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**2012**

**OPERATOR'S  
GUIDE**

Includes  
Safety, Vehicle  
and Maintenance Information

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**⚠ WARNING**

Read this guide thoroughly.  
It contains important safety information.  
Minimum recommended operator's age: 16 years old.  
Keep this Operator's Guide in the vehicle.

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**⚠ WARNING**

Disregarding any of the safety precautions and instructions contained in this Operator's Guide, *SAFETY DVD* and on-product labels could cause injury including the possibility of death!

**⚠ WARNING**

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# FOREWORD

Congratulations on your purchase of a new Ski-Doo® snowmobile. Whatever model you have chosen, it is backed by the Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (BRP) warranty and a network of authorized Ski-Doo snowmobile dealers ready to provide the parts, service or accessories you may require.

Your dealer is committed to your satisfaction. He has taken training to perform the initial set-up and inspection of your snowmobile as well as completed the final adjustment required to suit your specific weight and riding environment before you took possession.

At delivery, you were informed of the warranty coverage and signed the *PREDELIVERY CHECK LIST* to ensure your new vehicle was prepared to your entire satisfaction.

## Know Before you Go

To learn how to reduce the risk for you, your passenger or bystanders being injured or killed, read the following sections before you operate the vehicle:

- SAFETY INFORMATION
- VEHICLE INFORMATION.


Also read all safety labels on your snowmobile and watch attentively your *SAFETY DVD*.


We highly recommend that you take a safety riding course. Please check with your dealer or local authorities for availability in your area.

Failure to follow the warnings contained in this Operator's Guide can result in **SERIOUS INJURY** or **DEATH**.

## Safety Messages

The types of safety messages, what they look like and how they are used in this guide are explained as follows:

 <b>WARNING</b>
Indicates a potential hazard, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death.

 **CAUTION** Indicates a hazard situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

**NOTICE** Indicates an instruction which, if not followed, could severely damage vehicle components or other property.

## About this Operator's Guide

This Operator's Guide has been prepared to acquaint the owner/operator and passenger with this snowmobile and its various controls, safe riding and maintenance instructions.

Keep this Operator's Guide in the vehicle as you can refer to it for things such as maintenance, troubleshooting and instructing others.

Note that this guide is available in several languages. In the event of any discrepancy, the English version shall prevail.

If you want to view and/or print an extra copy of your Operator's Guide, simply visit the following website [www.operatorsguide.brp.com](http://www.operatorsguide.brp.com).

The informations contained in this document are correct at the time of publication. BRP, however, maintains a policy of continuous improvement of its products without imposing upon itself any obligation to install them on products previously manufactured. Due to late changes, some differences between the manufactured product and the descriptions and/or specifications in this guide may occur. BRP reserves the right at any time to discontinue or change specifications, designs, features, models or equipment without incurring any obligation upon itself.

This Operator's Guide and the *SAFETY DVD* should remain with the vehicle when it's sold.

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# ***SAFETY INFORMATION***

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# GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

## Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

All engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, a deadly gas. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause headaches, dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, confusion and eventually death.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that may be present even if you do not see or smell any engine exhaust. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide can collect rapidly, and you can quickly be overcome and unable to save yourself. Also, deadly levels of carbon monoxide can linger for hours or days in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas. If you experience any symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, leave the area immediately, get fresh air and seek medical treatment.

To prevent serious injury or death from carbon monoxide:

- Never run the vehicle in poorly ventilated or partially enclosed areas such as garages, carports or barns. Even if you try to ventilate engine exhaust with fans or open windows and doors, carbon monoxide can rapidly reach dangerous levels.
- Never run the vehicle outdoors where engine exhaust can be drawn into a building through openings such as windows and doors.

## Avoid Gasoline Fires and Other Hazards

Gasoline is extremely flammable and highly explosive. Fuel vapors can spread and be ignited by a spark or flame many feet away from the engine. To reduce the risk of fire or explosion, follow these instructions:

- Use only an approved gasoline container to store fuel.
- Strictly adhere to instructions in *FUELING PROCEDURE*.
- Never start or operate the engine if the fuel cap is not properly installed.

Gasoline is poisonous and can cause injury or death.

- Never siphon gasoline by mouth.
- If you swallow gasoline, get any in your eye or inhale gasoline vapor, see your doctor immediately.

If gasoline spills on you, wash with soap and water and change your clothes.

## Avoid Burns from Hot Parts

The exhaust system and engine become hot during operation. Avoid contact during and shortly after operation to avoid burns.

## Accessories and Modifications

Do not make unauthorized modifications, or use attachments or accessories that are not approved by BRP. Since these changes have not been tested by BRP, they may increase the risk of crashes or injuries, and they can make the vehicle illegal.

Do not stud the track on this model.

See your authorized Ski-Doo dealer for available accessories for your vehicle.

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## SPECIAL SAFETY MESSAGES

**SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH** can result if you do not follow these instructions:

- Always make a pre-ride inspection **BEFORE** you start the engine.
- Throttle mechanism should be checked for free movement and return to idle position before starting engine.
- Always attach tether cord eyelet to clothing before starting the engine.
- Never operate the engine without the drive belt guard and brake disk guard securely installed or, with hood or side panels opened or removed. Never run the engine without drive belt installed. Running an unloaded engine such as without drive belt or with track raised, can be dangerous.
- Always engage parking brake before starting the engine.
- Everyone is a beginner the first time he sits behind the controls of a snowmobile regardless of previous experience in driving any other type of vehicle. The safe use of your snowmobile depends on many conditions such as visibility, speed, weather, environment, traffic, vehicle condition and the condition of the driver.
- Basic training is required for the safe operation of any snowmobile. Study your Operator's Guide paying particular attention to cautions and warnings. Join your local snowmobile club: its social activities and trail systems are planned for both fun and safety. Obtain basic instructions from your snowmobile dealer, friend, fellow club member or enroll in your state or provincial safety training program.
- Any new operator must read and understand all safety labels on the snowmobile, the Operator's Guide and watch the *SAFETY DVD* before operating the snowmobile. Only allow a new operator to operate the snowmobile in a restricted flat area — at least until he is completely familiar with its operation. If snowmobile operator training course is offered in your area, have him enroll.
- The performance of some snowmobiles may significantly exceed that of other snowmobiles you have operated. Therefore, use by novice or inexperienced operators is not recommended.
- Snowmobiles are used in many areas and in many snow conditions. Not all models perform the same in similar conditions. Always consult your snowmobile dealer when selecting the snowmobile model for your particular needs and uses.
- Injury or death may result to the snowmobile operator, passenger or bystander if the snowmobile is used in risky conditions which are beyond the driver's, passenger's or snowmobile's capabilities or intended use.
- BRP recommends the operator has at least 16 years old of age.
- It is very important to inform any operator, regardless of his experience, of the handling characteristics of this snowmobile. The snowmobile configuration, such as ski stance, ski type, suspension type, track length, width and type vary from a model to another. The snowmobile handling is greatly influenced by these characteristics.
- The novice driver should become familiar with the snowmobile through practice on a level area at slow speeds before venturing far afield.
- Know your local laws. Federal, state, provincial and local government agencies have enacted laws and regulations pertaining to the safe use and operation of snowmobiles. It is your responsibility as a snowmobiler to learn and obey these laws and regulations. Respect and observance will result in safer snowmobiling for all. Be aware of the liability property damages and insurance laws regarding your equipment.

- Speeding can be fatal. In many cases, you cannot react or respond quickly enough to the unexpected. Always ride at a speed which is suitable to the trail, weather conditions and your own ability. Know your local rules. Speed limit may be in effect and meant to be observed.
- Always keep right hand side of the trail.
- Always keep a safe distance from other snowmobiles and bystanders.
- Remember, promotional material may show risky maneuvers performed by professional riders under ideal and/or controlled conditions. You should never attempt any such risky maneuvers if they are beyond your level of riding ability.
- Never ride this vehicle under influence of alcohol or drugs. They slow reaction time and impair judgement.
- Your snowmobile is not designed to be operated on public streets, roads or highways.
- Avoid road traveling. If you must do so, and it is permitted, reduce speed. The snowmobile is not designed to operate or turn on paving. When crossing a road, make a full stop, then look carefully in both directions before crossing at a 90° angle. Be wary of parked vehicles.
- Snowmobiling at night can be a delightful experience but because of reduced visibility, be extra cautious. Avoid unfamiliar terrain and be sure your lights are working. Always carry a flashlight and spare light bulbs.
- Never remove any original equipment from your snowmobile. Each vehicle has many built in safety features. Such features include various guards and consoles, plus reflective materials and safety labels.
- Nature is wonderful but don't let it distract your attention from driving. If you want to truly appreciate winter's scenery, stop your snowmobile on the side of the trail so that **you** don't become a hazard to others.
- Fences represent a very serious threat for both you and your snowmobile. Give a wide berth to telephone poles or posts.
- Hidden wires unseen from a distance can cause serious accidents.
- Always wear an approved safety helmet, eye protection and a face shield. This also applies to your passenger.
- Be aware of inherent risks associated with riding off trails, such as avalanche and other natural or man made hazards or obstacles.
- Tailgating another snowmobile should be avoided. If the snowmobile in front of you slows for any reason, its driver and passenger could be harmed through your neglect. Maintain a safe stopping distance between you and the snowmobile in front of you. Depending on the terrain condition, stopping may require a little more space than you think. Play it safe. Be prepared to use evasive driving.
- Venturing out alone with your snowmobile could also be hazardous. You could run out of fuel, have an accident, or damage your snowmobile. Remember, your snowmobile is capable of traveling further in half an hour than you may be able to walk in a day. Use the "buddy system". Always ride with a friend or member of your snowmobile club. Even then, tell someone where you are going and the approximate time you plan to return.



- Meadows sometimes have low areas where water accumulate and freezes over in winter. This ice is usually glare ice. Attempting to turn or brake on this surface could cause your vehicle to spin out of control. Never brake or attempt speeding or turning on glare ice. If you do happen to travel over such a condition, reduce speed by carefully releasing the throttle.
- Never “jump” with your snowmobile.
- When riding in a group, do not “gun” the throttle. Snow and ice can be thrown back into the path of a following snowmobile. In addition, when “gunning” the throttle, the vehicle digs into and leaves an irregular snow surface for others.
- Riding in a group is fun and enjoyable but don't show off or overtake others in the group. A less experienced operator might try to do the same as you and fail. When riding with others, limit your abilities to the experience of others.
- In case of an emergency, press down on the engine emergency stop switch, and apply brake.
- Never run the engine in a non-ventilated area and/or if vehicle is left unattended.
- Always engage parking brake before starting the engine.
- Never charge or boost a battery while installed on snowmobile.
- E-TEC engines: Never attempt any fuel system or electrical system maintenance or repair. Any maintenance or repair of these systems must be performed by an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.
- Ensure the path behind is clear of obstacles or bystanders before proceeding in reverse.
- Always remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch when vehicle is not in operation in order to prevent accidental engine starting, to avoid unauthorized use by children or others or theft.
- NEVER stand behind or near a rotating track. Debris could be projected causing severe injuries. To remove packed snow or ice, stop engine, tilt and hold vehicle on its side and use screwdriver from tool kit.
- Do not stud the track. At speed, a studded track that has not been approved for studs could tear and separate from vehicle.
- Never ride as a passenger unless the snowmobile is equipped with a passenger seat and passenger handholds or holding strap. Sit only on the designated passenger seat.
- Always wear an approved helmet and follow the same dressing guidelines as those recommended for the operator and described in this guide.
- Make sure that you are able to achieve a stable stance, both feet resting positively on the footboards of footrests with good grip, and that you are able to hold on firmly to the handholds.
- Once underway, if you feel uncomfortable or insecure for any reason, don't wait, tell the driver to slow down or stop.

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# RIDING THE VEHICLE

Each operator has a responsibility to ensure the safety of other recreationists or bystanders.

You are responsible for proper operation of your vehicle as well as training those whom you allow to ride or drive. There may be noticeable handling and performance differences from one snowmobile to the other.

A snowmobile is relatively simple to operate but like any other vehicle or mechanical equipment, it can be hazardous if you or a passenger are reckless, thoughtless or inattentive. We encourage you to have an Annual Safety Inspection of your snowmobile. Please contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer for further details. Finally, we urge you to visit an authorized Ski-Doo dealer periodically for regular and safety maintenance, as well as snowmobile accessories you may require.

Before venturing on the trails, operate the snowmobile in a restricted flat area until you are completely familiar with its operation and feel comfortable that you can safely tackle a more demanding task. Have an enjoyable and safe ride.

## Pre-Ride Inspection

### **WARNING**

The pre-operation check is very important prior to operating the vehicle. Always check the proper operation of critical controls, safety features and mechanical components before starting.

### Before Starting the Engine

1. Remove snow and ice from body including lights, seat, footrests, controls and instruments.
2. Verify that air silencer prefilter is free of snow.

3. Verify that skis and steering operate freely. Check corresponding action of skis versus handlebar.
4. Check fuel and oil for levels and leaks. Replenish if necessary and see an authorized Ski-Doo dealer in case of any leaks.
5. All storage compartments must be properly latched and they must not contain any heavy or breakable objects. Hood and side panels must be also properly latched.
6. Activate the throttle control lever several times to check that it operates easily and smoothly. It must return to idle position when released.
7. Activate the brake lever and make sure the brake fully applies before the brake control lever touches the handlebar grip. It must fully return when released.
8. Apply parking brake and check if it operates properly. Leave parking brake applied.

### After Engine is Started

For proper engine starting procedure, refer to *ENGINE STARTING PROCEDURE* in the *OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS* subsection.

1. Check headlights high beam and low beam, taillight, stop light and pilot lamps operation.

**NOTE:** You may need to detach tether cord your clothes to check lights. In such a case, attach cord as soon as you get back at the controls of the snowmobile.

2. Check the engine cut-off switch (by pulling tether cord cap) and emergency engine stop switch operation.
3. Release parking brake.
4. Refer to the *VEHICLE WARM UP* section and follow instructions.

**Pre-Ride Check List**

ITEM	OPERATION
Body including seat, footrests, lights, air filter, controls and instruments	Check condition and remove snow or ice.
Skis and steering	Check for free movement and proper action.
Fuel and oil	Check for proper level and no leaks.
Coolant	Check for proper level and no leaks.
Storage compartment	Check for proper latching and no heavy or breakable objects.
Throttle lever	Check for proper action.
Track	Check condition and remove snow or ice.
Brake lever	Check for proper action.
Parking brake	Check for proper action.
Emergency engine stop switch and engine cut-off switch (tether cord cap)	Check for proper action. Tether cord must be attached to driver clothing eyelet.
Lights	Check for proper operation.

## How to Ride

### Riding Gear

Proper snowmobile clothing should be worn. It should be comfortable and not too tight. Always check the weather forecast before going on a ride. Dress for the coldest weather expected. Thermal underwear next to the skin also provides a good insulation.

Wear an approved helmet at all times for safety and comfort. A stocking type cap, balaclava and face mask should always be carried or worn. Goggles or a face shield that attaches to the helmet are indispensable.

Hands should be protected by a pair of snowmobile gloves or mitts which have sufficient insulation and allow use of thumbs and fingers for operation of controls.

Rubber bottom boots with either a nylon or a leather top, with removable felt liners are best suited for snowmobiling.

You should keep yourself as dry as possible when snowmobiling. When you come indoors, take your snowmobile suit and boots off and make certain they dry properly.

Do not wear long scarves and loose apparel that could get caught in moving parts.

Carry colored lens goggles.

### What to Bring

First aid kit	Provided tool kit
Mobile phone	Knife
Spare spark plugs	Flashlight
Friction tape	Trail map
Spare drive belt	Snack

### Rider Position (Forward Operation)

Your riding position and balance are the two basic principles of making your snowmobile go where you want it to. When turning on the side of a hill, you and your passenger must be ready to shift body weight to help it turn in the desired direction. Driver and passenger(s) must never attempt this maneuvering by placing feet outside of the vehicle. Experience will teach you how much lean to put into turns at different speeds and how much you will have to lean into a slope to maintain proper balance.

Generally, the riding position for best balance and control is sitting. However, the posting, kneeling or standing positions are also used under certain conditions.

### WARNING

**Do not attempt any maneuvers if they are beyond your abilities.**

### Sitting

Feet on the running boards, body midway back on seat is an ideal position when operating the snowmobile over familiar, smooth terrain. Knees and hips should remain flexible to absorb shocks.



### Posting

A semi-sitting position with the body off the seat and the feet under the body in a sort of squatting posture, thus al-

lowing the legs to absorb the shocks when traveling over uneven terrain. Avoid abrupt stops.



### Kneeling

This position is achieved by placing one foot firmly on the running board and the opposite knee on the seat. Avoid abrupt stops.



### Standing

Place both feet on the running boards. Knees should be flexed to absorb the shock from surface bumps. This is an effective position to see better and to shift weight as conditions dictate. Avoid abrupt stop.



### Rider Position (Reverse Operation)

We recommend sitting on your snowmobile when operating in reverse.

Avoid standing up. Your weight could shift forward against throttle lever while operating in reverse, causing an unexpected acceleration.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Unexpected acceleration when snowmobile operates in reverse can cause a loss of control.

### Carrying a Passenger

Certain snowmobiles are designed for an operator only, others can allow one passenger only, and others can allow up to two passengers. Refer to the indications on the vehicles to know if any particular snowmobile can accommodate passengers or not, and if so, how many. Always respect those indications. Overloading is dangerous because snowmobiles are not designed for it.

Even when passengers are allowed, you must make sure that the persons who would like to become passengers are physically fit for snowmobiling.

**⚠ WARNING**

Any passenger must be able to firmly lay his feet on the footrests and keep his hands on the handholds or seat strap at all times when seated. Respecting those physical criteria is important to ensure that the passenger is stable and to reduce the risks of ejection.

On snowmobiles allowing two passengers, if you have an adult and a child for passenger, BRP recommends that the child sits in the center location. This allows an adult sitting in the rear seat to keep a visual contact with the child and hold him if necessary. In addition, the child is best protected against the wind and cold temperature if seated in the center location.

Each operator has a responsibility to ensure the safety of his passengers and should inform them of snowmobiling basics.

**⚠ WARNING**

- Passengers must only sit on designated passenger seats. Never allow anyone to sit between the handlebar and the operator.
- Each passenger seat must have a strap or handholds and meet SSCC standards.
- Passengers and operators must always wear an approved helmets and warm clothing appropriate for snowmobiling. Make sure that no skin is exposed.
- Once underway, if a passenger feels uncomfortable or insecure for any reason, he must not wait, and tell the driver to slowdown or stop.

Riding with passengers on board is different than riding alone. The operator has the benefit of knowing what will be the next maneuver and is able to

prepare himself accordingly. The operator also benefits from the support of his grip on the handlebar. In contrast, the passengers have to rely on the operator's careful and safe operation of the vehicle. In addition, "body english" is limited with passengers, and the operator can sometimes see more of the trail ahead than the passengers. Therefore, smooth starting and stopping are required with passengers, and the operator must slow down. The operator must also warn passengers of side hills, bumps, branches, etc. An unforeseen bump can leave you passenger-less. Remind your passengers to lean into the turn with you, without causing the vehicle to topple. Be extremely careful, go more slowly and check the passengers frequently.

**⚠ WARNING**

**When riding with a passenger:**

- Braking ability and steering control are reduced. Decrease speed and allow extra space to maneuver.
- Adjust suspension according to weight.

For complete information on how to adjust the suspension, please refer to the *TUNE YOUR RIDE* subsection.

Use extra caution and go even more slowly with young passengers. Check frequently to make certain the child has a firm grip and is properly positioned with his feet on the running boards.

**Terrain/Riding Variations****Groomed Trail**

On a maintained trail, sitting is the most preferred riding position. Do not race and, above all, keep to the right hand side of the trail. Be prepared for the unexpected. Observe all trail signs. Do not zigzag from one side of the trail to the other.



## Ungroomed Trail

Unless there has been a fresh snowfall you can expect “washboard” and snowdrift conditions. Taken at excessive speeds, such conditions can be physically harmful. Slow down. Hold on the handlebar and assume a posting position. Feet should be under the body assuming a crouched position to absorb any jarring effect. On longer stretches of “washboard” trails, the kneeling position of one knee on the seat can be adopted. This provides a certain amount of comfort, while at the same time keeps the body loose and capable of vehicle control. Beware of hidden rocks or tree stumps partially hidden by a recent snowfall.

## Deep Snow

In deep “powder” snow, your vehicle could begin to “bog” down. If this occurs, turn in as wide an arc as possible and look for a firmer base. If you do get “bogged”, and it happens to everyone, do not spin your track as this makes the vehicle sink deeper. Instead, turn the engine off, get off and move the back of the vehicle onto new snow. Then tramp a clear path ahead of the vehicle. A few feet will generally suffice. Restart the engine. Assume the standing position and rock the vehicle gently as you steadily and slowly apply the throttle. Depending on whether the front or rear end of the vehicle is sinking, your feet should be placed on the opposing end of the running boards. Never place foreign material beneath the track for support. Do not allow anyone to stand in front of, or to the rear of, the snowmobile with the engine running. Stay away from the track. Personal injury will result if contact is made with the revolving track.

## Frozen Water

Traveling frozen lakes and rivers can be fatal. Avoid waterways. If you are in an unfamiliar area, ask the local authorities or residents about the ice condi-

tion, inlets, outlets, springs, fast moving currents or other hazards. Never attempt to operate your snowmobile on ice that may be too weak to support you and the vehicle. Operating a snowmobile on ice or icy surfaces can be very dangerous if you do not observe certain precautions. The very nature of ice is foreign to good control of a snowmobile or any vehicle. Traction for starting, turning or stopping is much less than that on snow. Thus, these distances can be multiplied manifold. Steering is minimal, and uncontrolled spins are an ever present danger. When operating on ice, drive slowly with caution. Allow yourself plenty of room for stopping and turning. This is especially true at night.

## Hard Packed Snow

Don't underestimate hard packed snow. It can be difficult to negotiate as both skis and track do not have as much traction. Best advice is to slow down and avoid rapid acceleration, turning or braking.

## Uphill

There are two types of hills you can encounter — the open hill on which there are few trees, cliffs or other obstacles, and a hill that can only be climbed directly. On an open hill, the approach is to climb it by side hilling or slaloming. Approach at an angle. Adopt a kneeling position. Keep your weight on the uphill side at all times. Maintain a steady, safe speed. Continue as far as you can in this direction, then switch to an opposite hill angle and riding position.

A direct climb could present problems. Choose the standing position, accelerate before you start the climb and then reduce throttle pressure to prevent track slippage.

In either case, vehicle speed should be as fast as the incline demands. Always slow down as you reach the crest. If you cannot proceed further, don't spin

your track. Turn the engine off, free the skis by pulling them out and downhill, place the rear of the snowmobile uphill restart the engine and ease it out with slow even throttle pressure. Position yourself to avoid tipping over, then descend.

### **Downhill**

Downhill driving requires that you have full control of your vehicle at all times. On steeper hills, keep your center of gravity low and both hands on the handlebar. Maintain slight throttle pressure and allow the machine to run downhill with the engine operating. If a higher than safe speed is reached, slow down by braking but apply the brake with frequent light pressure. Never jam the brake and lock the track.

### **Side Hill**

When crossing a side hill or traversing up or downhill, certain procedures must be followed. All riders should lean towards the slope as required for stability. The preferred operating positions are the kneeling position, with the knee of the down hill leg on the seat and the foot of the uphill leg on the running board, or the posting position. Be prepared to shift your weight quickly as needed. Side hills and steep slopes are not recommended for a beginner or a novice snowmobiler.

### **Avalanche Hazard**

When riding on mountainous terrain, you should be aware of the risk of avalanches. Avalanches vary in size and shapes and generally occur in steep terrain and on unstable snow.

New snow, animals, people, wind and snowmobiles can all trigger an avalanche. Avoid high marking or traversing steep terrain when avalanche conditions are possible. When in unstable snow conditions, travel should be restricted to lower angle slopes. Wind formed cornices should be avoided. Staying off un-

stable conditions is the key to safe mountain riding. Probably most important is to be aware of the conditions and dangers on a daily basis when in the mountains. Check local avalanche forecasts and threats each day before heading out to ride and heed forecasters advice.

You should always carry a snow shovel, probe and avalanche beacon while riding on mountains. We recommend that all mountain riders take a local avalanche safety training course to become more familiar with snow conditions and learn how to properly use their equipment.

Here are some web sites that can help you finding important information:

- US: [www.avalanche.org](http://www.avalanche.org)
- Europe: [www.avalanches.org](http://www.avalanches.org)
- Canada: [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca)

### **Slush**

Slush should be avoided at all times. Always check for slush before starting across any lake or river. If dark spots appear in your tracks, get off the ice immediately. Ice and water can be thrown rearward into the path of a following snowmobile. Getting a vehicle out of a slush area is strenuous and in some cases, impossible.

### **Fog or Whiteout Conditions**

On land or water, fog or visibility-limiting snow can form. If you have to proceed into the fog or heavy snow, do so slowly with your lights on and watch intently for hazards. If you are not sure of your way, do not proceed. Keep a safe distance behind other snowmobilers to improve visibility and reaction time.

### **Unfamiliar Territory**

Whenever you enter an area that is new to you, drive with extreme caution. Go slow enough to recognize potential hazards such as fences or fence posts, brooks crossing your

path, rocks, sudden dips, guy wires and countless other obstacles which could result in a termination of your snowmobile ride. Even when following existing tracks, be cautious. Travel at a speed so you can see what is around the next bend or over the top of the hill.

### Bright Sunshine

Bright sunny days can considerably reduce your vision. The glare from sun and snow may blind you to the extent that you cannot easily distinguish ravines, ditches or other obstacles. Goggles with colored lenses should always be worn under these conditions.

### Unseen Obstruction

There may be obstructions hidden beneath the snow. Driving off established trails and in the woods requires reduced speed and increased vigilance. Driving too fast in an area can make even minor obstacles very hazardous. Even hitting a small rock or stump could throw your snowmobile out of control and cause injury to its riders. Stay on established trails to reduce your exposure to hazards. Be safe, slow down and enjoy the scenery.

### Hidden Wires

Always be on the lookout for hidden wires, especially in areas that may have been farmed at one time or another. Too many accidents have been caused by running into wires in the fields, guy wires next to poles and roads, and into chains and wires used as road closures. Slow speeds are a must.

### Obstacles and Jumping

Unplanned jumps of snowdrifts, snowplow ridges, culverts or indistinguishable objects can be dangerous. You can avoid them by wearing the proper color lenses or face shields and by operating at a lower speed.

Jumping a snowmobile is an unsafe and dangerous practice. However, if the trail does suddenly drop away from you, crouch (stand) towards the rear of the vehicle and keep the skis up and straight ahead. Apply partial throttle and brace yourself for the impact. Knees must be flexed to act as shock absorbers.

### Turning

Depending on terrain conditions, there are two preferred ways to turn or corner a snowmobile. For most snow surfaces, "body english" is the key to turning. Leaning towards the inside of the turn and positioning body weight on the inside foot will create a "banking" condition beneath the track. By adopting this position and positioning yourself as far forward as possible, weight will be transferred to the inside ski.

On occasion, you will find that the only way to turn the vehicle about in deep snow is to pull the snowmobile around. Do not over-exert yourself. Get assistance. Remember to always lift using your legs as opposed to your back.



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### Road Crossing

In some cases, you will be approaching the road from a ditch or snowbank. Choose a place where you know you can climb without difficulty. Use the standing position and proceed with only as much speed needed to crest

the bank. Stop completely at the top of the bank and wait for all traffic to clear. Judge the drop to the roadway. Cross the road at a 90° angle. If you encounter another snowbank on the opposite side, position your feet near the rear of the vehicle. Remember, your snowmobile is not designed to operate on bare pavement and steering on this type of surface is more difficult.

### **Railroad Crossing**

Never ride on railroad tracks. It is illegal. Railroad tracks and railroad rights-of-way are private property. A snowmobile is no match for a train. Before crossing a railroad track, stop, look and listen.

### **Night Rides**

The amount of natural and artificial light at a given time can effect your ability to see or to be seen. Nighttime snowmobiling is delightful. It can be a unique experience if you acknowledge your reduced visibility. Before you start, make certain your lights are clean and work properly. Drive at speeds that will allow you to stop in time when you see an unknown or dangerous object ahead. Stay on established trails and never operate in unfamiliar territory. Avoid rivers and lakes. Guy wires, barbed wire fences, cabled road entrances and other objects such as tree limbs are difficult to see at night. Never drive alone. Always carry a flashlight. Keep away from residential areas and respect the right of others to sleep.

### **Riding in Group**

Before starting out, designate a "trail boss" to lead the party and another person to follow-up at the end of the party. Ensure that all members of the party are aware of the proposed route and destination. Make certain that you are carrying all necessary tools and equipment and that you have sufficient fuel to complete the trip. Never overtake

the trail boss or, for that matter, any other snowmobile. Use down-the-line hand signals to indicate hazards or intent of direction change. Assist others whenever necessary.

It is always IMPORTANT to keep a safe distance between each snowmobile. Always maintain a safe interval and allow sufficient stopping distance. Don't be a tailgater. Know the position of the machine ahead.

### **Signals**

If you intend to stop, raise either hand straight above your head. A left turn is indicated by extending your left hand straight out in the proper direction. For right turns, extend the left arm and raise the hand to a vertical position so it forms a right angle at the elbow. Every snowmobiler should relay any signal to the ones behind.

### **Trail Stops**

Whenever possible, pull off the trail when you stop. This will reduce the hazard to other snowmobilers using the trail.

### **Trails and Signs**

Trail signs are used to control, direct or regulate the use of snowmobiles on trails. Become familiar with all signs used in the area where you are snowmobiling.

### **Environment**

Wildlife compliments your snowmobiling day. Snowmobile tracks provide firm ground over which animals can travel from area to area. Do not violate this privilege by chasing or harassing wildlife. Fatigue and exhaustion can lead to animal's death. Avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife.

If you happen to be fortunate enough to see an animal, stop your snowmobile and observe quietly.

The guidelines that we support are not designed to limit your snowmobiling fun, but to preserve the beautiful freedom that you can experience only on a snowmobile! These guidelines will keep snowmobilers healthy, happy and able to introduce others to what they know and enjoy about their favorite winter pastime. So, the next time you hit the trails on a cool, crisp and clear winter day, we ask you to remember that you are paving the way for the future of our sport. Help us lead it down the right path! From all of us at BRP, thank you for doing your share.

There is nothing more exhilarating than snowmobiling. Venturing onto snowmobile trails that cross wild areas is an exciting and healthy winter sport. However, as the number of people using these recreational parks increases, so does the potential for damage to the environment. Abuse of land, facilities and resources inevitably leads to restrictions and closures of both private and public land.

In essence, the greatest threat to our sport, is all around us. Which leaves us with one logical choice. When we snowmobile, we must always ride responsibly.

The vast majority respect the law and the environment. Each of us must set an example for those who are new to the sport, young and old alike.

It is in every one's best interest to tread lightly into our recreational areas. Because, in the long run, to protect the sport we must preserve the environment.

Recognizing the importance of this issue and the need for snowmobilers to do their share in preserving areas that make it possible to enjoy our sport, BRP has developed the "Light Treading Is Smart Sledding" campaign for snowmobilers.

Light Treading refers to more than the thread of our tracks. It's a statement of concern, respect and willingness

to take the lead and take action. It applies to the environment in general, its proper care and maintenance, its natural inhabitants and all enthusiasts and the public at large who enjoy the great outdoors. With this theme, we invite all snowmobilers to remember that respecting the environment is not only critical to the future of our industry but to future generations.

Light Treading in no way suggests you should curb your appetite for snowmobiling fun! It simply means tread with respect!

The fundamental objective of Light Treading is one of respect for where and how you ride a snowmobile. You're a light treader when you follow the principles below.

**Become informed.** Obtain maps, regulations and other information from the Forest Service or from other public land agencies. Learn the rules and follow them and that goes for speed limits, too!

**Avoid** running over young trees, shrubs, and grasses and don't cut wood. On flatlands or areas where trail riding is popular, it's important to ride only where authorized. Remember, there is a link between protecting your environment and your own safety.

**Respect wildlife** and be particularly sensitive of animals that are rearing young or suffering from food shortage. Stress can sap scarce energy reserves. Refrain from riding in areas where only animals are intended to tread!

**Obey** gate closures and regulatory signs and remember, light treaders don't litter!

**Stay out** of wilderness areas. They're closed to all vehicles. Know where the boundaries are.

**Obtain permission** to travel across private land. Respect the rights of landowners and other people's privacy. Remember, snowmobile technology has lowered the noise factor

considerably, but you still shouldn't rev your engines where quiet "is the order of the day".

Snowmobilers know all too well the efforts that have been made throughout the sport's history to enjoy access to areas where people can snowmobile safely and responsibly. This effort continues today, as strong as ever.

Respecting the areas where we ride... wherever they may be... is the only way to ensure their future enjoyment. That's one major reason why we know you'll agree that Light Treading is smart sledding! And there are more.

Enjoying the opportunity to see winter and all its natural majestic wonders, is an experience cherished by snowmobilers. Light Treading will preserve this opportunity and will make it possible for us to expose others to the beauty of winter and the unique thrill of our sport! Light Treading will help our sport to grow!

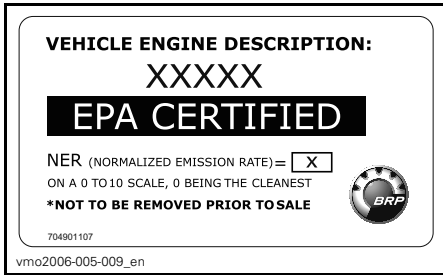
Finally, Light Treading is the sign of a smart snowmobiler. You don't have to leave big tracks or careen through a virgin forest to show you can ride. So whether you're driving a high performance Ski-Doo, a sporty MX Z snowmobile or any other make or model, show you know what you're doing. Show you know how to send snow flying and make tracks with a light touch!



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# IMPORTANT ON-PRODUCT LABELS

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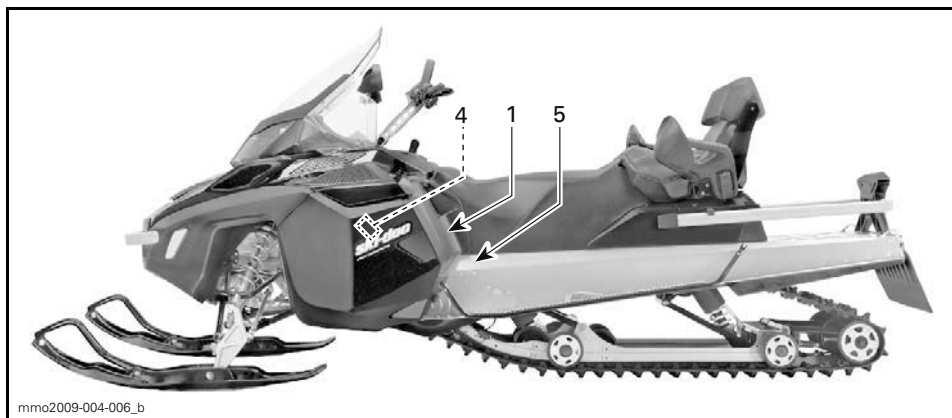
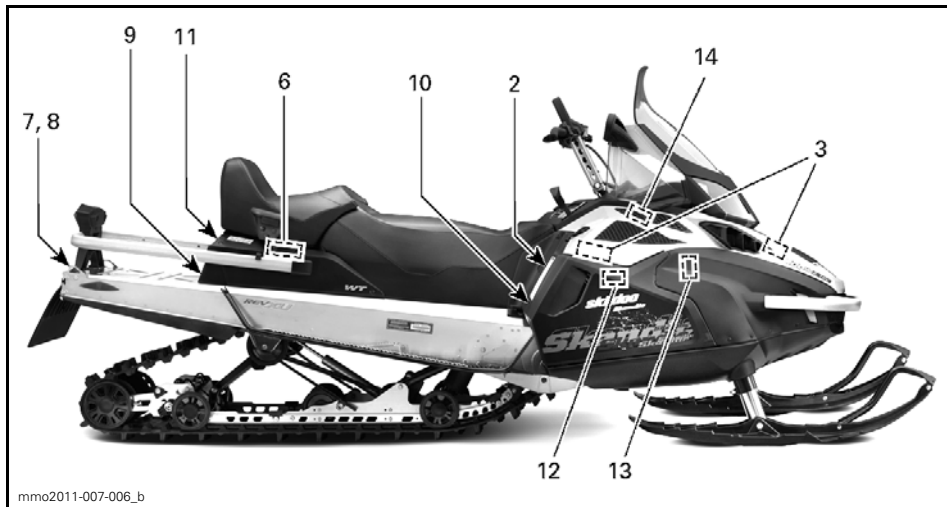


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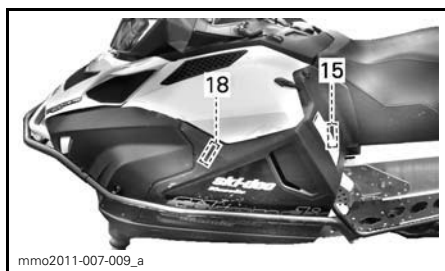
## Vehicle Safety Labels

The following labels are on your vehicle and they should be considered permanent parts of the vehicle. If missing or damaged, the decals can be replaced free of charge. See an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

**NOTE:** The following illustrations used in this Operator's Guide are a general representation only. Your model may differ.



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**⚠ WARNING**

This vehicle is designed for one (1) operator and as many passengers as there are seats with straps or handgrips installed on the vehicle conforming to SSSC standards.

Ce véhicule a été conçu pour un (1) conducteur et autant de passagers qu'il y a de sièges avec courroies ou poignées installés sur le véhicule et rencontrant la norme SSSC.

**When riding with a passenger :**

- Braking ability and steering control are reduced. Decrease speed and allow extra space to maneuver.
- Adjust suspensions according to weight.

**REMEMBER : YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR PASSENGER!**

ALL DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS MUST READ THE FOLLOWING:

Avoid surprises!




BE ON THE LOOK-OUT for the unexpected.

Operate defensively.

- Scan constantly for people, objects, conditions and upcoming vehicles.
- Avoid thin ice / open water.
- Use extra caution whenever off-trail.

ALWAYS wear a DOT approved HELMET and clothing appropriate for snowmobiling.

NEVER ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs even as a passenger.

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LABEL 1

**⚠ WARNING**

- Read and understand all safety labels, operator's guide and watch your safety DVD before operation. Operator's guide is located either in the passenger seat or under the driver's seat. To access guide under driver's seat, pull front of seat cushion then pull tab to unlock seat (if applicable, passenger's seat needs to be removed first).
- Get familiar with your vehicle. Inexperienced riders may overlook risks and be surprised by vehicle's specific behavior and terrain conditions. Ride slowly.
- Excessive speed and reckless driving can kill! ALWAYS adjust your speed according to snow conditions and circumstances.
- Steering control and braking ability may be reduced on hard-pack snow, ice or roads. Reduce speed & allow more space to stop or turn.
- Respect laws on minimum operator age. Manufacturer recommends a minimum operating age of 16 years old.
- Never open side panels or hood while engine is running or if vehicle is in motion. Ensure to remove DESS key before opening those.

**BEFORE STARTING :**

1. Attach tether cord to your clothing.
2. Check proper operation of the throttle and brake levers each time before starting. They must return to their initial position when released.
3. Apply parking brake.
4. Turn handlebars all the way in both directions to check for interference and insure free operation.

**AFTER STARTING :**

1. Pull-out tether cord to check if engine shuts off.
2. Re-start and push in the emergency engine stop switch to check if engine shuts off.
3. Disengage parking brake before riding to avoid brake fading.

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LABEL 2

**⚠ CAUTION**

Beware of **HOT** parts!

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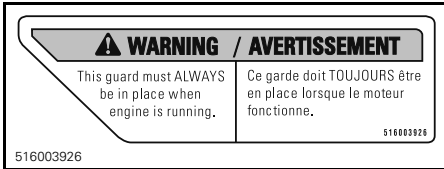
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**⚠ WARNING**

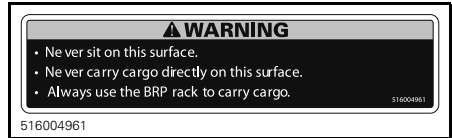
**This guard must ALWAYS be in place when engine is running.**  
Beware of rotating parts—they could cause injuries or catch your clothing.

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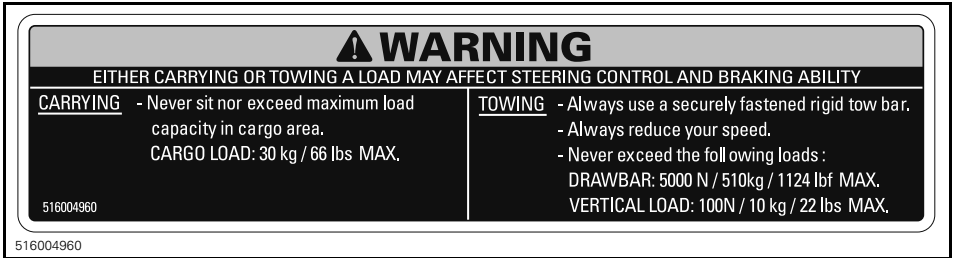
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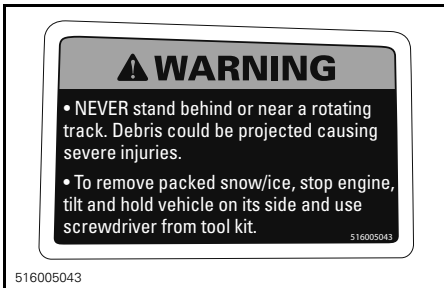
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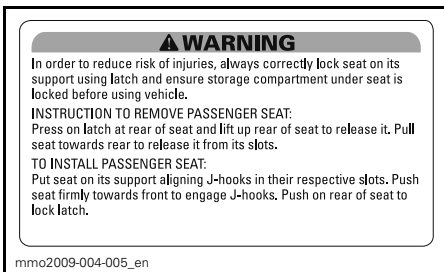
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LABEL 8



LABEL 10 - EUROPEAN MODELS



LABEL 9



LABEL 11

**⚠ CAUTION**

ENGINE OIL AND CERTAIN COMPONENTS IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT MAY BE HOT. DIRECT CONTACT MAY RESULT IN SKIN BURN.

**CHECKING ENGINE OIL LEVEL**

- Make sure engine is at operating temperature.
- Vehicle must be level to perform verification.
- Let engine running at idle for at least 30 seconds.
- Stop engine and wait at least 30 seconds.
- Check oil level using the dipstick.
- The engine of this snowmobile has been developed and validated using the BRP XPS™ Synthetic 4-stroke oil (293 600 112). BRP strongly recommends the use of its XPS™ Synthetic 4-stroke oil at all times. Damages caused by oil which is not suitable for the engine will not be covered by the BRP limited warranty.

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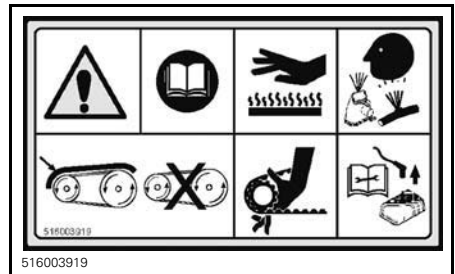
LABEL 12 - 600 ACE MODELS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Capacitor May Spark If Shorted.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spark can ignite fuel vapors.</li> <li>- Keep objects away from poles.</li> <li>- When removing from vehicle, always discharge properly.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CAPACITOR</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">516 004570</p>
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LABEL 13 - E-TEC MODELS



LABEL 14



ON PULLEY GUARD

**⚠ WARNING**

Always electrically disconnect both fuel injectors prior to testing for ignition spark. Otherwise, fuel vapors may ignite in presence of a spark creating a fire hazard.

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IN ENGINE COMPARTMENT - E-TEC MODELS



ON FUEL INJECTORS - E-TEC MODELS

## Compliance Labels

### EPA Compliance Label

EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION		
THIS VEHICLE IS CERTIFIED TO OPERATE ON UNLEADED GASOLINE AND MEETS [XXXX] U.S. EPA REGULATIONS FOR SNOWMOBILE SI ENGINES. 121		
ENGINE FAMILY	XXXXX XXXXXX	FAMILLE DE MOTEUR
PERMEATION FAMILY	XXXXXXXXXXXX	FAMILLE DE PERMEATION
FEL	XX g/kW-hr HC	LIMITE DES ÉMISSIONS DE LA FAMILLE
ENGINE DISPLACEMENT	XXX.X cm <sup>3</sup>	CYLINDRÉE
EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM	XXX	SYSTÈME DE CONTRÔLE DES ÉMISSIONS
<b>RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR LE DISPOSITIF ANTIPOLLUTION</b>		
CE VÉHICULE EST CERTIFIÉ POUR FONCTIONNER À L'ESSENCE SANS PLOMB ET IL RÉPOND AUX NORMES [XXXX] DE L'ÉPA DES É.-U. POUR LES MOTONEIGES À MOTEUR SI.		
SEE OPERATOR'S GUIDE FOR MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS VOIR GUIDE DU CONDUCTEUR POUR LES SPÉCIFICATIONS D'ENTRETIENS		
BOMBARDIER RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS INC. 516 005 052		

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### IN ENGINE COMPARTMENT

This snowmobile complies to National Park Service BAT Requirements

MX-Z SPORT 600 ACE    MX-Z TNT 600 ACE    RENEGADE SPORT 600 ACE  
 GRAND TOURING SPORT 600 ACE    TUNDRA LT 600 ACE    GSX SE 1200  
 EXPEDITION SPORT 600 ACE    GRAND TOURING LE 1200  
 GRAND TOURING SE 1200    SKANDIC WT 600 ACE    MY 2011    516 004 517B

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### ON TUNNEL - ENGLISH ONLY

### SSCC Label

Safety standards for snowmobiles have been adopted by the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee (SSCC) of which BRP is a proud participating member. Assurance that your snowmobile meets these standards is easily checked by locating the Certification Label on a right vertical portion of the vehicle.

The following label shows that an independent testing laboratory has verified compliance with the SSCC safety standards.

<p>CE MODÈLE A ÉTÉ ÉVALUÉ PAR UN LABORATOIRE D'ESSAIS INDÉPENDANT ET SATISFAIT TOUTES LES NORMES DE SÉCURITÉ DU SSCC EN VUEUR À LA DATE DE FABRICATION.</p> <p>PARRAINÉ PAR LE COMITÉ DE SÉCURITÉ DE CERTIFICATION DE LA MOTONEIGE, INC.</p>	<p><b>CERTIFIED</b></p>  <p><b>CERTIFIÉ</b></p>	<p>THIS MODEL HAS BEEN EVALUATED BY AN INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY AND IT MEETS ALL SSCC SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF ITS MANUFACTURE.</p> <p>SPONSORED BY THE SNOWMOBILE SAFETY AND CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE, INC.</p>
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### ON TUNNEL

## Technical Information Labels



## NOTICE

- To comply with noise regulations, this engine is designed to operate with an air intake silencer.
- Operation without air intake silencer or with one not properly installed may cause engine damage.

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### LABEL 1 - E-TEC MODELS

## NOTICE

The engine of this snowmobile has been developed and validated using the BRP XPS™ Synthetic Blend 2-stroke oil (293 600 101). BRP strongly recommends the use of its XPS™ Synthetic Blend 2-stroke oil at all times. Damages caused by oil which is not suitable for the engine will not be covered by the BRP limited warranty.

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### LABEL 2 - E-TEC MODELS



**NOTICE**

The engine of this snowmobile has been developed and validated using the BRP XPS™ mineral 2-stroke oil (293 600 118) and BRP XPS™ Synthetic blend 2-stroke oil (293 600 101). BRP strongly recommends the use of its XPS™ mineral 2-stroke oil or XPS™ Synthetic blend 2-stroke oil at all times. Damages caused by oil which is not suitable for the engine will not be covered by the BRP limited warranty.

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LABEL 2 - 550F MODELS

**NOTICE**

Always put the transmission in the first (1) gear when pulling a load.

Always put the transmission in neutral (N) when parked.

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LABEL 3

**NOTICE**

Drive pulley bolt recommended torque  
92-99 lbf-ft / 125-135 N-m

Not applying the recommended torque may result in a major failure of the drive pulley and the engine. Refer to the shop manual for the complete assembly procedure.

Couple de serrage recommandé pour le boulon de la poulie motrice  
125-135 N-m / 92-99 lbf-pi

Ne pas appliquer le couple de serrage recommandé pourrait entraîner un bris majeur à la poulie motrice et au moteur. Référez au manuel de réparation pour avoir la procédure complète d'assemblage.

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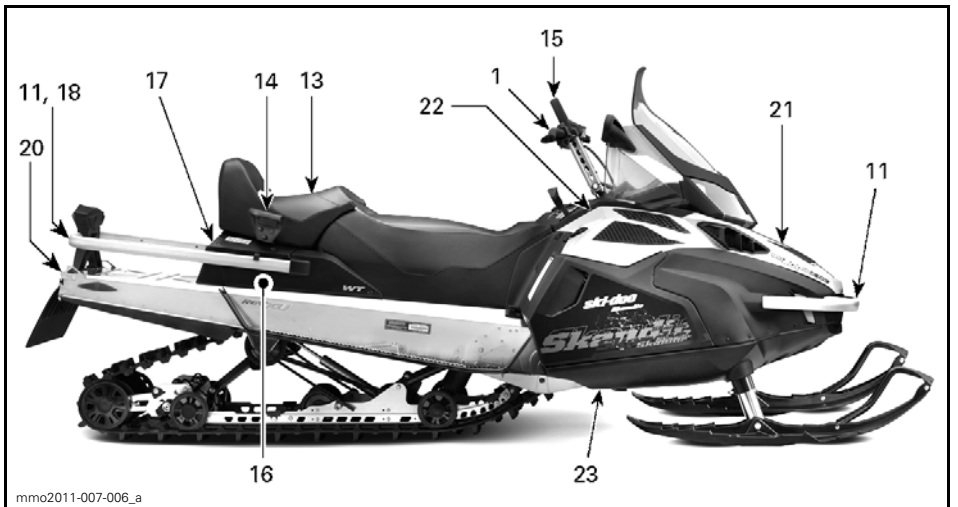
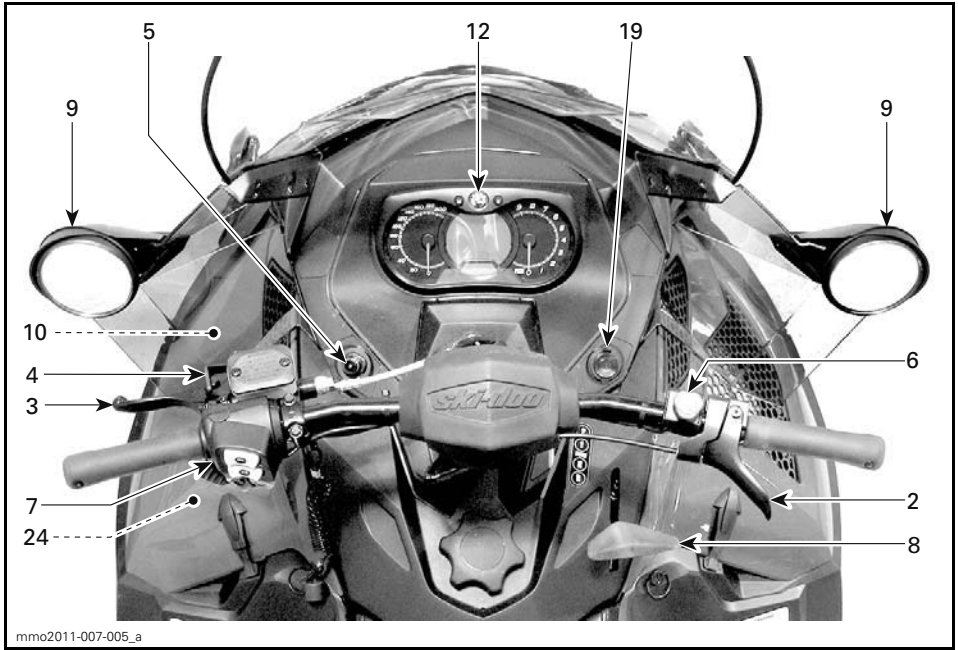
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# ***VEHICLE INFORMATION***

# CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

NOTE: Some features may not apply to your model or could be optional.



## 1) Handlebar

The handlebar controls the steering of the snowmobile. As the handlebar is rotated to right or left, the skis are turned right or left to steer the snowmobile.

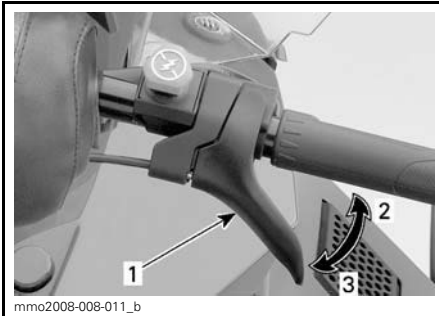
### **⚠ WARNING**

Fast reverse while turning, could result in loss of stability and control.

## 2) Throttle Lever

Throttle lever is located on the RH side of handlebar.

Designed to be thumb activated. When squeezed, it increases the engine speed. When released, engine speed returns automatically to idle.



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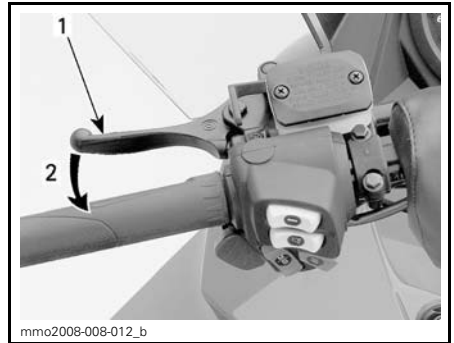
### TYPICAL

1. Throttle lever
2. To accelerate
3. To decelerate

### **⚠ WARNING**

Test the throttle lever operation each time before starting the engine. The lever must return to its the rest position once released. Otherwise, do not start engine.

When squeezed, the brake is applied. When released, it automatically returns to its the rest position. Braking effect is proportional to the pressure applied on the lever and to the type of terrain and its snow coverage.



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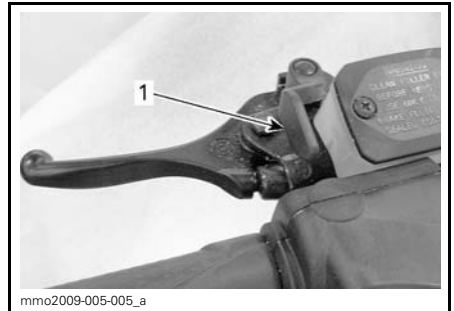
### TYPICAL

1. Brake lever
2. To apply brake

## 4) Parking Brake Lever

Parking brake lever is located on the LH side of handlebar.

Parking brake should be used whenever snowmobile is parked.



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### TYPICAL

1. Parking brake lever

## 3) Brake Lever

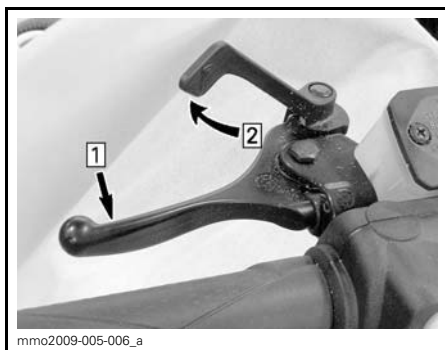
Brake lever is located on the LH side of handlebar.

**⚠ WARNING**

Make sure parking brake is fully disengaged before operating the snowmobile. When you ride the vehicle, brake pads that are caused to drag by a continuous pressure on the lever may cause damage to the brake system and cause loss of braking capacity and/or fire.

**To Engage Parking Brake**

Apply and hold brake, then lock brake lever using the parking brake lever as shown.

**TYPICAL — ENGAGE MECHANISM**

Step 1: Apply and hold regular brake

Step 2: Lock brake lever using parking brake lever

**To Release Parking Brake**

Squeeze brake lever. Parking brake lever will automatically return to its original position. Always release parking brake before riding.

**5) Engine Cut-Off Switch**

The engine cut-off switch is located to on the LH side of console.

The tether cord cap must be securely snapped to the engine cut-off switch to allow vehicle operation.

**⚠ WARNING**

Always attach the tether cord eye-let to clothing before starting the engine.

Pulling the tether cord cap from the engine cut-off switch shuts the engine off.

**D.E.S.S. (Digitally Encoded Security System)****600 ACE and 600 HO E-TEC Models**

After engine starting, 2 short beeps should be heard if a programmed D.E.S.S. key (tether cord cap) is correctly snapped on engine cut-off switch. If another beep code is heard, refer to *MONITORING SYSTEM* for D.E.S.S. malfunction codes information.

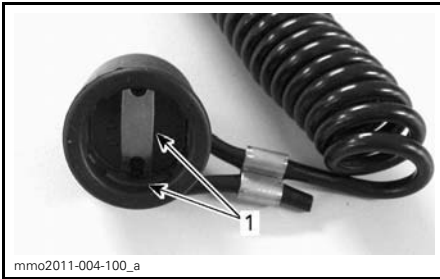
The tether cord cap has an integrated D.E.S.S. key to provide you and your snowmobile with the equivalent security of a conventional lock key.

The D.E.S.S. key contains an electronic chip which features a unique permanently memorized digital code.

Your authorized Ski-Doo dealer has programmed the D.E.S.S. of your snowmobile to recognize the D.E.S.S. key in the tether cord cap to allow vehicle operation.

If another tether cord is used without programming the D.E.S.S., the engine will start but will not reach drive pulley engagement speed to move vehicle.

Make sure the tether cord cap is free of dirt or snow.



**TETHER CORD CAP**  
1. Free of dirt or snow



**ON POSITION**

### D.E.S.S. Flexibility

The D.E.S.S. of your snowmobile can be programmed by your authorized Ski-Doo dealer to accept up to 8 different keys.

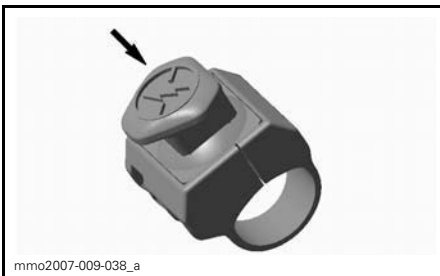
We recommend the purchase of additional tether cords from your authorized Ski-Doo dealer. If you have more than one D.E.S.S. equipped Ski-Doo snowmobile, each can be programmed by your authorized Ski-Doo dealer to accept the other vehicles D.E.S.S. keys.

## 6) Emergency Engine Stop Switch

The emergency engine stop switch is located on the RH side of handlebar.

Use the emergency stop switch to stop engine in a emergency situation.

To stop the engine, push switch down (OFF position).



**OFF POSITION**

To allow engine starting, the switch must be in the ON position (UP).

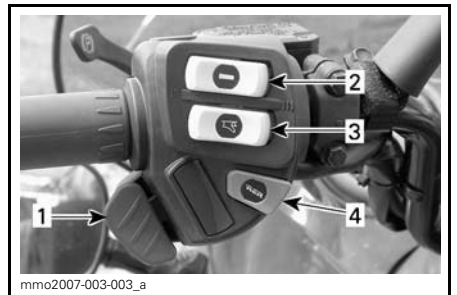
All operators of the snowmobile should familiarize themselves with the function of the emergency engine stop switch by using it several times on first outing and whenever stopping the engine thereafter. This engine stopping procedure will become a reflex and will prepare operators for emergency situations requiring its use.

**⚠ WARNING**

If the switch has been used in an emergency caused by a suspected malfunction, the source of the malfunction should be determined and corrected before restarting engine. See an authorized Ski-Doo dealer for servicing.

## 7) Multifunction Switch

Multifunction switch is located on the LH side of handlebar.



1. Headlights dimmer switch
2. Heated grips switch
3. Heated throttle lever switch
4. Start button

## Start Button

Press to start engine. Refer to *ENGINE STARTING PROCEDURE* in the *OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS* subsection.

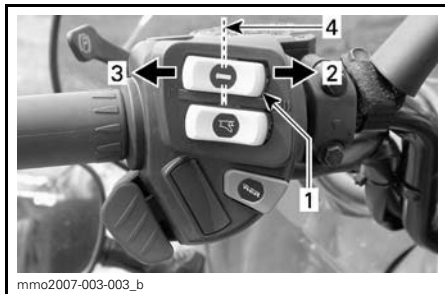
## Headlights Dimmer Switch

Press to select HI or LOW beam. Lights are automatically ON when the engine is running.

## Heated Grips Switch

**NOTE:** The heated grips are enabled above 2000 engine RPM.

Select the switch position according to the desired heating intensity to keep your hands at a comfortable temperature.



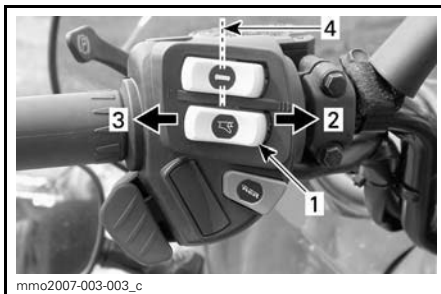
### TYPICAL

1. Heated grip switch
2. Hot
3. Warm
4. Off

## Heated Throttle Lever Switch

**NOTE:** The heated throttle lever is enabled above 2000 engine RPM.

Select the switch position according to the desired heating intensity to keep your thumb at a comfortable temperature.



### TYPICAL

1. Heated throttle lever switch
2. Hot
3. Warm
4. Off

## 8) Gearshift Lever

Use this lever to select gears. The gearbox has two forward gears, a reverse gear and a neutral.

Refer to *GEARBOX OPERATION* in *OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS* for details.

**NOTE:** It is necessary to push shift lever knob down to move it from neutral to reverse gear.

## 9) Adjustable Mirrors

Each mirror can be adjusted to suit driver's preference by gently rotating the mirror glass.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Adjust with vehicle at rest in a safe place.

## 10) Tool Kit

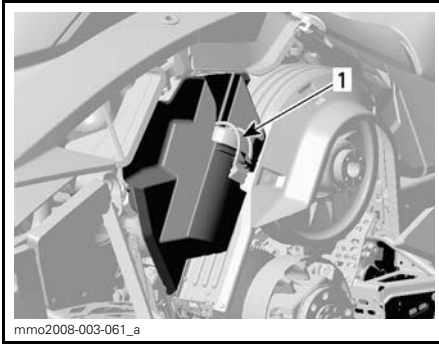
A tool kit containing tools for basic maintenance is supplied with the vehicle.

The tool kit support is located in engine compartment on pulley guard.

**NOTICE** Make sure tool kit is secured properly to avoid contact with drive belt or drive pulley.



To remove the tool kit support from the pulley guard, unlock the tab from underneath the pulley guard and pull the tool kit support towards front to release it.



TYPICAL  
1. Tool kit

## 11) Front Bumper and Rack Rail

To be used whenever snowmobile requires manual lifting.

**⚠ CAUTION** Use proper lifting techniques, notably using your legs force. Do not attempt to lift either end of the vehicle if it is above your limits. Use appropriate lifting device or have assistance to share lifting stress if possible.



TYPICAL  
1. Front bumper



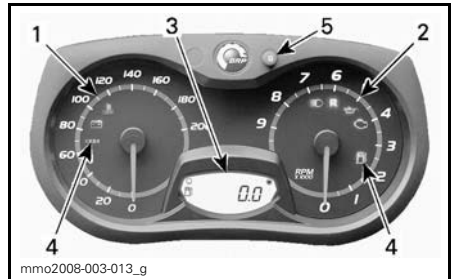
TYPICAL  
1. Rear rack rail

**NOTICE** Do not use skis to pull or lift snowmobile.

## 12) Gauge

**⚠ WARNING**  
Never adjust or set functions on the multifunction gauge while riding the vehicle.

### Gauge Description



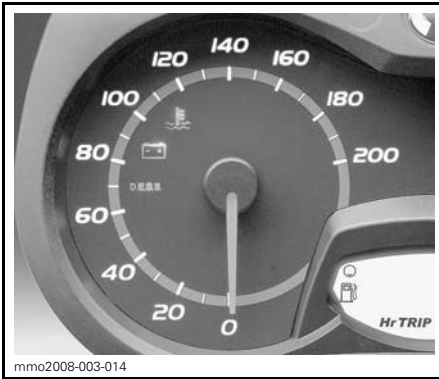
#### ANALOG/DIGITAL GAUGE (STANDARD)

1. Speedometer
2. Tachometer (RPM)
3. Gauge digital display
4. Gauge pilot lamps
5. Gauge SET "S" button

**NOTE:** The gauge is factory preset in Imperial units but it is possible to change it to metric units, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer for unit settings.

### 1) Speedometer

Measures vehicle speed (in miles per hour or kilometers per hour depending on the setting).



LH PORTION OF GAUGE

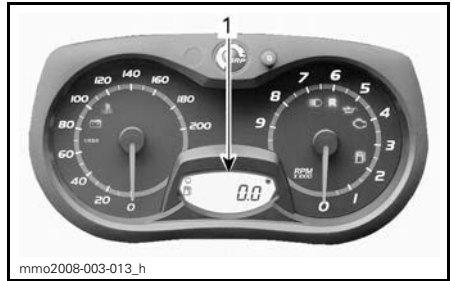
### 2) Tachometer (RPM)

Measures engine revolution per minute (RPM). Multiply by 1000 to obtain the actual revolutions.



RH PORTION OF GAUGE

### 3) Digital Display



1. Digital display

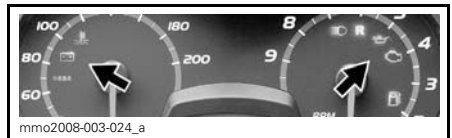
## ⚠ WARNING

Never adjust or set functions on the multifunction gauge while riding the vehicle, you could lose control.

The multifunction display is used to:





- Display the WELCOME message on power up
- Display the KEY recognition message
- Provide various indications as selected by the operator
- Activating or changing various functions or modes of operation
- Display scrolling messages of function activation or system faults
- Display fault codes.

### 4) Pilot Lamps and Messages



TYPICAL — PILOT LAMPS

See table below for usual pilot lamps information. Refer to *MONITORING SYSTEM* for details on malfunction pilot lamps.

PILOT LAMP(S) ON	BEEPER	DESCRIPTION
	4 short beeps every 5 minutes	Two stroke engine: Injection oil level is low. Stop vehicle in a safe place then, replenish injection oil reservoir.
		Four stroke engines: Low engine oil pressure. Stop vehicle in a safe place then, check oil level. Fill to proper level. If oil level was correct, discontinue use and contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.
	—	Low fuel level. One (1) bar left in fuel level display. Replenish fuel tank as soon as possible.
	Long beeps repeating slowly	Reverse is selected.
	3 short beeps	Reverse did not engage, try again.
	—	High beam headlights are selected.

### 5) SET (S) Button

Button used to navigate, adjust or re-set gauge multifunction display.

In order to memorize settings, engine must be running.

## Gauge Features

AVAILABLE INDICATIONS IN NUMERICAL DISPLAY					
Functions	WT 550F	WT 600 HO E-TEC	WT 600 ACE	SWT 600 HO E-TEC	SWT 600 ACE
A) Odometer	X	X	X	X	X
B) Trip meter "A" or "B"	N.A.	X	X	X	X
C) Trip hour meter	N.A.	X	X	X	X
D) Fuel level	X	X	X	X	X
E) E-TEC engine storage mode	N.A.	X	N.A.	X	N.A.

X = An X indicates a standard feature  
 Opt = Feature available as an option  
 N.A. = Not available

When the information center is first powered up, the numerical display defaults to the last selected indication.

### A) Odometer

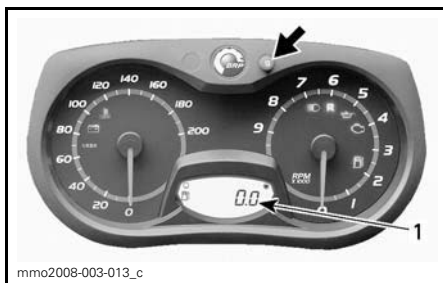
Records the total distance travelled.

#### 550F

The odometer is displayed on the digital display.

#### 600 HO E-TEC and 600 ACE Models

Press the SET (S) button to select odometer mode.

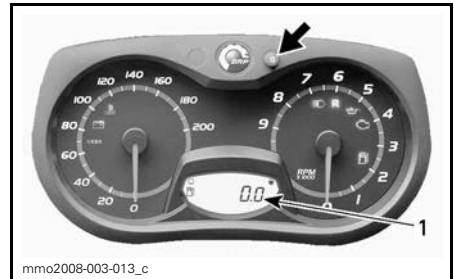


1. Odometer (km/mi) mode

### B) Trip Meter "A" or "B"

Trip meters records distance travelled since it has been reset.

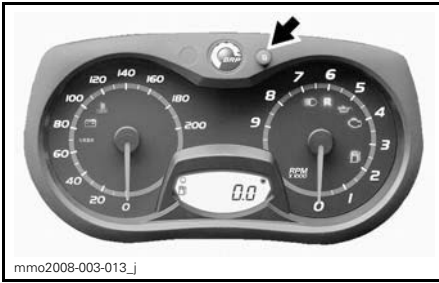
Press the SET (S) button to select trip meter (TRIP A/TRIP B) mode.



1. Trip meter (TRIP A/TRIP B) mode

Press and hold the SET (S) button to reset.

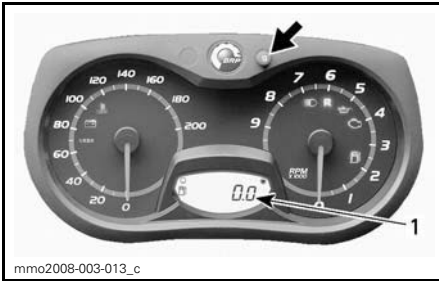
**NOTE:** On E-TEC models, resetting TRIP B mode will also reset TOTAL FUEL CONSUMPTION.



### C) Trip Hour Meter

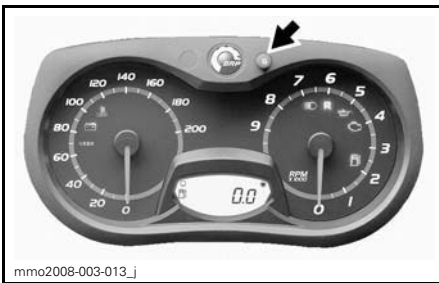
Records vehicle running time when the electrical system is activated since it has been reset.

Press the SET (S) button to select trip hour meter (HrTRIP) mode.



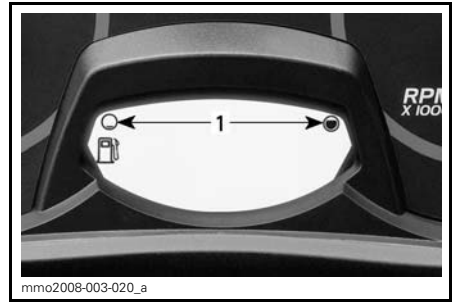
1. Trip hour meter (HrTRIP) mode

Press and hold the SET (S) button to reset.



### D) Fuel Level

Bar gauge that continuously indicates the amount of fuel left in the fuel tank.



### FUEL LEVEL

1. Operating range

### E) E-TEC Engine Storage Mode

Displays OIL when the storage mode procedure is initiated.

## 13) Passenger (1+1) Seat

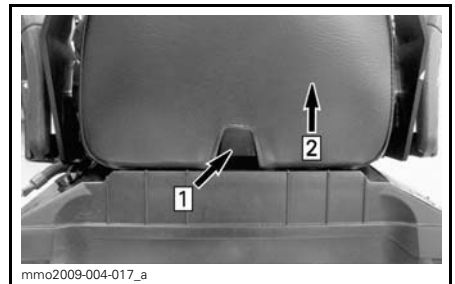
A 1+1 passenger seat is provided as standard equipment.

### ⚠ WARNING

Any passenger must be able to firmly lay his feet on the footrests and keep his hands on the grab handles at all times when seated. Respecting those physical criteria is important to ensure that the passenger is stable and to reduce the risks of ejection.

### Passenger Seat Removal

1. Push the latch tab in and lift-up the rear of seat.



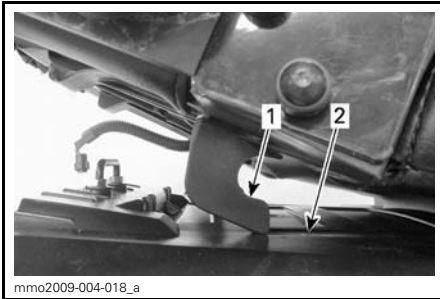
Step 1: Push tab

Step 2: Lift rear of seat

2. Slide seat rearward and set aside.

## Passenger Seat Installation

1. Place the passenger seat facing forward on the storage compartment lid.
2. Slightly incline the passenger seat towards front and engage both seat hooks in the storage compartment lid slots.



1. Seat hook
2. Slot

3. Push the passenger seat towards the driver's seat and firmly push the rear portion down to lock the passenger seat in position.

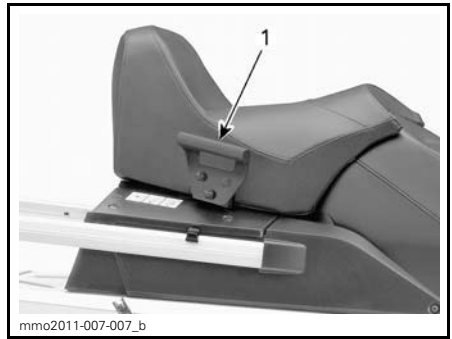
**NOTE:** A distinctive snap will be felt. Double check that the seat is secure by giving it a tug to confirm proper latching.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Make sure seat is securely latched before riding.

## 14) Passengers Handholds

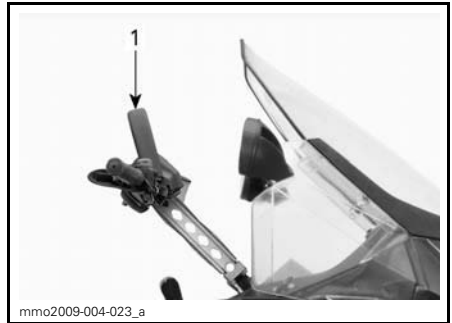
Fixed handholds on each side of the passenger seat.



1. Passenger handhold

## 15) Mountain Strap

Mountain strap provides a grip for the driver when side-hilling.



- TYPICAL
1. Mountain strap

### **⚠ WARNING**

This strap is not for towing, lifting or other purpose than temporary use as a grab handle during side-hilling. Always keep at least one hand on handlebar.

## 16) Operator's Guide

The Operator's Guide is located in the storage compartment.

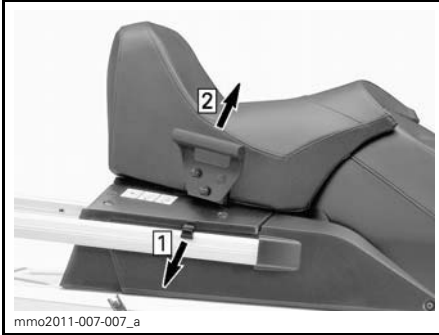
## 17) Storage Compartment

The storage compartment is located behind the driver's seat.

**⚠ WARNING**

The storage compartment must be properly latched and must not contain any sharp, heavy or breakable objects.

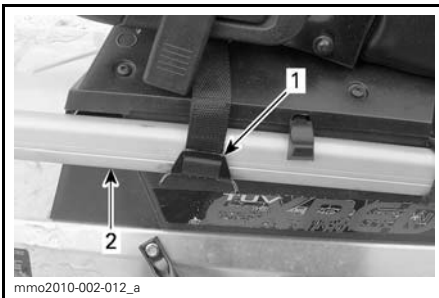
To open the lid, pull and hold the rubber tab sideways, then lift the RH side of the lid or passenger seat if installed.



Step 1: Pull rubber tab  
Step 2: Lift RH side

To close lid, simply push it down until it latches.

In addition, when passenger seat is installed, hook the retaining strap to the rear rack rail as shown.



TYPICAL  
1. Retaining strap  
2. Rear rack rail

**⚠ CAUTION** When closing lid with the passenger seat installed, secure with the retaining strap.

**18) Rear Rack****⚠ WARNING**

All objects in rear rack must be properly latched. Do not carry any breakable objects. Excessive weight in rack may reduce steering ability.

**⚠ WARNING**

Always readjust suspension according to the load. The capacity of this rack is limited, the MAXIMUM cargo load is 30 kg (66 lb). Ride at very low speed when loaded. Avoid speed over bumps.

**19) 12-Volt Power Outlet**

A 12-volt power outlet is installed at front, near steering column.

A 12-volt electric appliance may be connected to that jack connector.

**20) Hitch**

Use the hitch in conjunction with a tow bar to tow an accessory.

When attaching any accessory, always refer to the manufacturer's recommendations.

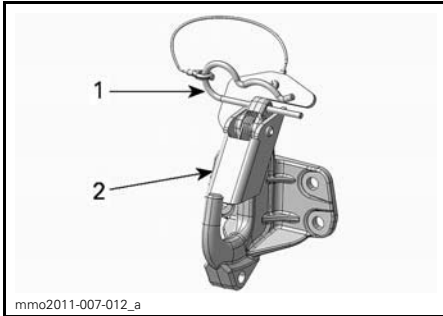
**NOTE:** Refer to decal on vehicle for towing weight capacities.

**⚠ WARNING**

Never tow an accessory with a rope. Always use a rigid tow bar. Using a rope would result in a collision between the object and the snowmobile and possibly in a tip over in case of a rapid deceleration or on a downward slope.

## J-Type Hitch (European Models)

### Attaching an Equipment



1. Hairpin clip
2. Safety tab

1. Remove the hairpin clip.
2. Align accessory attachment hole with the hitch hook.
3. Push the accessory attachment passed the safety tab.
4. Secure safety tab using the hairpin clip.

### Detaching an Equipment

1. Remove the hairpin clip.
2. Push safety tab forward to free accessory attachment from the hitch.
3. Detach accessory attachment.
4. Install hairpin clip.

## 21) Hood

### **⚠ WARNING**

Never operate engine with hood removed from vehicle.

### Hood Removal

1. Remove upper side panels as explained in this subsection.
2. Unhook the rubber ties on both sides.

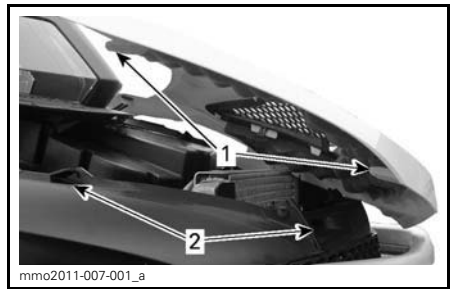


1. Rubber tie

3. Slide hood towards front to free the tabs from their slots.

### Hood Installation

1. Engage the tabs located at front and center of the hood into the bottom pan slots.



#### TYPICAL

1. Hood tabs
2. Bottom pan slots

2. Slide hood towards headlights until it stops.
3. Hook the rubber ties.

## 22) Upper Side Panels

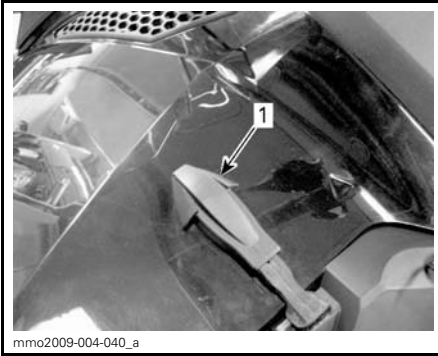
### **⚠ WARNING**

Never operate engine with side panels opened or removed from vehicle.

### Upper Side Panel Removal

1. Unhook the rubber tie.





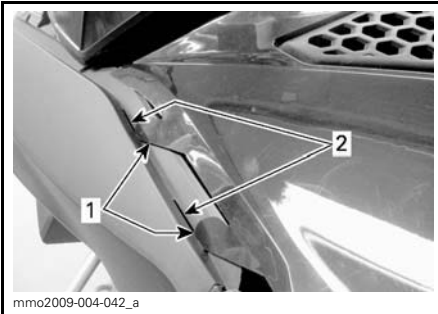
**TYPICAL**

1. Rubber tie

2. Lift the rear portion of panel to free the plastic tab from the console.
3. Slide panel towards rear.

**Upper Side Panel Installation**

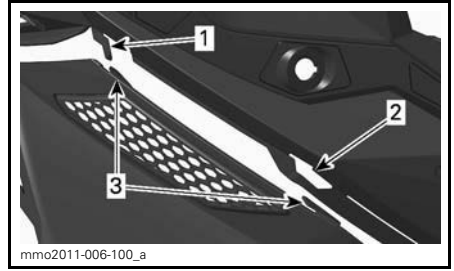
1. Insert the panel lower tabs into the bottom pan slots.



**TYPICAL**

1. Panel lower tabs
2. Bottom pan slots

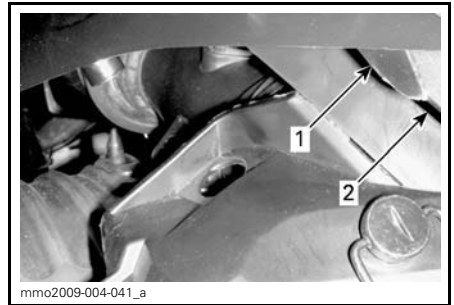
2. Hook the panel top center tabs to the console.



**TYPICAL**

1. Console hook
2. Console slot
3. Panel center tabs

3. Insert the rear tab into the console slot.



**TYPICAL**

1. Rear tab
2. Console slot

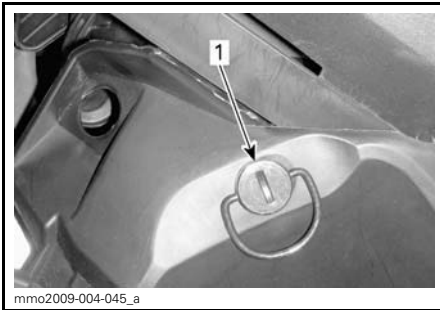
4. Hook rubber tie.

**23) Lower Side Panels**

**⚠ WARNING**  
 Never operate engine with side panels opened or removed from vehicle.

**Lower Side Panel Removal**

1. Remove upper side panel as explained above.
2. Turn the clip 1/4 turn counterclockwise to unlock.



1. Clip

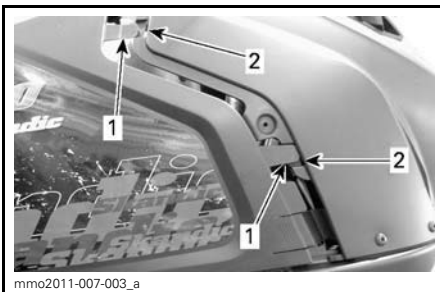
3. Push and hold lock tab in, then pull panel up and rearward.



1. Lock tab

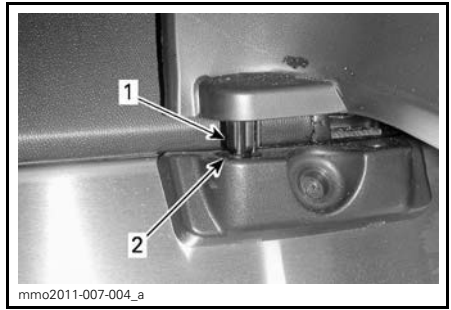
### Lower Side Panel Installation

1. Align panel front tabs in the bottom pan slots.



1. Panel front tabs  
2. Bottom pan slots

2. Insert panel lower tabs in the bottom pan slots.
3. Push panel towards front.
4. Insert the panel dowel into the tunnel hole.



1. Panel dowel  
2. Tunnel hole

5. Lock the clip by turning it 1/4 turn clockwise.

## 24) Drive Belt Guard

### Drive Belt Guard Removal

#### **⚠ WARNING**

NEVER operate engine:

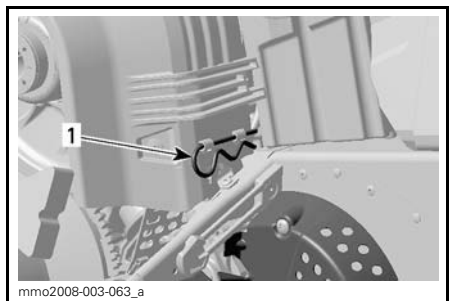
- Without shields and drive belt guard securely installed.
- With hood and/or side panels opened or removed.

NEVER attempt to make adjustments to moving parts while engine is running.

Remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch.

Remove LH side panels, see procedure in this subsection.

Remove retaining pin.



TYPICAL  
1. Retaining pin

Lift rear portion of drive belt guard, then release from front tabs by pivoting the guard outwards.

### Drive Belt Guard Installation

When reinstalling drive belt guard, position its cutaway toward front of snowmobile.

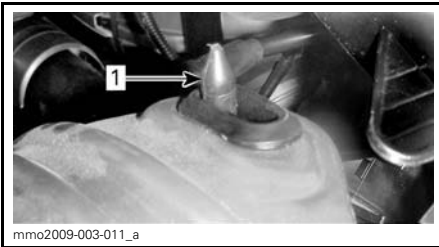
Place the front LH slot of the drive belt guard over the longest tab.

Pivot the guard inward to engage the shortest tab in the RH slot.



1. Tabs

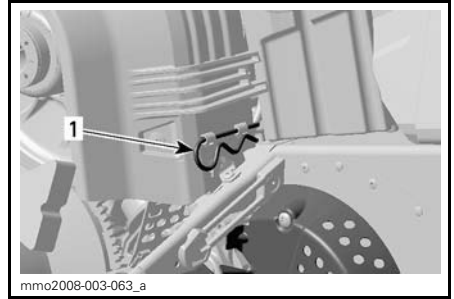
Position the grommet over the retaining rod.



1. Retaining rod

Position rear portion of the drive belt guard over the retainer and secure it using the retaining pin.

**NOTE:** Drive belt guard is purposely made slightly oversize to maintain tension on its pins and retainers preventing undue noise and vibration. It is important that this tension be maintained when reinstalling.



1. Retaining pin

# FUEL

## Recommended Fuel

Use unleaded gasoline available from most service stations or oxygenated fuel containing a maximum total of 10% of ethanol or methanol. The gasoline used must have the following recommended minimum octane rating.

MINIMUM OCTANE RATING (NORTH AMERICA)		
ENGINES	87 (RON + MON)/2	91 (RON + MON)/2
550F	X	—
600 HO E-TEC	—	X
600 ACE	X	—

MINIMUM OCTANE RATING (OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA)		
ENGINES	92 RON	95 RON
550F	X	—
600 HO E-TEC	—	X
600 ACE	X	—

**NOTICE** Never experiment with other fuels. The use of inadequate fuel can result in snowmobile performance deterioration and damage to critical parts in the fuel system and engine components.

## Fuel Antifreeze Additives

When using oxygenated fuel, additional gas line antifreeze or water absorbing additives are not required and should be not used.

When using non-oxygenated fuel, isopropyl base gas line antifreeze can be used in a proportion of 150 ml (5 U.S. oz) of gas line antifreeze added to 40 L (10.6 U.S. gal.) of gas.

**NOTE:** Use only methyl hydrate free gas line antifreeze.

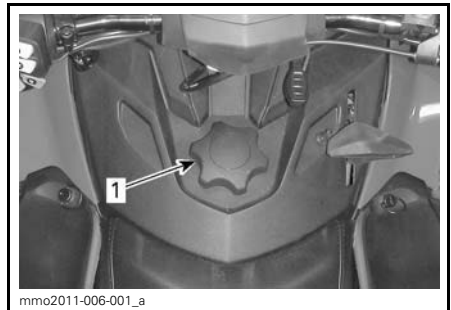
## Fueling Procedure

Unscrew to fill up tank then fully tighten.

### **⚠ WARNING**

- Always stop engine before refueling. Open cap slowly.
- If a differential pressure condition is noticed (whistling sound heard when loosening fuel tank cap) have vehicle inspected and/or repaired before further operation.
- Fuel is flammable and explosive under certain conditions.
- Never use an open flame to check fuel level.
- Never smoke or allow flame or spark in vicinity.
- Always work in a well-ventilated area.
- Never top up the fuel tank before placing the vehicle in a warm area. As temperature increases, fuel expands and may overflow.
- Always wipe off any fuel spillage from the vehicle.

**NOTE:** Do not sit or lean on seat when fuel tank cap is not properly installed.



1. Fuel tank cap

# INJECTION OIL (550F AND 600 HO E-TEC)

## Recommended Injection Oil

RECOMMENDED INJECTION OIL			
ENGINES	XPS INJECTION OIL (P/N 293 600 117)	XPS SYNTHETIC BLEND 2-STROKE OIL (P/N 293 600 100)	XPS SYNTHETIC 2-STROKE OIL (P/N 293 600 132)
550F	✓	✓	✓
600 HO E-TEC		✓	✓

**NOTICE** The engine of this snowmobile has been developed and validated using the recommended BRP XPS™ oil. BRP strongly recommends the use of its recommended XPS oil at all times. Damages caused by oil which is not suitable for the engine will not be covered by the BRP limited warranty.

**NOTICE** Check level and refill every time you refuel.

### Injection Oil Level Verification

The injection oil reservoir is located behind the RH side panel. See *CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT* for opening procedure.

Always maintain a sufficient amount of recommended injection oil in the injection oil reservoir.

Add injection oil. Do not overfill.  
Reinstall cap and fully tighten.

**NOTICE** Do not mismatch oil reservoir cap with fuel tank cap.

**WARNING**  
Wipe off any oil spills. Oil is highly flammable when heated.



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**TYPICAL**  
1. Oil reservoir

**NOTICE** Check level and refill every time you refuel.

### To Add Injection Oil

Remove injection oil reservoir cap.

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# BREAK-IN PERIOD

## Operation During Break-In

A break-in period of 10 operating hours or 500 km (300 mi) is required for the vehicle.

After the break-in period, the vehicle should be inspected by an authorized Ski-Doo dealer. Refer to *MAINTENANCE* section.

### Engine

During the break-in period:

- Avoid prolonged full throttle operation.
- Avoid sustained accelerations.
- Avoid prolonged cruising speeds.
- Avoid engine overheating.

However, brief accelerations and speed variations contribute to a good break-in.

During the first few hours of break-in, the engine management system controls some engine parameters which will slightly reduce the engine performance.

### *E-TEC Models*

During a predetermined period, the engine management system controls some engine parameters.

The duration is based on fuel volume. It will take approximately two fuel tanks to complete the break-in.

During this period:

- The engine performance and behavior will not be optimal.
- The fuel and oil consumption will be higher.

### Drive Belt

A new drive belt requires a break in period of 50 km (30 mi).

During the break-in period:

- Avoid strong acceleration and deceleration.
- Avoid pulling a load.
- Avoid high speed cruising.

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## Engine Starting Procedure

### Procedure

1. Apply parking brake.
2. Recheck throttle lever operation.
3. Put your helmet on.
4. Ensure that the tether cord cap is installed on the engine cut-off switch and that the cord is attached to your clothing eyelet.
5. Ensure that the emergency engine stop switch is in the ON position (up).
6. Depress the START button to engage the electric starter and start the engine. Release button immediately when engine has started.

### WARNING

Never depress throttle while starting engine.

**NOTICE** Do not engage electric starter for more than 10 seconds at a time. A rest period of at least 30 seconds should be observed between the cranking cycles to allow electric starter to cool down.

7. Release parking brake.

**NOTE:** For an initial cold start, do not release parking brake. Perform the *VEHICLE WARM-UP* procedure as explained below.

## Emergency Starting

### 600 ACE Models

Do not attempt any emergency starting procedure. Have the battery charged or replaced.

### 550 F and 600 HO E-TEC Models

If the starter does not operate and you have followed the steps in *ENGINE STARTING PROCEDURE*, start engine with the rewind starter or the emergency cord as follows:

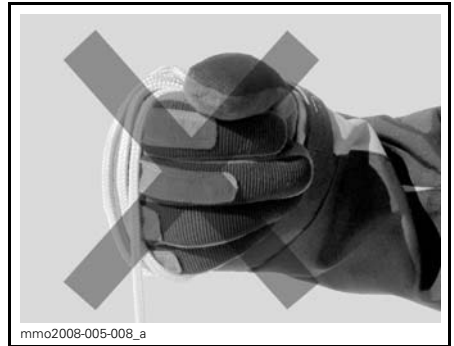
### Starting Using an Emergency Starter Rope

The engine can be started with the emergency starter rope supplied with the tool kit. Proceed as follows:

1. Remove drive belt guard.

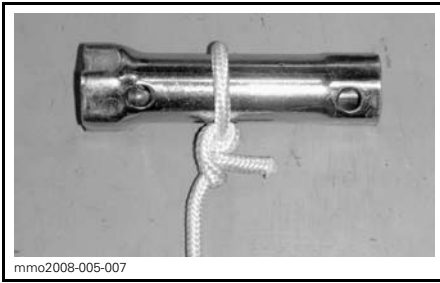
### WARNING

Do not wind starting rope around your hand. Hold rope by the handle only. Do not start the snowmobile by the drive pulley unless it is a true emergency situation. Have the snowmobile repaired as soon as possible.

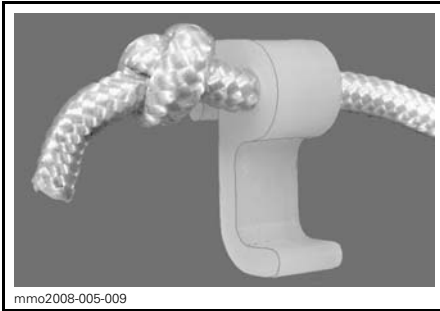


2. Attach one end of emergency rope to rewind handle.

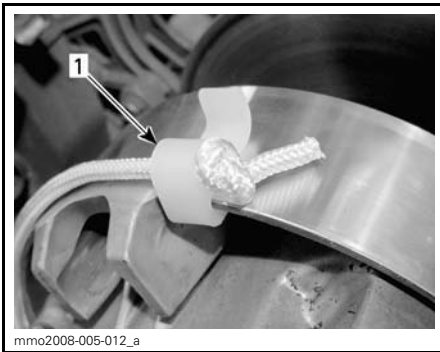
**NOTE:** The spark plug socket can be used as an emergency handle.



3. Attach the other end of emergency rope to the starter clip supplied in the tool kit.

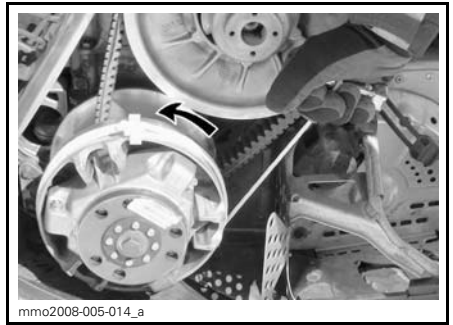


4. Hook up clip on drive pulley.



1. *Clip installation location*

5. Wind the rope tightly around drive pulley. When pulled, pulley must rotate counterclockwise.



6. Pull the rope using a sharp, crisp pull so the rope comes free of the drive pulley.

### **⚠ WARNING**

When starting the snowmobile in an emergency situation, using drive pulley, do not reinstall the drive belt guard and return slowly to have snowmobile repaired.

### **Vehicle Warm-Up**

Before every ride, vehicle has to be warmed up as follows:

1. Start engine as explained in *ENGINE STARTING PROCEDURE* above.
2. Allow engine to warm up one or two minutes at idle speed.

**NOTE:** It is not recommended to let engine running at idle speed for more than 10 minutes.

3. Disengage parking brake.
4. Apply throttle until drive pulley engages. Drive at low speed the first two or three minutes.



**NOTICE** If vehicle does not move when throttle is applied, stop engine, remove tether cord cap from the engine cut-off switch, then do the following.

- Check if skis are stuck on the ground. Lift one ski at a time by the handle, then put it down.
- Check if track is stuck on the ground. Lift rear of snowmobile enough to clear track from the ground, then drop.
- Check rear suspension for hard snow or ice accumulation that could interfere with track rotation. Clean the area.

**CAUTION** Use proper lifting techniques, notably using your legs force. Do not attempt to lift the either end of the vehicle if it is above your limits.

### **WARNING**

Make sure tether cord cap is removed before standing in front the vehicle, getting close to the track or rear suspension components.

**NOTE:** On E-TEC models, warm-up is electronically controlled. During this period (up to 10 minutes depending on ambient temperature), engine RPM is limited.

## **Gearbox Operation**

### **NOTICE**

- Always put gearbox in 1<sup>st</sup> gear when pulling a load.
- Always put gearbox in neutral (N) when parked.
- Come to a complete stop and hold brake before shifting to or from reverse. Wait until the reverse alarm sounds before operating throttle.

## **Neutral**

When set in neutral (N), the gearbox disengages the pulleys from the track.

## **Shifting in Reverse**

To engage reverse gear, proceed as follows:

1. Bring vehicle to a complete stop.
2. Apply and hold brake.
3. With engine at idle speed, select reverse (R) gear using the gearshift lever.

**NOTE:** It is necessary to push shift lever knob down to move it from neutral to reverse gear.

4. Gently depress throttle lever.

### **WARNING**

The reverse speed is not limited. Always proceed with caution as fast reverse could result in loss of vehicle stability. Always remain seated. Ensure the path behind is clear of obstacles or bystanders before proceeding.

## **Shifting in Forward**

There are two forward gears.

To engage a forward gear, proceed as follows:

1. Bring vehicle to a complete stop.
2. Apply and hold brake.
3. With engine at idle speed, select low (1) or high (2) gear using the gearshift lever.
4. Gently depress throttle lever.

**NOTE:** It is possible to shift from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> gear if vehicle speed is below 20 km/h (12 MPH). Release throttle to shift.

## **Shutting Off the Engine**

Release throttle lever and wait until engine has returned to idle speed.

Shut off the engine using either the emergency engine stop switch or by pulling off the tether cord cap from the engine cut-off switch.

**⚠ WARNING**

Always remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch when vehicle is not in operation in order to prevent accidental engine starting, theft or use by unauthorized persons.

### Towing an Accessory

Always use a rigid tow bar to tow an accessory. Any towed accessory should have reflectors on both sides and at the rear. Check local laws for brake light(s) requirements.

**⚠ WARNING**

Never tow an accessory with a rope. Always use a rigid tow bar. Using a rope would result in a collision between the object and the snowmobile and possibly in a tip over in case of a rapid deceleration or on a downward slope.

### Towing Another Snowmobile

If a snowmobile is disabled and must be towed use a rigid tow bar. Remove the drive belt from disabled snowmobile, refer to *DRIVE BELT* in the *MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES* subsection and tow at moderate speed.

**NOTICE** Always remove the drive belt of the snowmobile that is to be towed to prevent damage to its drive belt and drive system.

In an emergency situation only, if a rigid tow bar is not available, a rope can be used. Proceed with extra caution. In some areas, it may be illegal to do so. Check with state or local authorities.

Remove the drive belt, attach the rope to the ski legs (spindles), have someone sit on the towed snowmobile to activate the brake, and tow at low speed.

**NOTICE** In order to prevent damage to the steering system, never attach the tow rope to the ski loops (handles).

**⚠ WARNING**

Never ride at high speed when towing a disabled snowmobile. Proceed slowly with extra caution.

# TUNE YOUR RIDE

## **! WARNING**

Suspension adjustment could affect vehicle handling. Always take time to familiarize yourself with the vehicle's behavior after any suspension adjustment have been made.

Snowmobile handling and comfort depend upon suspension adjustments.

Choice of suspension adjustments vary with carrying load, driver's weight, personal preference, riding speed and field condition.

## **! WARNING**

Before proceeding with any suspension adjustment, remember:

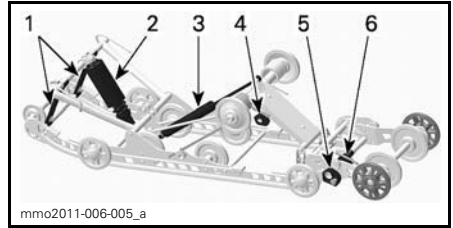
- Park in a safe place.
- Remove the tether cord cap from the engine cut-off switch.
- If the front or rear of vehicle have to be lifted, make sure the lifting device is stable and secure.

**! CAUTION** Do not attempt to lift the vehicle by hand alone. Use appropriate lifting device to avoid risk of strain injuries.

Following are guidelines to fine-tune suspension.

Customize each adjustment one at a time. It may be necessary to readjust center spring after adjusting front springs for instance. Test run the snowmobile under the same conditions; trail, speed, snow, driver riding position, etc. Change one adjustment and retest. Proceed methodically until you are satisfied.

## Rear Suspension Adjustments



### SC5-U REAR SUSPENSION

1. Stopper straps
2. Center spring and shock absorber
3. Rear shock absorber
4. Rear spring preload cams
5. Extension stabilizer cam
6. Extension spring preload cam

**NOTICE** Whenever adjusting rear suspension, check track tension and adjust if necessary.

### Stopper Strap Length

Stopper straps length has an effect on the amount of weight the center spring has to carry especially during acceleration, therefore on the front end uplift.

Stopper straps length also has an effect on center spring travel.

**NOTICE** Always adjust both stopper straps to the same length. Whenever stopper straps length is changed, track tension must be checked.

ACTION	RESULT
Increasing stopper straps length	Lighter ski pressure under acceleration
	More center spring travel
	More bump absorption capability
Decreasing stopper straps length	Heavier ski pressure under acceleration
	Less center spring travel
	Less bump absorption capability

When operating the snowmobile in deep snow, it may be necessary to vary stopper strap length and/or riding position, to change the angle at which the track rides on the snow. Operator's familiarity with the various adjustments as well as snow conditions will dictate the most efficient combination.

Generally, a longer stopper strap setting gives better performance in deep snow on a flat landscape.

### Rear Spring Preload

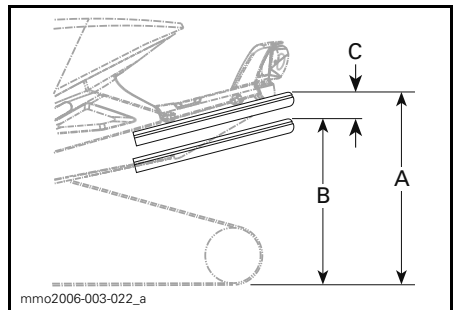
Rear spring preload has an effect on comfort, ride height and load compensation.

Also, adjusting rear spring preload shifts more or less weight to the snowmobile front end. As a result, more or less weight is applied to the skis. This has an effect on performance in deep snow, steering effort and handling.

Slight suspension bottoming occurring under the worst riding conditions indicates a good choice of spring preload.

ACTION	RESULT
Increasing preload	Firmer rear suspension
	Higher rear end
	More bump absorption capability
	Heavier steering
Decreasing preload	Softer rear suspension
	Lower rear end
	Less bump absorption capability
	Lighter steering
	Better performance and handling in deep snow

Refer to the following to determine if preload is correct.



**TYPICAL — PROPER ADJUSTMENT**  
 A. Suspension fully extended  
 B. Suspension has collapsed with driver, passenger(s) and load added  
 C. Distance between dimension "A" and "B", see table below

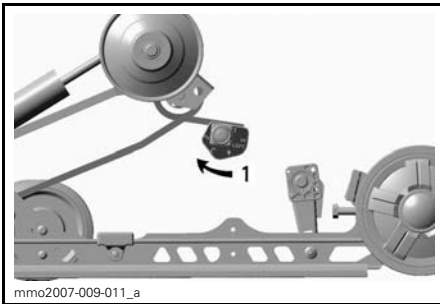
"C"	WHAT TO DO
50 to 75 mm (2 to 3 in)	No adjustment required
More than 75 mm (3 in)	Adjusted too soft, increase preload
Less than 50 mm (2 in)	Adjusted too firm, decrease preload

**NOTE:** If the specification is unattainable with the original springs, see an authorized Ski-Doo dealer for other available springs.

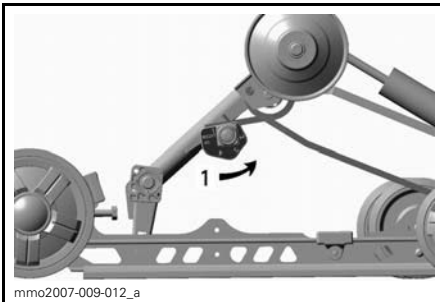
**NOTICE** To increase spring preload, always turn the left side adjustment cam in a clockwise direction, and the right side cam in a counterclockwise direction.

**CAUTION** Never set preload cams directly from position 5 to 1 or directly from position 1 to 5.

The adjustment cams have 5 different settings, 1 being the softest.



**TYPICAL — LH SIDE**  
1. Adjust spring preload



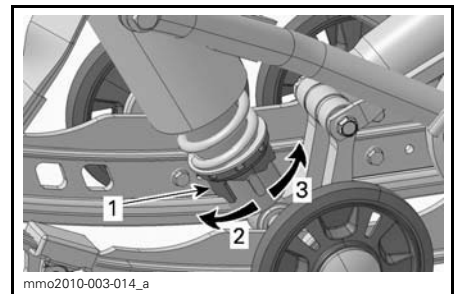
**TYPICAL — RH SIDE**  
1. Adjust spring preload

### Center Spring Preload

Center spring preload has an effect on steering effort, handling and bump absorption.

Also, since center spring preload adjustment puts more or less pressure on the front of the track, it has an effect on the performance in deep snow.

ACTION	RESULT
Increasing preload	Lighter steering
	More bump absorption capability
	Better deep snow starts
Decreasing preload	Better deep snow performance and handling
	Heavier steering
	Less bump absorption capability
	Better trail handling



### CAM TYPE - MOTION CONTROL SHOCK ABSORBER

1. Spring preload adjustment cam
2. Increase preload
3. Decrease preload

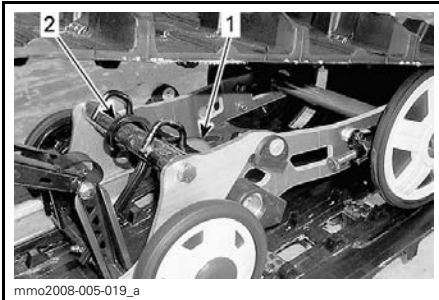
**NOTE:** For cam type preload adjuster, use the suspension adjustment tool provided in the tool kit.

### Rear Suspension Extension Spring Preload

Suspension extension spring preload has an effect on the reverse capability and track ground contact.

To adjust spring preload, turn the adjustment cam.

ACTION	RESULT
Increasing preload	More track surface on the ground
	Less extension lift
Decreasing preload	Better reverse capability especially in deep snow
	More extension lift



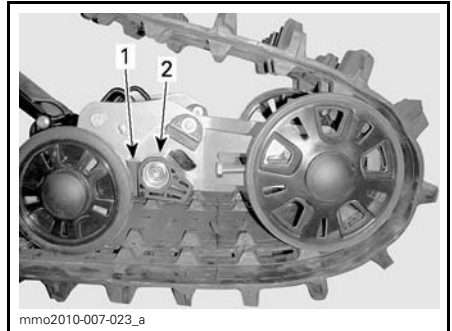
*TYPICAL*  
 1. Spring  
 2. Adjustment cam

### Rear Suspension Extension Stabilizer Cam

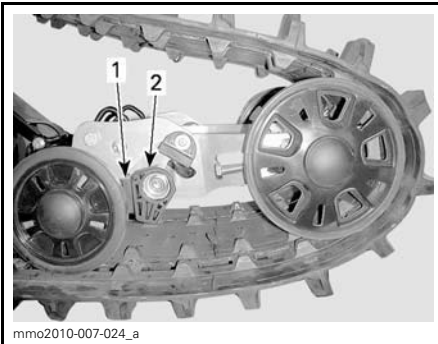
Stabilizer cam is used to control the suspension extension stroke.

Stabilizer cam setting has an effect on manoeuvrability, traction and reverse capability.

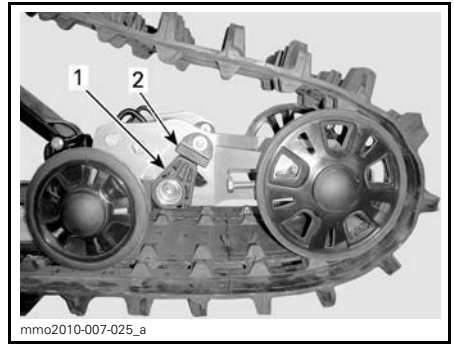
CAM SETTING	RESULT
Free	Allows free movement of the suspension extension on its entire stroke
	General use
	Good reverse capability
Partial lift	Sets the suspension extension partially lifted and allows upwards movement
	Better manoeuvrability on hard snow
	Better fuel efficiency
	Good reverse capability
Locked	Locks the suspension extension in line with the suspension rails
	Better traction, full track contact surface
	Better towing capability



*FREE*  
 1. Adjustment cam  
 2. Lower stop block



**PARTIALLY LIFTED**  
 1. Adjustment cam  
 2. Lower stop block



**LOCKED**  
 1. Adjustment cam  
 2. Upper stop block

## Vehicle Behavior Related to Suspension Adjustment

PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE MEASURES
Front suspension wandering	Check ski alignment and camber angle adjustment. See an authorized Ski-Doo dealer. Reduce ski ground pressure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Increase center spring preload.</li> <li>– Reduce rear spring preload.</li> </ul>
Snowmobile seems unstable and seems to pivot around its center	Reduce rear suspension front arm pressure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Reduce center spring preload.</li> <li>– Increase rear spring preload.</li> </ul>
Steering feels too heavy	Reduce ski ground pressure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Increase center spring preload.</li> </ul>
Rear of snowmobile seems too stiff	Reduce rear spring preload.
Rear of snowmobile seems too soft	Increase rear spring preload.
Rear suspension front shock absorber is frequently bottoming	Lengthen stopper strap. Increase center spring preload.
Track spins too much at start	Lengthen stopper strap.

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## VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION

Make sure that oil reservoir and fuel tank caps are properly installed.

Tilt bed trailers can easily be equipped with a winch mechanism to afford maximum safety in loading. Simple as it may seem, never drive your snowmobile onto a tilt bed trailer or any other kind of trailer or vehicle. Many serious accidents have resulted from driving up and over a trailer. Anchor your vehicle securely, front and rear, even on short hauls. Be certain all equipment is securely fastened. Cover your snowmobile when trailering to prevent road grime from causing damage.

Be certain your trailer meets state or provincial requirements. Ensure the hitch and safety chains are secure and the brake, turn indicators and clearance lights all function.



# ***MAINTENANCE***

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# BREAK-IN INSPECTION

We suggest that after the first 10 hours or 500 km (300 mi) of operation, whichever comes first, your vehicle be inspected by an authorized Ski-Doo dealer. The break-in inspection is very important and must not be neglected.

**NOTE:** The break-in inspection is at the expense of the vehicle owner.

We recommend that this inspection be signed by an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

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Date of inspection

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Authorized dealer signature

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Dealer name

BREAK-IN INSPECTION (550F)
Inspect exhaust system and check for leaks
Inspect fuel lines and connections
Inspect throttle cable
Inspect drive belt
Visually inspect drive pulley
Tighten drive pulley retaining screw to specified torque
Inspect driven pulley
Adjust and align track
Change gearbox oil
Check brake fluid level
Inspect brake hose, pads and disk
Inspect steering mechanism
Inspect skis and runners
Inspect front suspension
Inspect rear suspension and slider shoes
Adjust oil injection pump

**BREAK-IN INSPECTION (600 HO E-TEC)**

Inspect engine motor mounts

Inspect exhaust system and check for leaks

Tighten exhaust manifold screws to specified torque

Check coolant level

Inspect fuel lines and connections

Inspect throttle cable

Inspect drive belt

Visually inspect drive pulley

Tighten drive pulley retaining screw to specified torque

Inspect driven pulley

Adjust and align track

Change gearbox oil

Check brake fluid level

Inspect brake hose, pads and disk

Inspect steering mechanism

Inspect skis and runners

Inspect front suspension

Inspect rear suspension and slider shoes

**BREAK-IN INSPECTION (600 ACE)**

Inspect engine seals and gaskets for leaks

Inspect exhaust system and check for leaks

Inspect all heat shields

Check coolant level

Change engine oil and filter

Inspect fuel lines and connections

Inspect throttle cable

Inspect drive belt

Visually inspect drive pulley

Tighten drive pulley retaining screw to specified torque

Inspect driven pulley

Check driven pulley preload

Adjust and align track

Change gearbox oil

Check brake fluid level

Inspect brake hose, pads and disk

Inspect steering mechanism

Inspect skis and runners

Inspect front suspension

Inspect rear suspension and slider shoes

# MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Maintenance is very important for keeping your vehicle in safe operating condition. Proper maintenance is the owner's responsibility. The vehicle should be serviced as per maintenance schedule.

The maintenance schedule does not exempt the pre-ride inspection.

## **WARNING**

Failure to properly maintain the vehicle according to the maintenance schedule and procedures can make it unsafe to operate.

### *550F*

#### EVERY 3 000 KM (2,000 MI) OR 1 YEAR (WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)

Inspect engine rubber mounts

Inspect exhaust system and check for leaks

Adjust engine stopper

Visually inspect and clean drive pulley

Tighten drive pulley retaining screw to specified torque

Clean driven pulley

Adjust and align track

Inspect brake hose, pads and disk

Inspect steering mechanism

Inspect front suspension

Inspect rear suspension and stopper strap

Lubricate rear suspension (lubricate whenever the vehicle is used in wet conditions (rain, puddles))

#### EVERY 6 000 KM (4,000 MI) OR 2 YEARS (WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)

Inspect fuel pump strainer and replace if necessary

Replace brake fluid

Inspect throttle cable

Clean and lubricate rewind starter

**600 HO E-TEC**

**EVERY 3 000 KM (2,000 MI) OR 1 YEAR  
(WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)**

Inspect heat shields

Inspect engine rubber mounts

Inspect exhaust system and check for leaks

Adjust engine stopper

Visually inspect and clean drive pulley

Tighten drive pulley retaining screw to specified torque

Clean driven pulley

Adjust and align track

Inspect brake hose, pads and disk

Inspect steering mechanism

Inspect front suspension

Inspect rear suspension and stopper strap

Lubricate rear suspension (lubricate whenever the vehicle is used in wet conditions (rain, puddles))

**EVERY 6 000 KM (4,000 MI) OR 2 YEARS  
(WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)**

Inspect fuel pump strainer and replace if necessary

Replace brake fluid

Inspect throttle cable

Clean and lubricate rewind starter

**EVERY 10 000 KM (6,000 MI) OR 3 YEARS  
(WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)**

Replace spark plugs must be replaced by an authorized Ski-Doo dealer)

Inspect oil pump strainer and clean if needed

**EVERY 5 YEARS**

Replace engine coolant

Replace in-line fuel filter

**600 ACE**

<b>EVERY 3 000 KM (2,000 MI) OR 1 YEAR (WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)</b>
Inspect heat shields
Visually inspect and clean drive pulley
Tighten drive pulley retaining screw to specified torque
Clean driven pulley
Check driven pulley preload
Adjust and align track
Inspect brake hose, pads and disk
Inspect steering mechanism
Inspect front suspension
Inspect rear suspension and stopper straps
Lubricate rear suspension. Lubricate whenever the vehicle is used in wet conditions (rain, puddles)
<b>EVERY 6 000 KM (4,000 MI) OR AT PRE-SEASON (WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)</b>
Change engine oil and filter
<b>EVERY 6 000 KM (4,000 MI) OR 2 YEARS (WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)</b>
Replace fuel pump outlet filter
Replace brake fluid
Inspect throttle cable
<b>EVERY 10 000 KM (6,000 MI) OR 3 YEARS (WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)</b>
Replace spark plugs
<b>EVERY 5 YEARS</b>
Replace engine coolant

# MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

This subsection includes instructions for basic maintenance procedures. If you have the necessary mechanical skills and the required tools, you can perform these procedures. If not, see your authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

Other important items in the maintenance schedule that are more difficult and require special tools are best performed by your authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

## **⚠ WARNING**

Turn off the engine, remove tether cord cap and follow these maintenance procedures when performing maintenance. If you do not follow proper maintenance procedures you can be injured by hot parts, moving parts, electricity, chemicals or other hazards.

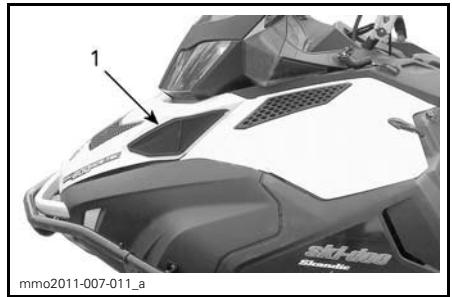
## **⚠ WARNING**

Should removal of a locking device be required (e.g. lock tabs, self-locking fasteners, etc.) when undergoing disassembly/assembly, always replace with a new one.

## **Air Intake Silencer Prefilter**

### **Air Intake Silencer Prefilter Verification**

Ensure that air intake silencer prefilter is properly installed, clean and in good condition.



1. Prefilter

To remove prefilter, simply pull it out.

To install prefilter, push it back in place making sure it is properly secured.

## **Engine Coolant (Except 550F)**

### **⚠ WARNING**

Never open coolant tank cap when engine is hot.

### **Engine Coolant level**

The engine coolant tank is located behind the upper RH side panel. See *CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT* for removal procedure.

The cold level line is just above the retaining clamp.

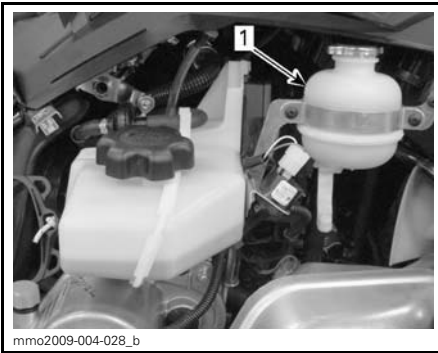
Check coolant level at room temperature with the cap removed. Liquid should be at cold level line (engine cold) of coolant tank.

**NOTE:** When checking coolant level at low temperature it may be slightly below the cold level line.

To add coolant, remove front coolant tank fixation and slightly pull the tank outwards to make room for the cap.

If additional a large amount of coolant has to be added or if entire system has to be refilled, refer to an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.





TYPICAL  
1. Coolant tank

### Recommended Engine Coolant

Always use ethylene-glycol antifreeze containing corrosion inhibitors specifically for internal combustion aluminum engines.

Cooling system must be filled with BRP PREMIXED COOLANT (P/N 219 700 362) or with distilled water and antifreeze solution (50% distilled water, 50% antifreeze).

### Engine Oil (600 ACE)

#### Recommended Engine Oil

ENGINE	RECOMMENDED ENGINE OIL
600 ACE	XPS 4-STROKE SYNTHETIC OIL (ALL CLIMATE) (P/N 293 600 112)

**NOTICE** The engine of this snowmobile has been developed and validated using the BRP XPS™ Synthetic 4-stroke oil. BRP strongly recommends the use of its XPS Synthetic 4-stroke oil at all times. Damages caused by oil which is not suitable for the engine will not be covered by the BRP limited warranty.

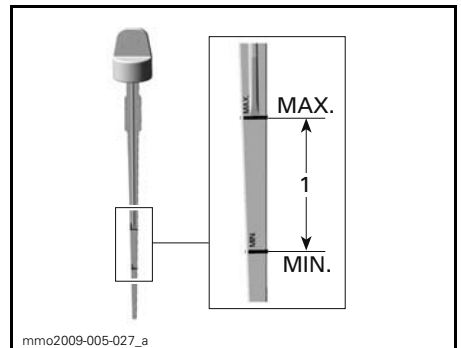
If the recommended oil is not available, use SAE 0W40 synthetic-based oil that meets or exceeds the requirements for API service classification SM

### Engine Oil Level Verification

**NOTICE** Check level every 10 hours of use and refill if necessary. Do not overfill. Operating the engine with an improper level may severely damage engine. Wipe off any spillage.

Place vehicle on a level surface and proceed as follows to check oil level:

1. Start engine and let it reach its normal operating temperature. Engine is at normal temperature when rear radiator gets warm, indicating that the thermostat is open.
2. Let engine run at idle for 30 more seconds.
3. Stop engine.
4. Remove the drive belt guard, refer to *CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT*.
5. Remove dipstick from the filler tube, then wipe it clean.
6. Completely insert dipstick in the filler tube.
7. Remove dipstick and check the oil level. Oil level should be between the MIN. and MAX. marks as shown, add if necessary.



1. Oil level between MIN. and MAX.

**⚠ CAUTION** Engine oil can be very hot.

**⚠ WARNING**  
Wipe off any oil spills. Oil is highly flammable when heated.

## Exhaust System

### Exhaust System Verification

The tail pipe of the muffler should be centered with the exit hole in the bottom pan. Exhaust system must be free of rust or leaks. Make sure that all parts are securely in place.

Check retaining springs condition and replace if necessary.

The exhaust system is designed to reduce noise and to improve the total performance of the engine. Modification may be in violation of local laws.

**NOTICE** If any exhaust system component is removed, modified or damaged, severe engine damage may result.

## Spark Plugs

Spark plugs inspection or replacement must be done by an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

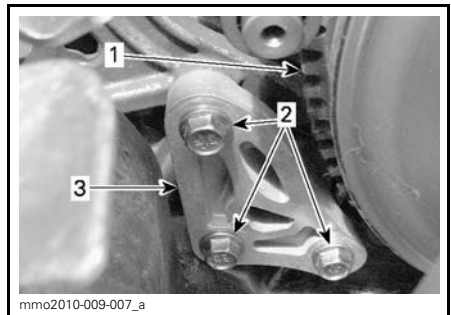
## Engine Stopper (600 HO E-TEC)

### Engine Stopper Adjustment

The engine stopper is located on the LH front engine support, in front of the drive pulley.

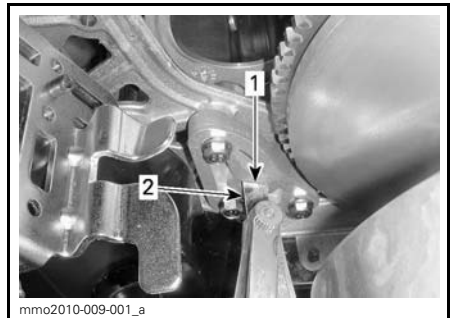
1. Remove tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch.
2. Remove the LH lower side panel, refer to *BODY*.
3. Remove drive belt guard, refer to *DRIVE BELT GUARD REMOVAL* in this subsection.

4. Loosen the three screws retaining the engine stopper to the engine support just enough to allow a vertical play (1/2 to one turn).



1. Drive pulley
2. Engine stopper screws
3. Engine stopper

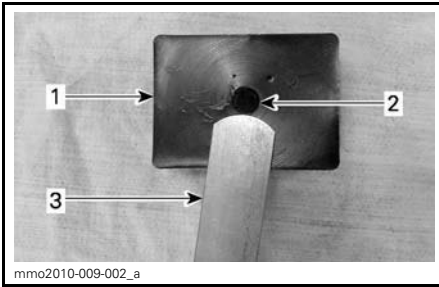
5. Insert a 0.5 mm (.02 in) feeler gauge in the engine stopper opening (see illustration).



1. Opening
2. Feeler gauge

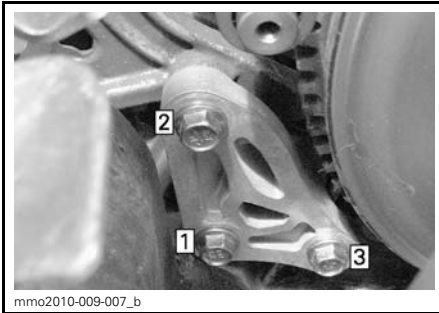
6. Place feeler gauge between engine stopper and rubber stop block (on engine).

**NOTE:** Do not insert the feeler gauge too deep, as it will pass over the bump at the surface of the rubber stop block and alter adjustment. See illustration.



1. Rubber stop block
2. Bump
3. Feeler gauge

7. Tighten screws to the specified torque, following the illustrated sequence. Take care not to pinch the feeler gauge.



**TIGHTENING SEQUENCE**

**STOPPER SCREW TIGHTENING  
TORQUE**

**10 N•m ± 2 N•m (89 lbf•in ± 18 lbf•in)**

**NOTICE** Serious pulley damage can occur if the engine stopper and its screws are not properly installed.

**Brake Fluid**

**Recommended Fluid**

Use only DOT 4 brake fluid from a sealed container. An opened container may be contaminated or may have absorbed moisture from the air.

**⚠ WARNING**

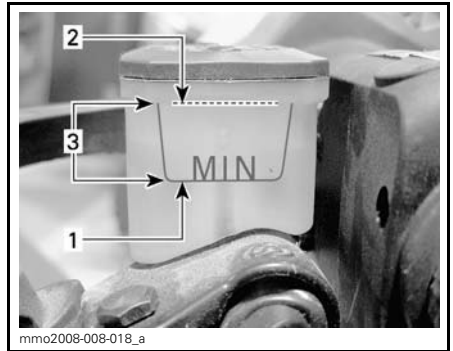
Use only DOT 4 brake fluid from a sealed container. To avoid serious damage to the braking system, do not use fluids other than the recommended one, nor mix different fluids for topping up.

**NOTICE** Brake fluid can damage painted and plastic parts. Handle with care. Rinse thoroughly in case of spillage.

**Brake Fluid Level Verification**

**NOTICE** Vehicle must be on a level surface before checking any fluid levels.

Check brake fluid in reservoir for proper level. Add recommended brake fluid as required.



1. Minimum
2. Maximum
3. Operating range

**⚠ CAUTION** Avoid getting brake fluid on skin or eyes - it may cause severe burns. In case of contact skin, wash thoroughly. In case of contact with the eyes, immediately rinse with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes and then consult a doctor immediately.

## Gearbox Oil

### Recommended Gearbox Oil

#### RECOMMENDED GEARBOX OIL

XPS SYNTHETIC CHAINCASE OIL (P/N 413 803 300)

**NOTICE** The gearbox of this snowmobile has been developed and validated using the XPS™ Synthetic chaincase oil. BRP strongly recommends the use of its XPS Synthetic chaincase oil at all times. Damages caused by oil which is not suitable for the gearbox will not be covered by the BRP limited warranty.

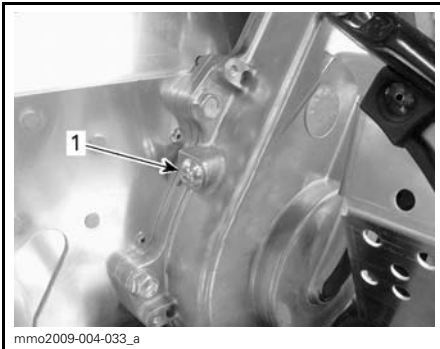
### Access to Gearbox

Remove upper and lower side panels, refer to *CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT*.

### Gearbox Oil Level Verification

With the vehicle on a level surface, check the oil level by removing the check plug on the left side of gearbox.

Oil level must reach the threaded hole's lower edge.



1. Check plug

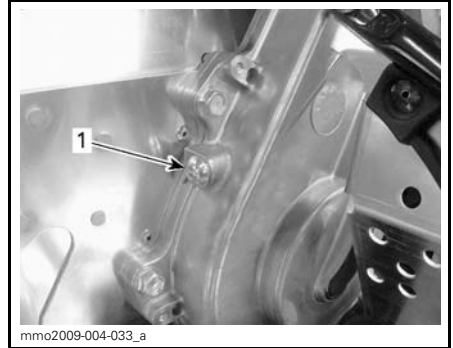
1. Reinstall check plug and torque to specification.

#### CHECK PLUG TORQUE

10 N•m ± 1 N•m (89 lbf•in ± 9 lbf•in)

### Adding Gearbox Oil

1. Remove the check plug located on the left side of gearbox.



1. Check plug

2. Remove the filler cap.



#### TYPICAL

1. Filler cap

3. Pour recommended oil in gearbox by the filler hole until oil comes out by the check plug hole.
4. Reinstall check plug and torque to specification.

#### CHECK PLUG TORQUE

10 N•m ± 1 N•m (89 lbf•in ± 9 lbf•in)

## Drive Belt

### Drive Belt Inspection

Inspect drive belt for cracks, fraying or abnormal wear (uneven wear, wear on one side, missing cogs, cracked fabric). If abnormal wear is noted, probable cause could be pulley misalignment, excessive RPM with frozen track, fast starts without warm-up period, burred or rusty sheave, oil on drive belt or distorted spare drive belt. Contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

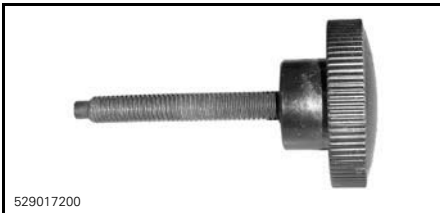
### Spare Drive Belt

A spare drive belt can be stored in the storage box.

### Drive Belt Replacement

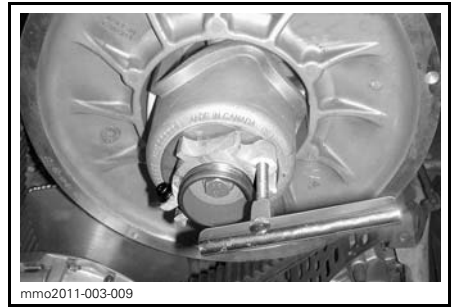
#### Drive Belt Removal

1. Remove the drive belt guard refer to *CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT*.
2. Insert the DRIVEN PULLEY OPENING TOOL (P/N 529 017 200) (or the pulley expander provided in the tool box) in the threaded hole on the adjuster hub.



529017200

DRIVEN PULLEY OPENING TOOL



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PULLEY EXPANDER INSTALLED ON ADJUSTER HUB

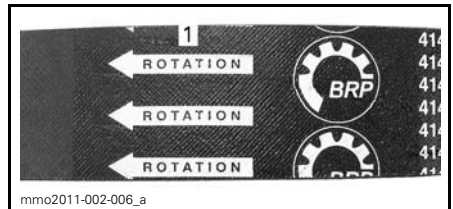
3. Open the driven pulley by screwing the tool in.
4. To remove belt, slip the belt over the top of driven pulley, then over the drive pulley.

#### Drive Belt Installation

1. If necessary, open the driven pulley, refer to *DRIVE BELT REMOVAL* above.
2. Slip the drive belt over the drive pulley, then over the driven pulley.

**NOTICE** Do not force or use tools to pry the drive belt into place, as this could cut or break the cords in the drive belt.

**NOTE:** The maximum drive belt life span is obtained when drive belt is installed with arrows in the direction of rotation.



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1. To be pointed in the direction of rotation
3. Unscrew and remove the driven pulley expander from the pulley.
4. Rotate the driven pulley several times to properly set the drive belt between the sheaves.

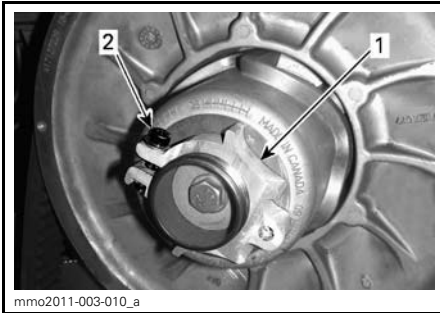
5. If a new drive belt was installed, adjust the drive belt height. Refer to *DRIVE BELT HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT* below.
6. Install drive belt guard and close side panel. Refer to *CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT*.

### Drive Belt Height Adjustment

The drive belt height must be checked every time a new drive belt is installed.

To adjust the drive belt height, proceed as follows:

1. Remove tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch.
2. Remove drive belt guard.
3. Loosen the clamping screw.



1. Adjuster hub
2. Clamping screw

4. Using the suspension adjustment tool provided in the tool kit, turn the ring 1/4 turn at a time then rotate the driven pulley to properly set the drive belt between the pulley sheaves.



1. Suspension adjustment tool

**NOTE:** The adjustment ring has **left hand threads**.

Repeat step 4 until the external surface of drive belt is even with the driven pulley edge.

**NOTE:** Turning the ring counterclockwise lowers the drive belt in the pulley. Turning the ring clockwise raises the drive belt in the pulley.

5. Firmly tighten the clamping screw. If possible, tighten to specified torque using a torque wrench.

<b>CLAMPING SCREW TIGHTENING TORQUE</b>
5.5 N•m ± 0.5 N•m (49 lbf•in ± 4 lbf•in)

6. Install drive belt guard.
7. Install side panel.

**NOTE:** This setting is correct as a preliminary adjustment for most models. In some cases, when starting the engine, the vehicle could creep, indicating that the drive belt is too tight.

If the vehicle creeps, lower the drive belt height from the preliminary setting. Repeat procedure until creeping stops.

## Reverse Activation

**NOTE:** The reverse may not activate or may be harder to activate if the drive belt is positioned too high in the driven pulley. If reverse activation does not work properly, ensure the drive belt is properly adjusted. Adjust the drive belt lower in the driven pulley if needed.

## Drive Pulley

### Drive Pulley Adjustment

The drive pulley is factory calibrated for sea level operation.

#### 550F and 600 ACE

No adjustment required.

#### 600 HO E-TEC

### **⚠ WARNING**

Remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch before performing any adjustment. Vehicle must be parked in a safe place, away from the trail.

The drive pulley is factory calibrated to transmit maximum engine power at a predefined RPM. Factors such as ambient temperature, altitude or surface condition may vary this critical engine RPM thus affecting snowmobile efficiency.

This adjustable drive pulley allows setting maximum engine RPM to maintain maximum power.

Calibration screws should be adjusted so that actual maximum engine RPM matches the maximum horsepower RPM.

ENGINE	MAXIMUM HORSEPOWER RPM
600 HO E-TEC	8100 RPM (± 100)

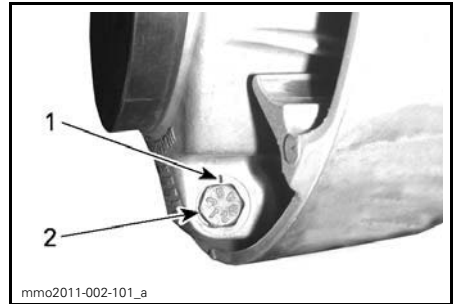
**NOTE:** Use precision digital tachometer for engine RPM adjustment.

**NOTE:** The adjustment has an effect on high RPM only.

There are 6 positions numbered 1 to 6.

The calibration screws have 6 different settings identified by numbers scribed on their head.

The actual setting is the screw head number aligned with the mark on the pulley.



### PULLEY SETTING

1. Mark
2. Number

Each position modifies maximum engine RPM by approximately 200 RPM.

Lower position numbers decrease engine RPM in steps of 200 RPM and higher position numbers increase it in steps of 200 RPM.

Example:

Calibration screws initially set at position 4 and changed to position 6 will increase maximum engine RPM by 400 RPM.

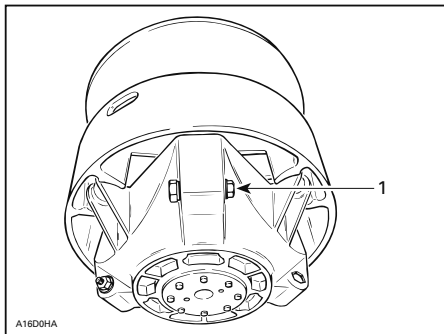
### Procedure

Loosen the lock nut just enough to get the calibration screw head out of the pulley and rotate to the desired position. Do not completely remove the lock nut.

Set all 3 calibration screws to the same position.

Tighten lock nuts to 10 N•m ± 2 N•m (89 lbf•in ± 18 lbf•in).

**NOTICE** Do not completely remove calibration screw otherwise internal washers will fall off. Always adjust all 3 calibration screws and make sure they are all set to the same position.



**TYPICAL**

1. Loosen just enough to permit rotating of calibrate screw

**⚠ WARNING**

**NEVER** disassemble or modify the drive pulley.

Improper assembly or modifications could cause the pulley to explode violently under the stress generated by the high rotational speed.

See your Ski-Doo dealer to maintain or service the drive pulley. Improper servicing or maintenance may affect performance and reduce drive belt life. Always respect maintenance schedules.

**⚠ WARNING**

**NEVER** operate engine:

- Without shields and drive belt guard securely installed.
- With hood and/or side panels opened or removed.

**NEVER** attempt to make adjustments to moving parts while engine is running.

## Track

### Track Inspection

**⚠ WARNING**

Remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch before performing any maintenance or adjustment, unless otherwise specified. Vehicle must be parked in a safe place, away from the trail.

Remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch.

Lift the rear of the snowmobile and support it with a wide-base snowmobile mechanical stand with a rear deflector panel. With the engine off, rotate the track by hand, and inspect condition. If worn or cut, or if track fibers are exposed, or if missing or defective inserts or guides are noted; contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

**⚠ WARNING**

Riding with a damaged track could lead to a loss of control.

### Track Tension and Alignment

**NOTE:** Track tension and alignment are interrelated. Do not adjust one without the other.



**⚠ WARNING**

To prevent serious injury to individuals near the snowmobile:

- NEVER stand behind or near a moving track.
- Always use a wide-base snowmobile stand with a rear deflector panel if it is necessary to rotate track.
- When the track is raised off the ground, only run it at the lowest possible speed.

Centrifugal force could cause debris, pieces of torn track, or an entire severed track to be violently thrown backwards out of the tunnel with tremendous force.

**Track Tension Verification**

**NOTE:** Ride the snowmobile in snow about 15 to 20 minutes prior to adjusting track tension.

1. Remove tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch.
2. Lift rear of vehicle and support it off the ground.

**⚠ CAUTION** Use proper lifting techniques, notably using your legs for force. Do not attempt to lift the rear of vehicle if it is above your limits.

3. Allow rear suspension to fully extend.
4. Use the TENSIO METER (P/N 414 348 200).



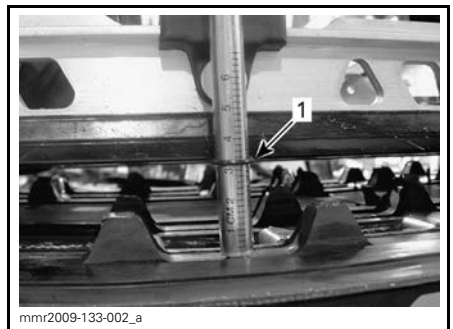
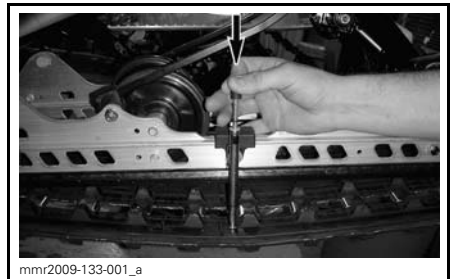
5. Set deflection using bottom O-ring.

<b>DEFLECTION</b>
40 mm to 50 mm (1.5 in to 2 in)



**DEFLECTION SETTING**

1. Bottom O-ring
6. Place upper O-ring to 0 kgf (0 lbf).
7. Position the tensiometer on track, halfway between front and rear idler wheels.
8. Push the tensiometer downwards until bottom O-ring (deflection) be aligned with the bottom of slider shoe.



1. Deflection O-ring aligned with slider shoe
9. Read load recorded by the upper O-ring on the tensiometer.



LOAD READING  
1. Upper O-ring

10. Load reading must be as per the following table.

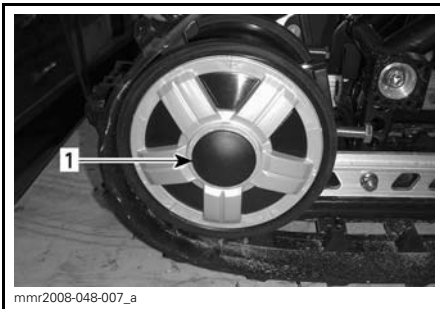
TRACK ADJUSTMENT SPECIFICATION	
TRACK DEFLECTION SETTING	40 mm to 50 mm (1.5 in to 2 in)
TRACK LOAD READING	7.3 kg (16 lb)

11. If load reading is not in accordance with the specification, adjust track tension. Refer to *TRACK TENSION ADJUSTMENT*.

**NOTICE** Too much tension will result in power loss and excessive stresses on suspension components.

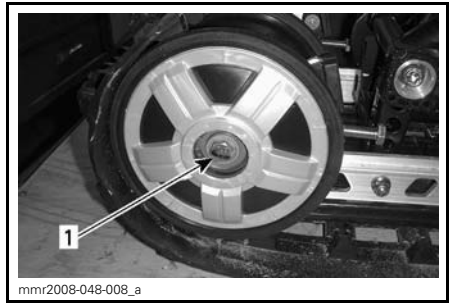
### Track Tension Adjustment

1. Remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch.
2. Remove rear wheel caps (if so equipped).



1. RH rear idler wheel cap

3. Loosen the rear idler wheel retaining bolts.



1. RH rear idler wheel bolt

4. Tighten or loosen both adjustment screws to increase or decrease track tension.



1. RH adjustment screw

5. If correct tension is unattainable, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.
6. Retighten retaining bolts to specification.

TORQUE
48 N•m ± 6 N•m (35 lbf•ft ± 4 lbf•ft)

7. Check track alignment as described below.

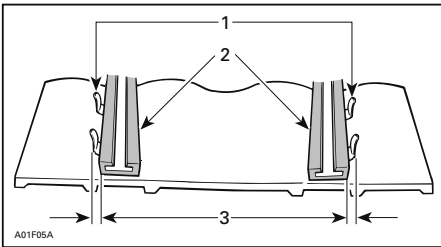
## Track Alignment

### **⚠ WARNING**

Before checking track alignment, ensure that the track is free of all particles which could be thrown out while track is rotating. Keep hands, tools, feet and clothing clear of track. Always lift the snowmobile on a wide-base stand with a rear deflector panel. Ensure no one is standing in close proximity to the snowmobile, especially at the rear of the track. Never rotate track at high speed. Centrifugal force could cause debris, pieces of torn track, or an entire severed track to be violently thrown backwards out of the tunnel with tremendous force.

Start the engine and accelerate slightly so that track barely turns. This must be done in a short period of time (about 5 seconds).

Check that the track is well centered; equal distance on both sides between edges of track guides and slider shoes.



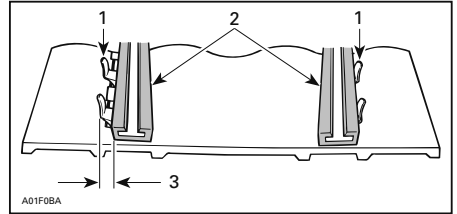
1. Guides
2. Slider shoes
3. Equal distance

If off center, perform alignment as follows:

### **⚠ WARNING**

Remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch before performing any maintenance or adjustment, unless otherwise specified. Vehicle must be parked in a safe place, away from the trail.

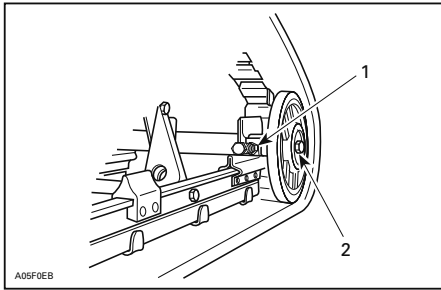
1. Remove the tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch.
2. Loosen rear idler wheel retaining bolts.
3. Tighten the adjustment bolt on side where the slider shoe is the farthest from the track insert guides.



1. Guides
2. Slider shoes
3. Tighten on this side
4. Tighten lock nuts.
5. Torque idler wheels retaining bolts to  $48 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} \pm 6 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$  ( $35 \text{ lbf}\cdot\text{ft} \pm 4 \text{ lbf}\cdot\text{ft}$ ).

### **⚠ WARNING**

Make sure all fasteners are properly tightened to avoid losing an idler wheel or causing the track to lock.



**TYPICAL**

1. Locknut
2. Retaining bolts

6. Start engine and rotate track slowly to recheck alignment.
7. Reposition snowmobile on ground.
8. Install rear wheel caps if so equipped.

## Suspension

### Rear Suspension Condition

Visually inspect all suspension components including slider shoes, springs, wheels, etc.

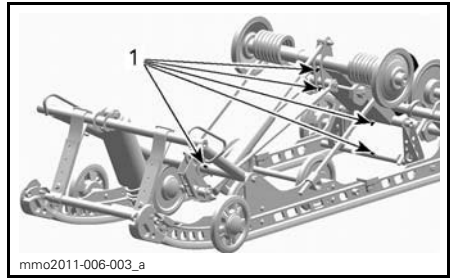
**NOTE:** During normal driving, snow will act as a lubricant and coolant for the slider shoes. Extensive riding on ice or sanded snow, will create excessive heat build-up and cause premature slider shoe wear.

### Suspension Stopper Strap Condition

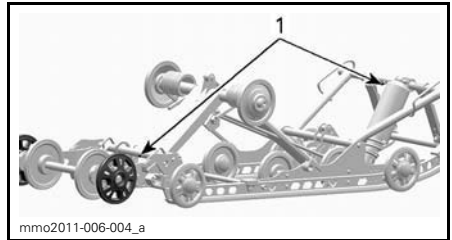
Inspect stopper strap for wear and cracks, bolt and nut for tightness. If loose inspect holes for deformation. Replace as required. Torque nut to  $9\text{ N}\cdot\text{m} \pm 1\text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$  ( $80\text{ lbf}\cdot\text{in} \pm 9\text{ lbf}\cdot\text{in}$ ).

### Rear Suspension Lubrication

Lubricate rear suspension at grease fittings using SUSPENSION GREASE (P/N 293 550 033). Refer to *MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE* for maintenance frequency.



1. Grease fittings



1. Grease fittings

## Steering and Front Suspension Condition

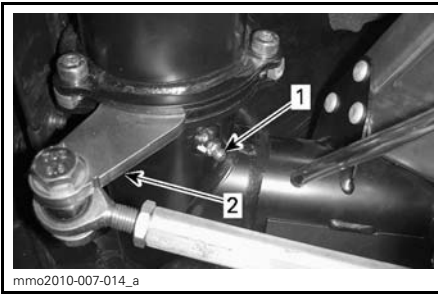
Visually inspect steering and front suspension for tightness of components (steering arms, tie rods, ski bolts, ski legs, etc.). If necessary, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

### Front Suspension Lubrication

Lubricate front suspension at grease fittings using suspension synthetic grease (P/N 293 550 033).

Generally, 4 to 5 grease gun strokes is sufficient.

**NOTE:** If too much grease is injected, the overflow will come out at steering levers and ski legs. Wipe off any excess of grease to avoid contact with other parts.



LH SIDE SHOWN  
 1. Grease fitting  
 2. Steering arm

## Skis

### Wear and Condition of Skis and Runners

Check the condition of the skis and ski runner carbides. If worn, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Excessively worn skis and/or ski runners will adversely affect snowmobile control.

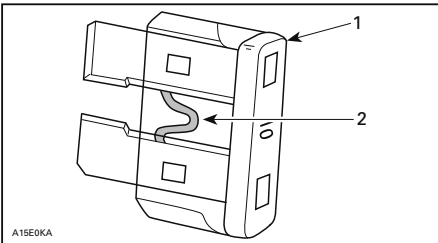
## Fuses

### Fuse Inspection

The electrical system is protected with fuses.

Check fuse condition and replace it if necessary.

To remove fuse from holder, pull fuse out. Check if filament is melted.



1. Fuse  
 2. Check if melted

### **⚠ WARNING**

Do not use a higher rated fuse.

### **⚠ WARNING**

If fuse has burnt out, source of malfunction should be determined and corrected before restarting. See an authorized Ski-Doo dealer for servicing.

### Fuse Location

#### 550F

The main fuse (20A) is located on the oil reservoir.



1. Main fuse 20A

#### Other Models

The fuse box is located behind the front seat upholstery at the LH front lower portion of seat.

Refer to the decal inside the fuse box cover or the *SPECIFICATIONS* subsection for fuse identification.

To access the fuse box, carefully pull seat upholstery out of the aluminum extrusion by pulling the plastic strip downwards and sideways at the same time.



TYPICAL - PULL STRIP



1. Fuse box

Close upholstery by pushing the strip back in the aluminium extrusion.

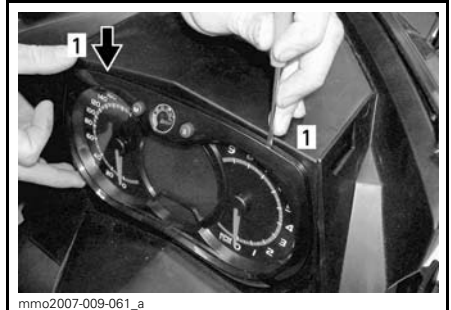
## Lights

Always check light operation after bulb replacement.

### Headlights Bulb Replacement

**NOTICE** Never touch glass portion of an halogen bulb with bare fingers, it shortens its operating life. If glass is touched, clean it with isopropyl alcohol which will not leave a film on the bulb.

1. By using a small screwdriver, release multifunction gauge locking tabs.

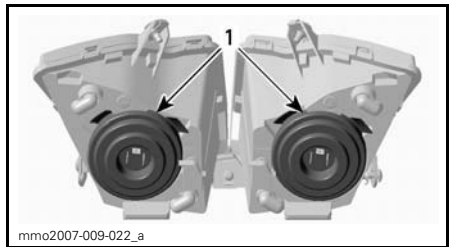


1. Locking tab

2. Gently pull on multifunction gauge and set aside.

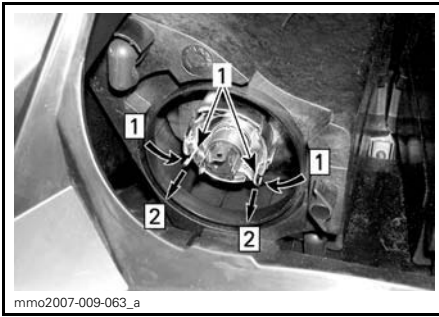


3. Unplug burnt bulb connector. Remove the rubber boot.



1. Rubber boots

4. Press and pull both sides of the retaining clip at the same time to release it from bulb support.



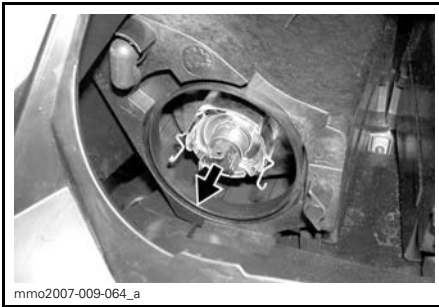
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1. Retaining clip

Step 1: Push both sides

Step 2: Pull to release

5. Pull bulb and replace. Properly re-install parts.

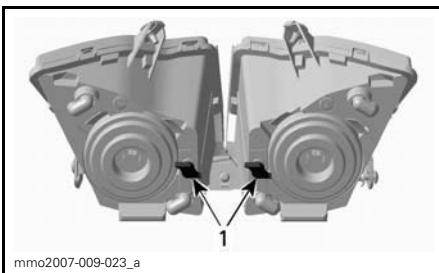


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**PULL BULB AND REPLACE**

**Headlights Beam Aiming**

Remove multifunction gauge, refer to *HEADLIGHTS BULB REPLACEMENT*. Turn knob to adjust beam height.



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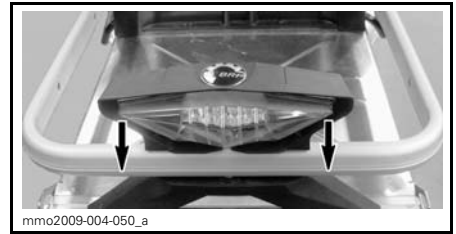
**TYPICAL**

1. Knobs

**Taillight Bulb Replacement**

1. Remove taillight housing by carefully pulling on lens at both ends using an equal force.

**NOTICE** If taillight housing is not removed perpendicularly to the taillight holder, mounting pins may break and taillight housing will have to be replaced.



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**NOTICE** Do not pull taillight housing out too far to avoid damaging wiring.

2. Remove lamp socket from taillight housing.
  - 2.1 Turn socket counterclockwise.
  - 2.2 Pull socket out.
3. Replace bulb.
4. Secure socket into taillight housing.
5. Push taillight housing back in place.

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## VEHICLE CARE

### Post-Operation Care

Remove snow and ice from rear suspension, track, front suspension, steering mechanism and skis.

#### **WARNING**

Make sure tether cord cap is away from engine cut-off switch before standing in front the vehicle, getting close to the track or rear suspension components.

Always cover your snowmobile when leaving it outside overnight or during extended periods of inactivity. This will protect it from frost and snow as well as help retain its appearance.

### Vehicle Cleaning and Protection

Wash vehicle with water mixed with a mild detergent. Use only flannel cloths or an equivalent.

**NOTICE** It is necessary to use flannel cloths or equivalent on windshield and hood to avoid scratching the surfaces.

To remove grease, oil and grime, use BRP HEAVY DUTY CLEANER (P/N 293 110 001).

**NOTICE** Do not use Heavy duty cleaner on decals or vinyl.

To remove stubborn dirt from all plastic and vinyl surfaces, use XPS MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANER (P/N 219 701 709).

To remove scratches on windshield or hood use the SCRATCH REMOVER KIT (P/N 861 774 800).

**NOTICE** Never clean plastic parts or hood with strong detergent, degreasing agent, paint thinner, acetone, products containing chlorine, etc.

Wax painted portion of the vehicle for better protection.

**NOTE:** Apply wax on glossy finish only.



# STORAGE

During summer, or when a snowmobile is not in use for more than three months, proper storage is necessary.

STORAGE
Clean the vehicle
Protect fuel system by adding fuel stabilizer to fuel following the product manufacturer recommendations Run the engine after adding the product to the fuel
550F models: lubricate engine. See <i>ENGINE LUBRICATION PROCEDURE 500F</i> in this subsection
600 HO E-TEC models: lubricate engine. See <i>ENGINE STORAGE MODE (E-TEC)</i> in this subsection
Lubricate brake lever pivot
Inspect and lubricate rear suspension
Charge battery monthly to keep it fully charge during storage
Block muffler with rags
Lift rear of vehicle until track is clear of the ground. Do not release track tension
Clean and lubricate rewind starter

**CAUTION** Use appropriate lifting device or have assistance to share lifting stress. If a lifting device is not used, use proper lifting techniques, notably using your legs force. Do not attempt to lift the rear of vehicle if it is above your limits.

**NOTICE** The snowmobile has to be stored in a cool and dry place and covered with an opaque but ventilated tarpaulin. This will prevent sun rays and grime from affecting plastic components and vehicle finish.

## Engine Lubrication

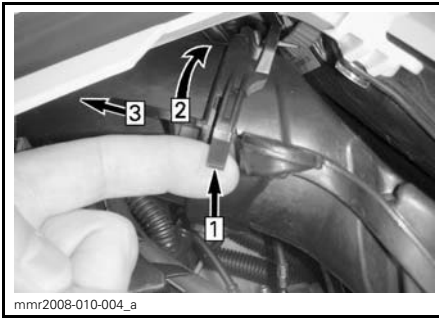
### Engine Lubrication Procedure (550F)

**NOTICE** Fuel stabilizer should be added prior to engine lubrication to ensure carburetor protection against varnish deposits.

Engine internal parts must be lubricated to protect them from possible corrosion during the storage period.

Proceed as follows:

1. Place the vehicle in a well ventilated area and start the engine.
2. Start the engine and let it run at idle speed until it reaches its operating temperature.
3. Stop the engine.
4. Remove the primary air intake silencer as follows:
  - 4.1 Remove LH side panel. Refer to *CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT* section.
  - 4.2 Remove drive belt guard. Refer to *CONTROLS, INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT* section.
  - 4.3 Lift tab on rear section of connector tube.
  - 4.4 Twist tube adapter counter clockwise and pull it off the primary silencer slightly.

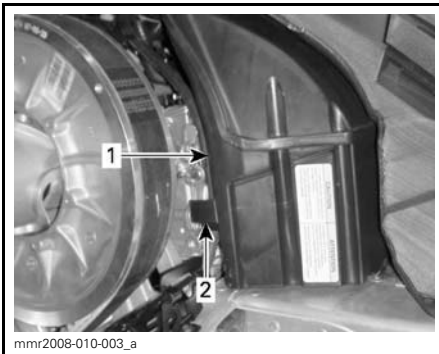
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Step 1: Lift tab

Step 2: Twist adapter

Step 3: Pull off

- 4.5 Press locking tab securing the primary air intake silencer and pull silencer out of adapter plate.



1. Primary air intake silencer

2. Primary intake silencer locking tab

5. Restart engine and run at idle speed.
6. Inject storage oil into each carburetor/throttle body until the engine stalls, or until a sufficient quantity of oil has entered the engine (approximately half a can).
7. With the engine stopped, remove the spark plugs and spray XPS STORAGE OIL (EXCEPT U.S. COUNTRY) (P/N 413 711 600) or XPS STORAGE OIL (U.S. COUNTRY ONLY) (P/N 413 711 900) into each cylinder.
8. Slowly crank engine 2 or 3 revolutions to lubricate cylinders.

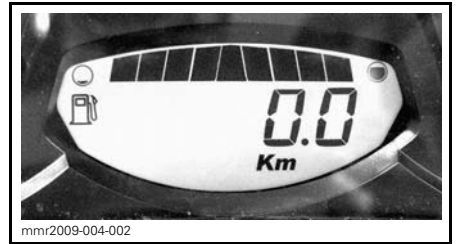
9. Reinstall spark plugs and primary air intake silencer.

**Engine Storage Mode (E-TEC)**

Like other engines, the E-TEC has to be properly lubricated at storage for internal parts protection. The E-TEC system offers a built-in engine lubrication function can be initiated by the operator.

To engage procedure, do the following:

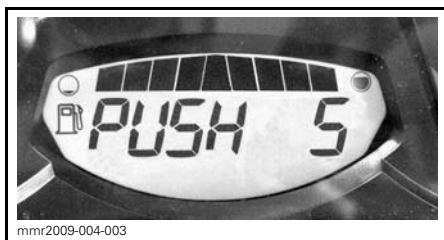
1. Place the vehicle in a well ventilated area.
2. Start the engine and let it run at idle speed until it reaches its operating temperature.
3. Push the SET (S) button repeatedly until odometer is displayed (total mileage).



**NOTE:** The storage mode does not function in other modes (trip A, trip B and hr trip).

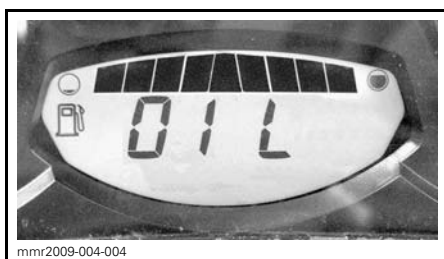
4. Repeatedly depress the HI/LOW beam switch rapidly, then, **while doing this**, press and hold the **SET button** until "PUSH S" appears on the display.

**NOTE:** It is critical for this procedure to depress the HI/LOW beam switch repeatedly **before** holding down the SET button.



5. When the gauge displays "PUSH S", release all buttons.
6. Again, press and hold the SET button for 2 - 3 seconds.

The gauge will display "OIL" when the engine enters storage procedure (summerization feature).



Do not touch anything during engine lubrication cycle.

The engine will increase its RPM to approximately 1600, then the oil pump will "fog with oil" the engine for 30-60 seconds.

When completed, the engine will stop by itself.

Remove D.E.S.S. key.

**NOTICE** Do not start the engine during storage period.

# PRESEASON PREPARATION

PRESEASON PREPARATION (550F)
Inspect engine rubber mounts
Check exhaust system condition and check for leaks
Check exhaust system condition and check for leaks
Inspect crankshaft PTO seal
Inspect fuel lines and connections
Clean, inspect and adjust carburetors
Adjust oil injection pump
Inspect throttle cable
Replace spark plugs after starting the engine with the old spark plugs to burn the excess of storage oil
Inspect drive belt (adjust at every drive belt replacement)
Clean and visually inspect drive pulley
Clean and inspect driven pulley
Inspect, adjust and align track
Change Gearbox oil
Check brake fluid level
Inspect brake hose, pads and disk
Inspect steering mechanism
Inspect skis and runners
Inspect front suspension
Inspect rear suspension stopper strap
Charge battery (if so equipped)
Adjust headlight beam aiming

**PRESEASON PREPARATION (600 HO E-TEC)**

Inspect engine rubber mounts
Check exhaust system condition and check for leaks
Check coolant density
Inspect crankshaft PTO seal
Inspect fuel lines and connections
Clean and inspect throttle body
Inspect throttle cable
Inspect drive belt (adjust at every drive belt replacement)
Clean and visually inspect drive pulley
Clean and inspect driven pulley
Inspect, adjust and align track
Change gearbox oil
Check brake fluid level
Inspect brake hose, pads and disk
Inspect steering mechanism
Inspect skis and runners
Inspect front suspension
Inspect rear suspension stopper straps
Charge battery
Adjust headlight beam aiming

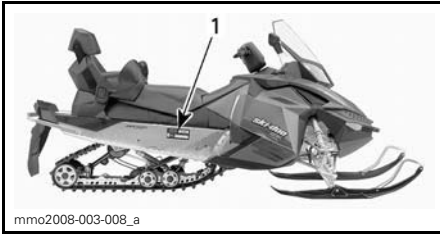
PRESEASON PREPARATION (600 ACE)
Visually inspect engine seals and gaskets and check for leaks
Check exhaust system condition and check for leaks
Change engine oil and filter
Check coolant density
Inspect fuel lines and connections
Clean and inspect throttle body
Inspect throttle cable
Inspect drive belt (adjust at every drive belt replacement)
Clean and visually inspect drive pulley
Clean and inspect driven pulley
Inspect, adjust and align track
Change gearbox oil
Check brake fluid level
Inspect brake hose, pads and disk
Inspect steering mechanism
Inspect skis and runners
Inspect front suspension
Inspect rear suspension stopper straps
Charge battery
Adjust headlight beam aiming

# ***TECHNICAL INFORMATION***

# VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

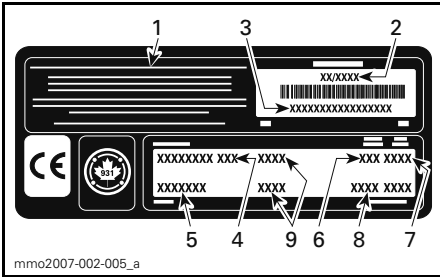
## Vehicle Description Decal

Vehicle description decal is located on right hand side of the tunnel.



### TYPICAL

1. Vehicle description decal



### VEHICLE DESCRIPTION DECAL

1. Manufacturer name
2. Manufacturing date
3. Vehicle identification number (VIN)
4. Model name
5. Option package
6. Engine type
7. Model year
8. Color codes
9. Vehicle weight/engine power (European models)

## Identification Numbers

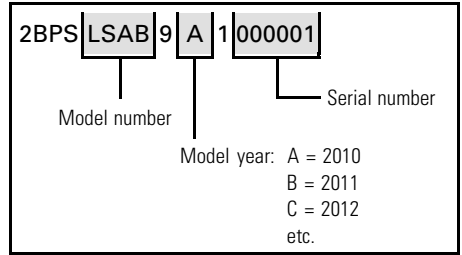
The main components of your snowmobile (engine and frame) are identified by different identification numbers. It may sometimes become necessary to locate these numbers for warranty purposes or to trace your snowmobile in the event of loss. These numbers are required by the authorized Ski-Doo dealer to complete warranty claims properly. No warranty will be allowed by BRP if the engine identification number or vehicle identification number (VIN) is removed or mutilated in any way. We strongly rec-

ommend that you take note of all the identification numbers on your snowmobile and supply them to your insurance company.

## Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

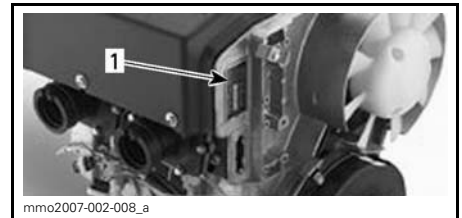
VIN is scribed on the vehicle description decal. See above. It is also engraved on the tunnel, near the vehicle description decal.

Model number and model year are part of the information found in the VIN. See illustration.



## Engine Identification Number

Refer to the following illustrations to locate the engine identification number on the applicable engine.



### 550F ENGINE

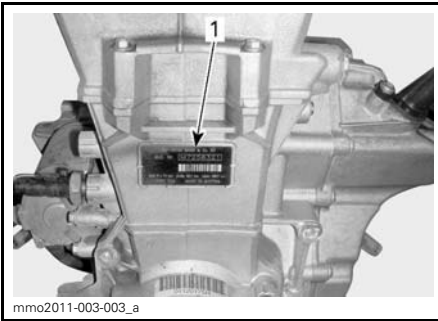
1. Engine identification number



### TYPICAL - 600 HO E-TEC ENGINE

1. Engine serial number





**600 ACE ENGINE**

1. Engine identification number

The EC-Declaration of Conformity does not appear in this version of the Operator's Guide.

Please refer to the printed version that was delivered with your vehicle.

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# EPA CERTIFIED ENGINES

Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems may be performed by any snowmobile SI (spark ignition) engine repair establishments or individual.

## Engine Emissions Information

### Manufacturer's Responsibility

Beginning with 2007 model year engines, snowmobile manufacturers of snowmobile engines need to determine the exhaust emission levels for each engine family and certify these engines with the United States of America Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). An emissions control information label, showing emission levels and engine specifications, must be placed on each vehicle at the time of manufacture.

### Dealer's Responsibility

When performing service on a certified Ski-Doo snowmobiles that carry an emissions control information label, adjustments must be kept within published factory specifications.

Replacement or repair of any emission related component must be executed in a manner that maintains emission levels within the prescribed certification standards.

Dealers are not to modify the engine in any manner that would alter the horsepower or allow emission levels to exceed their predetermined factory specifications.

Exceptions include manufacturer's prescribed changes, such as altitude adjustments for example.

### Owner Responsibility

The owner/operator is required to have engine maintenance performed to maintain emission levels within prescribed certification standards.

The owner/operator is not to, and should not allow anyone to modify the engine in any manner that would alter the power or allow emissions levels to exceed their predetermined factory specifications.

## EPA Emission Regulations

All Ski-Doosnowmobiles manufactured by BRP are certified to the EPA as conforming to the requirements of the regulations for the control of air pollution from new snowmobile engines. This certification is contingent on certain adjustments being set to factory standards. For this reason, the factory procedure for servicing the product must be strictly followed and, whenever practicable, returned to the original intent of the design.

The responsibilities listed above are general and in no way a complete listing of the rules and regulations pertaining to the EPA requirements on exhaust emissions for snowmobile products. For more detailed information on this subject, you may contact the following locations:

### Mail:

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**  
Office of Transportation and Air Quality  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Mail Code 6403J  
Washington D.C. 20460

### Internet WEB Site:

[www.epa.gov/otaq/](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/)

# SPECIFICATIONS

SYSTEM		MODELS
ENGINE		<b>550F</b>
Engine type	Rotax® 552, fan-cooled (axial fan), cylinder reed porting	
Cylinders	2	
Displacement	553.4 cm <sup>3</sup> (33.8 in <sup>3</sup> )	
Bore	76 mm (3 in)	
Stroke	61 mm (2.4 in)	
Maximum horsepower RPM	6800 RPM	
Carburetion	2 x VM-30	
Exhaust system	Single tuned pipe, baffle muffler	
Injection oil	XPS INJECTION OIL (P/N 293 600 117)	
Injection oil tank capacity	3.7 L (3.9 qt (U.S. liq.))	
Recommended fuel	Regular unleaded	
Minimum octane rating	Inside North America	(87 (RON + MON)/2)
	Outside North America	92 RON
Fuel tank capacity	40 L (10.6 U.S. gal.)	
ENGINE		<b>600 HO E-TEC</b>
Engine type	Rotax® 593, liquid cooled w/Reed valve, 3D-RAVE	
Cylinders	2	
Displacement	594.4 cm <sup>3</sup> (36.27 in <sup>3</sup> )	
Bore	72 mm (2.83 in)	
Stroke	73 mm (2.87 in)	
Maximum horsepower engine RPM	8100 RPM	
Fuel injection system	E-TEC direct injection	
Exhaust system	Single tuned pipe, baffle muffler	
Engine oil	XPS SYNTHETIC BLEND 2-STROKE OIL (P/N 293 600 100)	
Engine oil tank capacity	2.9 L (98 U.S. oz)	

SYSTEM		MODELS
ENGINE (CONT'D)		<b>600 HO E-TEC</b>
Engine coolant		Ethyl glycol/water mix (50% coolant, 50% distilled water). Use BRP premix coolant or coolant specifically designed for aluminum engines
Recommended fuel type		Premium unleaded
Minimum octane rating	Inside North America	(91 (RON + MON))/2)
	Outside North America	95 RON
Fuel tank capacity		45 L (11.9 U.S. gal.)
ENGINE		<b>600 ACE</b>
Engine type		Rotax 602, liquid cooled, 4-stroke, D.O.H.C., dry sump.
Cylinders		2
Displacement		600 cm <sup>3</sup> (36.6 in <sup>3</sup> )
Bore		74 mm (2.91 in)
Stroke		69.7 mm (2.74 in)
Maximum horsepower RPM		7250 RPM
Fuel injection system		Multi point EFI, 46 mm throttle body
Exhaust system		Double front pipe, baffle muffler
Engine oil		XPS 4-STROKE SYNTHETIC OIL (ALL CLIMATE) (P/N 293 600 112) or SAE 0W40 API SM synthetic oil
Engine oil tank capacity		Oil change, 2.2 L (2.32 qt (U.S. liq.))
Engine coolant		Ethyl glycol/water mix (50% coolant, 50% distilled water). Use BRP premix coolant or coolant specifically designed for aluminum engines
Recommended fuel		Regular unleaded
Minimum octane rating	Inside North America	(87 (RON + MON))/2)
	Outside North America	92 RON
Fuel tank capacity		45 L (11.9 U.S. gal.)

**SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>SYSTEM</b>			<b>MODELS</b>
<b>DRIVE SYSTEM</b>			<b>ALL MODELS</b>
Drive pulley	Type	550F	eDrive
		600 HO E-TEC	TRA III™
		600 ACE	eDrive
	Engagement	550F	2500 ± 100 RPM
		600 HO E-TEC	3000 RPM ± 100
		600 ACE	2200 RPM ± 100
Driven pulley type			QRS
Drive sprocket number of teeth	WT	550F	7
	WT	600 HO E-TEC	8
	WT	600 ACE	7
	SWT	600 HO E-TEC	9
	SWT	600 ACE	8
Gearbox oil			XPS SYNTHETIC CHAINCASE OIL (P/N 413 803 300)
Gearbox oil capacity			700 ml (23.7 U.S. oz)
Track nominal width	WT		500 mm (20 in)
	SWT		600 mm (24 in)
Track nominal length	WT		392 cm (154 in)
	SWT		396 cm (156 in)
Track profile height			32 mm (1.25 in)
Track tension	Deflection		40 mm to 50 mm (1.575 in to 1.969 in)
	Force <sup>(1)</sup>		7.3 kg (16 lb)
Track alignment			Equal distance between edges of track guides and slider shoes

<b>SYSTEM</b>		<b>MODELS</b>
<b>BRAKE SYSTEM</b>		<b>ALL MODELS</b>
Brake system		Hydraulic, REV-XP brake type
Brake fluid		DOT 4
<b>SUSPENSION</b>		<b>ALL MODELS</b>
Front suspension		REV-XP
Front shock		Motion control
Front suspension max. travel		150 mm (6 in)
Rear suspension		SC-5U
Front arm shock		Motion control
Rear arm shock		HPG
Rear suspension max. travel		340 mm (13.4 in)
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM</b>		<b>550F</b>
Lightning system output		340 Watts @ 6000 RPM
Headlights bulb HI/LOW beam		2 x 60/55 Watts (H-4)
Taillight bulb		2 x P 21/5 W
Spark plug	Type	NGK BR9ECS <sup>(2)</sup>
	Gap	0.45 mm $\pm$ 0.05 mm (.018 in $\pm$ .002 in) (not adjustable)
Fuses		Refer to <i>FUSES</i> section
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM</b>		<b>600 HO E-TEC</b>
Lightning system output		12V/1200 W
Headlights bulb HI/LOW beam		2 x 60/55 Watts (H-4)
Taillight bulb		P 21/5 W
Spark plug	Type	NGK PZFR6F <sup>(2)</sup>
	Gap	0.75 mm $\pm$ 0.05 mm (.03 in $\pm$ .002 in) (not adjustable)

**SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>SYSTEM</b>		<b>MODELS</b>
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM (CONT'D)</b>		<b>600 HO E-TEC</b>
Fuses/ Relays/ Capacitor	F 1: Battery	30 A
	F 2: Relay 2 coil, start button, gauge	5 A
	F 3: Horn (optional)	10 A
	F 4: Relay 2 power (cooling fan)	15 A
	R 1:	Fuse 1, fuse 2, fuse 4
	R 2:	Cooling fan relay
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM</b>		<b>600 ACE</b>
Lightning system output		12V/650 W
Headlights bulb HI/LOW beam		2 x 60/55 Watts (H-4)
Taillight bulb		2 x P 21/5 W
Spark plug	Type	NGK CR7EB
	Gap	.8mm (.031 in)
Fuses	F 1: Fuse 2, fuse 4, relay 1, relay 2, relay 3, voltage regulator	30 A
	F 2: Relay coils, start button, gauge	5 A
	F 3: Fuel pump, starter solenoid	10 A
	F 4: Relay 4	10 A
	F 5: Fuel injectors, ignition coils	10 A
	F 6: Gauge, ECM, camshaft position sensor	10 A
	F 7: 12-volt power outlet, heated grips, heated throttle lever	10 A
	F 8: Lights	20 A
	F 9: Horn (optional)	5 A
	F 10: Rear 12-volt power outlet (optional)	5 A



SYSTEM		MODELS
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM (CONT'D)		<i>600 ACE</i>
Relays	R 1:	Fuse 3, fuse 5, fuse 6, communication connector
	R 2:	Fuse 8, fuse 9, fuse 10
	R 3:	Fuse 7
	R 4:	Cooling fan
WEIGHT AND DIMENSIONS		<i>ALL MODELS</i>
Dry weight	550F	285 kg (628.3 lb)
	600 ACE	278 kg (613 lb)
	600 HO E-TEC	282 kg (622 lb)
Vehicle overall length		324 cm (128 in)
Vehicle overall width		107.6 cm (42.4 in)
Vehicle overall height		133 cm (52.4 in)
Ski stance		97.5 cm to 101.8 cm (38.4 in to 40.1 in)
Ski width		175 mm (6.9 in)

(1) Measure gap between slider shoe and bottom inside track when exerting a downward pull to the track.

(2) **Notice** Do not attempt to adjust gap on this spark plug.

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# ***TROUBLESHOOTING***

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# TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDELINES

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## ELECTRIC STARTER DOES NOT WORK

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1. Emergency engine stop switch in OFF position or tether cord cap not installed on engine cut-off switch.
  - *Place the emergency engine stop switch in the ON position and install tether cord cap (on engine cut-off switch).*
2. Throttle applied while attempting an engine start.
  - *Release throttle while cranking.*

## ENGINE RPM DOES NOT REACH CLUTCH ENGAGEMENT POINT (EXCEPT 550F)

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1. D.E.S.S. key not recognized. D.E.S.S. pilot lamp blinks (slow short beeps/repetitive).
  - *Properly install tether cord cap.*
  - *Install a tether cord cap with the D.E.S.S. key for which this snowmobile was programmed.*

## ENGINE OVERHEATS (EXCEPT 550F)

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1. Insufficient snow or hard packed snow.
  - *Drive in loose snow. If there is no loose snow near, pull over, stop engine and let it cool down. Once engine has cooled down, reach loose snow as soon as possible.*
2. Low coolant level.
  - *Check coolant level, see MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.*
3. Clogged heat exchangers.
  - *Clean heat exchangers.*

## ENGINE LACKS POWER

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1. Engine warm-up in progress (E-TEC).
  - *Drive vehicle at low speeds for a few minutes.*
2. Engine break-in period not completed (E-TEC).
  - *Complete break-in period.*
3. Incorrect drive pulley adjustment.
  - *Adjust drive pulley, refer to MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.*
4. Drive and driven pulleys require servicing.
  - *Contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.*
5. Drive belt worn too thin.
  - *If the drive belt has lost more than 3 mm (1/8 in) of its original width, it will affect vehicle performance.*
  - *Replace drive belt.*
6. Incorrect track adjustment.
  - *See MAINTENANCE and/or an authorized Ski-Doo dealer for proper alignment and tension adjustments.*

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**ENGINE LACKS POWER (cont'd)**

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**7. RAVE valves problem (E-TEC).**

- *Contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.*

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**ENGINE BACKFIRES**

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**1. Engine is running too hot.**

- *See ENGINE OVERHEATS.*

**2. Ignition timing is incorrect or ignition system failure.**

- *Contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.*

**3. Exhaust system leak.**

- *Contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.*

**4. Fuel pressure too low.**

- *Contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.*

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**ENGINE MISFIRES**

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**1. Water in fuel.**

- *Drain fuel system and refill with fresh fuel.*

**2. RAVE valves malfunction (E-TEC).**

- *Have RAVE valves system inspected by an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.*

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# MONITORING SYSTEM

## Pilot Lamps, Messages and Beeper Codes

Gauge pilot lamp(s) will inform you if an anomaly occurs or to inform you of a particular condition.







*TYPICAL — PILOT LAMPS*


Pilot lamp can flash alone or in combination with another lamp.

Beeper codes will be emitted to catch your attention.

See table below for details.

NOTE: Some of the listed pilot lamps do not apply to all models.

PILOT LAMP(S) ON	BEEPER	DESCRIPTION
	4 short beeps every 30 seconds	Engine is overheating, reduce snowmobile speed and run in loose snow or stop engine immediately and let engine cool down. Check coolant level, refer to <i>MAINTENANCE</i> . If coolant level is correct and overheating persists, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer. Do not run the engine if condition persists.
		Reduce speed or stop engine. Let engine cool down and restart. If overheating persists, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer. Do not run the engine if condition persists.
	Short beeps repeating rapidly	Critical overheat. Stop engine immediately and let engine cool down. Check coolant level, refer to <i>MAINTENANCE</i> . If coolant level is correct and overheating persists, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer. Do not run the engine if condition persists.
		Critical overheat. Stop engine immediately and let engine cool down. If overheating persists, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer. Do not run the engine if condition persists.
	4 short beeps every 5 minutes	Indicate a low or high battery voltage condition. See an authorized Ski-Doo dealer as soon as possible.
	4 short beeps	Engine fault, see an authorized Ski-Doo dealer as soon as possible.
—	4 short beeps every 5 minutes	Engine detonation (RPM is limited when this condition occurs). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ensure recommended fuel is used.</li> <li>– Check fuel quality, replace if necessary.</li> <li>– If fault still occurs, contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.</li> </ul>
—	4 short beeps every 5 minutes	Engine RPM limited for protection when certain faults occur.
—	Short beeps repeating rapidly	Shutdown procedure in force due to engine overheating or fuel pump problem, remove tether cord cap from engine cut-off switch and contact an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

PILOT LAMP(S) ON	BEEPER	DESCRIPTION
<b>D.E.S.S.</b>	2 short beeps	Good key, vehicle ready to operate.
	2 short beeps, repeating slowly	Unable to read key (bad connection). Make sure the key is clean and correctly snapped on post.
	Short beeps repeating rapidly	Invalid key or key not programmed. Use the proper key for the vehicle or have the programmed.
 <b>(blinking)</b>	—	Fuel level sender problem.
—	—	Throttle applied while attempting an engine start (engine cranks but won't run). Release throttle while starting.
—	—	Throttle wide open while attempting an engine start (engine cranks but won't run). Release throttle while starting.



# ***WARRANTY***

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# **BRP LIMITED WARRANTY USA AND CANADA: 2012 SKI-DOO® SNOWMOBILES**

## **1) SCOPE OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY**

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. ("BRP")\* warrants its 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobiles sold by authorized BRP dealers (as defined below) in the fifty United States and Canada from defects in material or workmanship for the period and under the conditions described below. This limited warranty will become null and void if: (1) the snowmobile was used for racing or any other competitive activity, at any point, even by a previous owner; or (2) the snowmobile has been altered or modified in such a way so as to adversely affect its operation, performance or durability, or has been altered or modified to change its intended use.

All genuine Ski-Doo parts and accessories, installed by an authorized BRP dealer (as hereinafter defined) at the time of delivery of the 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile, carry the same warranty as that of the snowmobile.

## **2) LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

THIS WARRANTY IS EXPRESSLY GIVEN AND ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CANNOT BE DISCLAIMED, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE LIFE OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER THIS WARRANTY. SOME STATES/PROVINCES DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE DISCLAIMERS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AS A RESULT, THEY MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH MAY VARY FROM STATE TO STATE, OR PROVINCE TO PROVINCE.

Neither the distributor any BRP dealer nor any other person has been authorized to make any affirmation, representation or warranty regarding the product, other than those contained in this limited warranty, and if made, shall not be enforceable against BRP.

BRP reserves the right to modify this warranty at any time, being understood that such modification will not alter the warranty conditions applicable to the products sold while this warranty is in effect.

## **3) EXCLUSIONS – ARE NOT WARRANTED**

The following are not warranted under any circumstances:

- Normal wear and tear;
- Routine maintenance items, tune ups, adjustments;
- Damage caused by failure to provide proper maintenance and/or storage, as described in the Operator's Guide;
- Damage resulting from removal of parts, improper repairs, service, maintenance, modifications or use of parts or accessories not manufactured or approved by BRP which in its reasonable judgement are either incompatible with the product or adversely affect its operation, performance and durability, or resulting from repairs done by a person that is not an authorized servicing BRP distributor/dealer;

- Damage caused by abuse, abnormal use, neglect, racing or operation of the product on surfaces other than snow, or operation of the product in a manner inconsistent with the recommended operation described in the Operator's Guide;
- Damage resulting from accident, submersion, fire, snow or water ingestion, theft, vandalism or any act of God;
- Operation with fuels, oils or lubricants which are not suitable for use with the product (see the Operator's Guide);
- Snow or water ingestion;
- Incidental or consequential damages, or damages of any kind including without limitation towing, storage, telephone, rental, taxi, inconvenience, insurance coverage, loan payments, loss of time, loss of income; and
- Damage resulting from studs installed on tracks if the installation does not conform to BRP's instructions.

#### **4) WARRANTY COVERAGE PERIOD**

This warranty will be in effect from the date of delivery to the first retail consumer or the date the product is first put into use, whichever occurs first and for the following period:

TWELVE (12) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, for private or commercial use owners. However, the warranty coverage period on a snowmobile delivered between June 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year will expire November 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

Exhaust emission-related components that are installed on EPA certified snowmobiles registered in the USA are covered for thirty (30) consecutive months or 200 hours or 2500 miles (4000 km) of engine use whichever occurs first. If the 2500 miles (4000 km) are reached during the regular warranty coverage period, the emission-related components are still covered by BRP's standard warranty until the end of regular coverage period. Evaporative emission related components that are installed on EPA certified snowmobiles registered in the USA are warranted for twenty-four (24) consecutive months.

To obtain a list of the current warranted emission-related components, please see an authorized Can-Am dealer.

The repair or replacement of parts or the performance of service under this warranty does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date.

#### **5) CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR WARRANTY COVERAGE**

This warranty coverage is available **only** if each of the following conditions has been fulfilled:

- The 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile must be purchased as new and unused by its first owner from a BRP dealer authorized to distribute Ski-Doo snowmobiles in the country in which the sale occurred ("BRP dealer");
- The BRP specified pre-delivery inspection process must be completed and documented and signed by the purchaser;
- The 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile must have undergone proper registration by an authorized BRP dealer;

- The 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile must be purchased in the country in which the purchaser resides; and
- Routine maintenance outlined in the Operator's Guide must be timely performed in order to maintain warranty coverage. BRP reserves the right to make warranty coverage contingent upon proof of proper maintenance.

BRP will not honor this limited warranty to any private use owner or commercial use owner if one of the preceding conditions has not been met. Such limitations are necessary in order to allow BRP to preserve both the safety of its products, and also that of its consumers and the general public.

## **6) WHAT TO DO TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE**

The customer must cease using the snowmobile upon the appearance of an anomaly. The customer must notify a servicing BRP dealer within two (2) days of the appearance of a defect, and provide it with reasonable access to the product and reasonable opportunity to repair it. The customer must also present to the authorized BRP dealer, proof of purchase of the product and must sign the repair/work order prior to starting the repair in order to validate the warranty repair. All parts replaced under this limited warranty become the property of BRP.

## **7) WHAT BRP WILL DO**

BRP's obligations under this warranty are limited to, at its sole discretion, repairing parts found defective under normal use, maintenance and service, or replacing such parts with new genuine Ski-Doo parts without charge for parts and, at any authorized BRP dealer during the warranty coverage period under the conditions described herein. No claim of breach of warranty shall be cause for cancellation or rescission of the sale of the snowmobile to the owner.

In the event that service is required outside of the country of original sale, the owner will bear responsibility for any additional charges due to local practices and conditions, such as, but not limited to, freight, insurance, taxes, license fees, import duties, and any and all other financial charges, including those levied by governments, states, territories and their respective agencies.

BRP reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming any obligation to modify products previously manufactured.

## **8) TRANSFER**

If the ownership of a product is transferred during the warranty coverage period, this warranty shall also be transferred and be valid for the remaining coverage period provided that BRP is notified of such transfer of ownership in the following way:

1. The former owner contacts BRP (at the phone number provided below) or an authorized BRP dealer and gives the coordinates of the new owner; or
2. BRP or an authorized BRP dealer receives a proof that the former owner agreed to the transfer of ownership, in addition to the coordinates of the new owner.

## 9) CONSUMER ASSISTANCE

In the event of a controversy or a dispute in connection with this limited warranty, BRP suggests that you try to resolve the issue at the dealership level. We recommend discussing the issue with the authorized dealer's service manager or owner.

If the issue has not yet been resolved, please submit your complaint in writing or call the appropriate number below:

### **In Canada**

#### **BOMBARDIER RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS INC.**

Customer Assistance Center  
75 J.-A. Bombardier Street  
Sherbrooke QC J1L 1W3  
Tel.: 819 566-3366

### **In USA**

#### **BRP US INC.**

Customer Assistance Center  
7575 Bombardier Court  
Wausau WI 54401  
Tel.: 715 848-4957

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# **BRP INTERNATIONAL LIMITED WARRANTY: 2012 SKI-DOO® SNOWMOBILES**

## **1) SCOPE OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY**

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. ("BRP")\* warrants its 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobiles sold by authorized BRP distributor/dealer (as hereinafter defined) outside of the fifty United States, Canada and states members of the European Economic Area ("EEA") (which is comprised of the states member of the European Union plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) Turkey, and states members of the Commonwealth of the Independent States ("CIS") (which is comprised of the Russian Federation and ex-members states of the USSR), from defects in material or workmanship for the period and under the conditions described below. This limited warranty will become null and void if: (1) the snowmobile was used for racing or any other competitive activity, at any point, even by a previous owner; or (2) the snowmobile has been altered or modified in such a way so as to adversely affect its operation, performance or durability, or has been altered or modified to change its intended use.

All genuine Ski-Doo parts and accessories, installed by an authorized BRP distributor/dealer at the time of delivery of the 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile, carry the same warranty as that of the snowmobile.

## **2) LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

THIS WARRANTY IS EXPRESSLY GIVEN AND ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CANNOT BE DISCLAIMED, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE LIFE OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER THIS WARRANTY. SOME STATES/PROVINCES DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE DISCLAIMERS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AS A RESULT, THEY MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH MAY VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

Neither the distributor any BRP distributor/dealer nor any other person has been authorized to make any affirmation, representation or warranty regarding the product, other than those contained in this limited warranty, and if made, shall not be enforceable against BRP.

BRP reserves the right to modify this warranty at any time, being understood that such modification will not alter the warranty conditions applicable to the products sold while this warranty is in effect.

## **3) EXCLUSIONS – ARE NOT WARRANTED**

The following are not warranted under any circumstances:

- Normal wear and tear;
- Routine maintenance items, tune ups, adjustments;
- Damage caused by failure to provide proper maintenance and/or storage, as described in the Operator's Guide;

- Damage resulting from removal of parts, improper repairs, service, maintenance, modifications or use of parts or accessories not manufactured or approved by BRP which in its reasonable judgement are either incompatible with the product or adversely affect its operation, performance and durability, or resulting from repairs done by a person that is not an authorized servicing BRP distributor/dealer;
- Damage caused by abuse, abnormal use, neglect, racing or operation of the product on surfaces other than snow, or operation of the product in a manner inconsistent with the recommended operation described in the Operator's Guide;
- Damage resulting from accident, submersion, fire, snow or water ingestion, theft, vandalism or any act of God;
- Operation with fuels, oils or lubricants which are not suitable for use with the product (see the Operator's Guide);
- Damages from rust, corrosion or exposure to the elements;
- Incidental or consequential damages, or damages of any kind including without limitation towing, storage, telephone, rental, taxi, inconvenience, insurance coverage, loan payments, loss of time, loss of income; and
- Damage resulting from studs installed on tracks if the installation does not conform to BRP's instructions.

#### **4) WARRANTY COVERAGE PERIOD**

This warranty will be in effect from (1) the date of delivery to the first retail consumer or (2) the date the product is first put into use, whichever occurs first and for a period of:

TWELVE (12) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, for private or commercial use owners. However, the warranty coverage period on a snowmobile delivered between June 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year will expire November 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

The repair or replacement of parts or the performance of service under this warranty does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date.

Note that the duration and any other modalities of the warranty coverage are subject to the applicable national or local legislation in the customer's country.

#### **FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IN AUSTRALIA ONLY**

"Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure."

## **5) CONDITIONS TO HAVE WARRANTY COVERAGE**

This warranty coverage is available **only** if each of the following conditions has been fulfilled:

- The 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile must be purchased as new and unused by its first owner from a BRP distributor/dealer authorized to distribute Ski-Doo snowmobiles in the country in which the sale occurred (“BRP distributor/dealer”);
- The BRP specified pre-delivery inspection process must be completed and documented;
- The product must have undergone proper registration by an authorized BRP distributor/dealer;
- The 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile must be purchased in the country or union of countries in which the purchaser resides.
- Routine maintenance outlined in the Operator’s Guide must be timely performed in order to maintain warranty coverage. BRP reserves the right to make warranty coverage contingent upon proof of proper maintenance.

BRP will not honour this limited warranty to any private use owner or commercial use owner if one the preceding conditions has not been met. Such limitations are necessary in order to allow BRP to preserve both the safety of its products, and also that of its consumers and the general public.

## **6) WHAT TO DO TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE**

The customer must cease using the snowmobile upon the appearance of an anomaly. The customer must notify a servicing BRP distributor/dealer within two (2) days of the appearance of a defect, and provide it with reasonable access to the product and reasonable opportunity to repair it. The customer must also present to the authorized BRP distributor/dealer, proof of purchase of the product and must sign the repair/work order prior to starting the repair in order to validate the warranty repair. All parts replaced under this limited warranty become the property of BRP.

Note that the notification period is subject to the applicable national or local legislation in customer’s country.

## **7) WHAT BRP WILL DO**

BRP’s obligations under this warranty are limited to, at its sole discretion, repairing parts found defective under normal use, maintenance and service, or replacing such parts with new genuine Ski-Doo parts without charge for parts and labour, at any authorized BRP distributor/dealer during the warranty coverage period under the conditions described herein. BRP’s responsibility is limited to making the required repairs or replacements of parts. No claim of breach of warranty shall be cause for cancellation or rescission of the sale of the snowmobile to the owner.

In the event that service is required outside of the country of original sale, the owner will bear responsibility for any additional charges due to local practices and conditions, such as, but not limited to, freight, insurance, taxes, license fees, import duties, and any and all other financial charges, including those levied by governments, states, territories and their respective agencies.

BRP reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming any obligation to modify products previously manufactured.



## **8) TRANSFER**

If the ownership of a product is transferred during the warranty coverage period, this warranty shall also be transferred and be valid for the remaining coverage period provided BRP or an authorized BRP distributor/dealer receives a proof that the former owner agreed to the transfer of ownership, in addition to the co-ordinates of the new owner.

## **9) CONSUMER ASSISTANCE**

In the event of a controversy or a dispute in connection with this limited warranty, BRP suggests that you try to resolve the issue at the dealership level. We recommend discussing the issue with the authorized distributor/dealer's service manager or owner. If further assistance is required, the distributor's service department should be contacted in order to resolve the matter. If the matter still remains unresolved then contact BRP at the address listed below.

**For countries within Europe, Middle East, Africa, CIS & Russia please contact our European office:**

**BRP EUROPE N.V.**

Customer Assistance Center  
Skaldenstraat 125  
9042 Gent  
Belgium  
Tel.: +32 9 218 26 00

**For all other countries, please contact your local distributor or, our North American office:**

**BOMBARDIER RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS INC.**

Customer Assistance Center  
Sherbrooke QC J1L 1W3  
Canada  
Tel.: +1 819 566 3366

You will find your distributor's coordinates on [www.brp.com](http://www.brp.com).

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# **BRP LIMITED WARRANTY FOR THE EUROPEAN AND THE RUSSIAN ECONOMIC AREAS AND TURKEY ECONOMIC AREA: 2012 SKI-DOO® SNOWMOBILES**

## **1) SCOPE OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY**

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. ("BRP")\* warrants its 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobiles sold by authorized BRP distributor/dealer (as hereinafter defined) in states members of the European Economic Area, ("EEA") (which is comprised of the states member of the European Union plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) in member states of the Commonwealth of the Independent States ("CIS") (which is comprised of the Russian Federation and ex-members states of the USSR), and Turkey from defects in material or workmanship for the period and under the conditions described below. This limited warranty will become null and void if: (1) the snowmobile was used for racing or any other competitive activity, at any point, even by a previous owner; or (2) the snowmobile has been altered or modified in such a way so as to adversely affect its operation, performance or durability, or has been altered or modified to change its intended use.

All genuine Ski-Doo parts and accessories, installed by an authorized BRP distributor/dealer (at the time of delivery of the 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile, carry the same warranty as that of the snowmobile.

## **2) LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

THIS WARRANTY IS EXPRESSLY GIVEN AND ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CANNOT BE DISCLAIMED, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE LIFE OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER THIS WARRANTY. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE DISCLAIMERS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AS A RESULT, THEY MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH MAY VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

Neither the distributor any BRP distributor/dealer nor any other person has been authorized to make any affirmation, representation or warranty regarding the product, other than those contained in this limited warranty, and if made, shall not be enforceable against BRP.

BRP reserves the right to modify this warranty at any time, being understood that such modification will not alter the warranty conditions applicable to the products sold while this warranty is in effect.

## **3) EXCLUSIONS – ARE NOT WARRANTED**

The following are not warranted under any circumstances:

- Normal wear and tear;
- Routine maintenance items, tune ups, adjustments;
- Damage caused by failure to provide proper maintenance and/or storage, as described in the Operator's Guide;

- Damage resulting from removal of parts, improper repairs, service, maintenance, modifications or use of parts or accessories not manufactured or approved by BRP which in its reasonable judgement are either incompatible with the product or adversely affect its operation, performance and durability, or resulting from repairs done by a person that is not an authorized servicing BRP distributor/dealer;
- Damage caused by abuse, abnormal use, neglect, racing or operation of the product on surfaces other than snow, or operation of the product in a manner inconsistent with the recommended operation described in the Operator's Guide;
- Damage resulting from accident, submersion, fire, snow or water ingestion, theft, vandalism or any act of God;
- Operation with fuels, oils or lubricants which are not suitable for use with the product (see the Operator's Guide);
- Damages from rust, corrosion or exposure to the elements;
- Incidental or consequential damages, or damages of any kind including without limitation towing, storage, telephone, rental, taxi, inconvenience, insurance coverage, loan payments, loss of time, loss of income; and
- Damage resulting from studs installed on tracks if the installation does not conform to BRP's instructions.

#### **4) WARRANTY COVERAGE PERIOD**

This warranty will be in effect from (1) the date of delivery to the first retail consumer or (2) the date the product is first put into use, whichever occurs first and for a period of:

TWENTY-FOUR (24) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, for private use owners and TWELVE (12) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS for commercial use owners. However, the warranty coverage period on a snowmobile delivered between June 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year will expire November 30<sup>th</sup> of the applicable year. A snowmobile is used commercially when it is used in connection with generating income or any work or employment during any part of the warranty period. A snowmobile is also used commercially when, at any point during the warranty period, it has commercial tags or is licensed for commercial use.

The repair or replacement of parts or the performance of service under this warranty does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date.

Note that the duration and any other modalities of the warranty coverage are subject to the applicable national or local legislation in the customer's country.

#### **5) CONDITIONS TO HAVE WARRANTY COVERAGE**

This warranty coverage is available **only** if each of the following conditions has been fulfilled:

- The 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile must be purchased as new and unused by its first owner from a BRP distributor/dealer authorized to distribute Ski-Doo products in the country in which the sale occurred ("BRP distributor/dealer");
- The BRP specified pre-delivery inspection process must be completed and documented;
- The product must have undergone proper registration by an authorized BRP distributor/dealer;

- The 2012 Ski-Doo snowmobile must be purchased within the EEA by an EEA resident, in the CIS for residents of the countries comprised in such area and in Turkey for residents of Turkey; and
- Routine maintenance outlined in the Operator's Guide must be timely performed in order to maintain warranty coverage. BRP reserves the right to make warranty coverage contingent upon proof of proper maintenance.

BRP will not honour this limited warranty to any private use owner or commercial use owner if one of the preceding conditions has not been met. Such limitations are necessary in order to allow BRP to preserve both the safety of its products, and also that of its consumers and the general public.

## **6) WHAT TO DO TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE**

The customer must cease using the snowmobile upon the appearance of an anomaly. The customer must notify a servicing BRP distributor/dealer within two (2) months of the appearance of a defect, and provide it with reasonable access to the product and reasonable opportunity to repair it. The customer must also present to the authorized BRP distributor/dealer, proof of purchase of the product and must sign the repair/work order prior to starting the repair in order to validate the warranty repair. All parts replaced under this limited warranty become the property of BRP.

Note that the notification period is subject to the applicable national or local legislation in customer's country.

## **7) WHAT BRP WILL DO**

BRP's obligations under this warranty are limited to, at its sole discretion, repairing parts found defective under normal use, maintenance and service, or replacing such parts with new genuine Ski-Doo parts without charge for parts and labour, at any authorized BRP distributor/dealer during the warranty coverage period under the conditions described herein. BRP's responsibility is limited to making the required repairs or replacements of parts. No claim of breach of warranty shall be cause for cancellation or rescission of the sale of the snowmobile to the owner.

In the event that service is required outside of the EEA, CIS or Turkey, the owner will bear responsibility for any additional charges due to local practices and conditions, such as, but not limited to, freight, insurance, taxes, license fees, import duties, and any and all other financial charges, including those levied by governments, states, territories and their respective agencies.

BRP reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming any obligation to modify products previously manufactured.

## **8) TRANSFER**

If the ownership of a product is transferred during the warranty coverage period, this warranty shall also be transferred and be valid for the remaining coverage period provided BRP or an authorized BRP distributor/dealer receives a proof that the former owner agreed to the transfer of ownership, in addition to the co-ordinates of the new owner.

## 9) CONSUMER ASSISTANCE

In the event of a controversy or a dispute in connection with this limited warranty, BRP suggests that you try to resolve the issue at the dealership level. We recommend discussing the issue with the authorized distributor/dealer's service manager or owner. If further assistance is required, the distributor's service department should be contacted in order to resolve the matter. If the matter still remains unresolved then contact BRP at the address listed below:

### BRP FINLAND OY

Service Department  
Isoaavantie 7  
FIN-96320 Rovaniemi  
Finland  
Tel.: +358 163 208 111

You can find your distributor's coordinates on [www.brp.com](http://www.brp.com).

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# ***CUSTOMER INFORMATION***

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## PRIVACY INFORMATION

BRP wishes to inform you that your coordinates will be used for safety and warranty related purposes. Furthermore, BRP and its affiliates may use its customer list to distribute marketing and promotional information about BRP and related products.

To exercise your right to consult or correct your data, or to be removed from the addressee-list for direct marketing, please contact BRP.

By E-mail: [privacyofficer@brp.com](mailto:privacyofficer@brp.com)

By mail: BRP  
Senior Legal Counsel-Privacy Officer  
726 St-Joseph  
Valcourt QC  
Canada  
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## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS/OWNERSHIP**

If your address has changed or if you are the new owner of the snowmobile, be sure to notify BRP by either:

- Mailing one of the change of address cards on the following pages.
- North America only: Calling at 715 848-4957 (USA) or 819 566-3366 (Canada).
- Notifying an authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

In case of change of ownership, please join a proof that the former owner agreed to the transfer.

Notifying BRP, even after the expiration of the limited warranty, is very important as it enables BRP to reach the snowmobile owner if necessary, like when safety recalls are initiated. It is the owner's responsibility to notify BRP.

**STOLEN UNITS:** If your personal snowmobile is stolen, you should notify BRP or an authorized Ski-Doo dealer. We will ask you to provide your name, address, phone number, the vehicle identification number and the date it was stolen.

### **North America**

#### **BOMBARDIER RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS INC.**

Warranty Department  
75 J.-A. Bombardier Street  
Sherbrooke QC J1L 1W3  
Canada

### **Scandinavian countries**

#### **BRP FINLAND OY**

Service Department  
Isoaavantie 7  
FIN-96320 Rovaniemi

### **Other countries in the world**

#### **BRP EUROPEAN DISTRIBUTION**

Warranty Department  
Chemin de Messidor 5-7  
1006 Lausanne  
Switzerland

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP 

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Model Number

Vehicle Identification Number (V.I.N.)

OLD ADDRESS  
OR PREVIOUS OWNER:

NAME

NO.

STREET

APT

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

ZIP/POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

TELEPHONE

NEW ADDRESS  
OR NEW OWNER:

NAME

NO.

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