customers from personal injury or property damage. Please make sure a copy of this form is completed and returned to Arctic Cat Inc. if you move or if the vehicle is sold to another party.

This form may also be used to transfer the unused portion of the original warranty to a second party. In order to transfer warranty, fill out this form completely; then return a copy of this form to Arctic Cat Inc. Arctic Cat will then process the application and issue warranty for the balance of the time remaining of the original warranty. Warranty coverage is only available in the country in which the original retail purchase occurs to the original retail purchaser resident in that country or to a transferee resident in that country of the balance of the remaining warranty.

- ☐ Address Change
- ☐ Ownership Change
- ☐ Warranty Transfer

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State (Province)/Zip Code (Postal Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Model \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS/OWNERSHIP**

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## Warranty Procedure/Owner Responsibility

At the time of sale, an Owner Registration form is to be completed by the selling dealer and consumer. The receipt of the registration form by Arctic Cat is a condition precedent to warranty coverage. It is the selling dealer's responsibility to retain and/or submit the appropriate copies of the form to the appropriate place(s) to initiate warranty coverage.

The dealer will furnish to the consumer a signed copy of the form which must be presented to the dealer when requesting warranty service. **The registration form is the consumer's proof of ownership and warranty eligibility. The form is used by the dealer to validate the warranty claim.** Retain your copy of the form and keep it in a safe place.

When warranty repair is suspected, the snowmobile should be taken to the selling dealer, who has the primary responsibility to perform warranty repairs. Subject to the limitations set forth in the Limited Warranty, in the event the selling dealer has ceased to do business, you have moved, or you are in a location away from your selling dealer, warranty may be performed by any authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer.

The authorized Arctic Cat Snowmobile dealer will examine the snowmobile or part to determine if, in his opinion, a warrantable condition exists. If a warrantable condition appears to exist, the dealer will repair or replace, at Arctic Cat's option, free of charge, including any related labor costs, all parts that are found to be warrantable and any other parts which the warrantable part caused to be damaged. You, the consumer, will then be asked to sign a warranty form to ensure Arctic Cat that the warranty work was actually performed.

It is the consumer's responsibility to maintain and service the snowmobile in accordance with Arctic Cat's recommendations in the Operator's Manual. To protect yourself and your snowmobile, follow all safety and service tips. **Arctic Cat 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 Snowmobile dealer.

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