

8 Tips to Help You Maintain Your Snowmobile

Is winter your favorite season of the year? Do you find yourself outside more than inside on those cold winter days? If you imagine yourself out in the snow having fun, then it's probable that you'd have fun on a snowmobile.

Four Helpful Tips To Aid You In Gearing Your Snowmobile Up

Now it's time for the season to begin. Before you crank up your snowmobile, you'll want to do a few things. Here are four helpful tips to assist you with getting ready for the winter season.



Gearing Your Snowmobile Up Tip #1 - Pull The Rope

When you're ready to go out on your snowmobile, you'll want to pull on the device's start rope a few times so that you can lubricate the cylinder walls where the spark plugs go. Reinsert the used spark plugs or new ones into your machine.

Gearing Your Snowmobile Up Tip #2 - Check Fluids

Like your vehicle before you go out on a road trip, check the fluids in your snowmobile. If you don't, you can cause severe damage to the snowmobile's engine.

Gearing Your Snowmobile Up Tip #3 - Looking Over Your Snowmobile

Always check your snowmobile for nicked or scratched paint and retouch it with rust-resistant paint. If you decide not to fix this problem, it can become a bigger and wider problem down the road.

Gearing Your Snowmobile Up Tip #4 - Wax

Be sure to wax your snowmobile and reattach your seat correctly. When you've done all this, you're ready to go for your first snowmobile ride of the winter season.

Four Helpful Tips To Aid You In Storing Your Snowmobile

Snowmobiles are a wonderful piece of wintertime equipment that only get used for about four to five months out of the calendar year. That means you have to store it for the remainder months. If you have decided you want to purchase a snowmobile, it's imperative you know the proper cautions in storing it for those warmer, summertime months so that it is ready to go when you're ready to ride it in the winter. In order to do this, you'll need to follow some simple and helpful tips to aid you in maintaining your snowmobile for when the snow finally falls where you live.

Storing Snowmobiles Tip #1 - Climate Controlled

It's vitally important to store your snowmobile in a place that is climate controlled. You can find many storage companies that offer this kind of service. If you don't have one as an option, locate a place with as little of a temperature change as possible. You don't want condensation building up on your snowmobile parts.

Storing Snowmobile Tip #2 - Before Storing Your Snowmobile

Make sure you spray your snowmobile down with WD-40 so the parts stay well lubricated and protected during the months you won't be using it. Afterward, cover your snowmobile with some kind of protective tarp.

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Storing Snowmobile Tip #3 - Fuel Issues

There is no unanimous consensus about what exactly to do about the fuel situation in snowmobiles. However, there are several theories floating around about what to do.

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Some snowmobile owners argue that having a full gas tank increases the likelihood of condensation and corrosion. Others say that fuel will lose its effectiveness when it's left for far too long. Still others believe that an empty gas tank prevents the fuel from failing.

However, if you own a snowmobile that has oil mixed in the fuel, it could separate during the summer months, causing it to clog certain fuel parts. It is in your best interest to read your owner's manual so you know exactly what the manufacturer actually recommends.

Storing Snowmobile Tip #4 - Looking Over The Mechanics

Before you cover your snowmobile for those summer months, do some checking on those mechanical parts. It's not uncommon for them to be overlooked at the start of the season, so make sure you look at it before storing it. Be sure that every nut and bolt is on tightly. Make note of missing parts or parts that will need repairing. You'll want to repair these before you store it.

Make sure to remove spark plugs. In addition, add a miniscule amount of two-cycle engine oil in the empty spark plug cylinders to avoid rusting. Use an old rag to plug up pipes to avoid chances of condensation forming on the inside. You also want to remove the snowmobile seat so no rodents have an opportunity to make a nest.

If you can follow these eight before and after tips on how to store and maintain your snowmobile, you'll be having fun in the snow all season long. If you are unsure at any time what to do, refer back to the owner's manual to give you an idea.

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an acceptable reach from your body. Stretching to reach the handlebars is not an effective method, and neither is sitting too close so that you are crunched up against them.

Keeping the handlebars at arms length, as long as it is a comfortable distance, is ideal. Also, place your feet in the stirrups that sit on the front lower area of the snowmobile. Get the feel for the stirrups and do not take your feet out of them when you are snowmobiling. They are designed to help you stay in control of the machinery when you make sharp turns on the snowy terrain.

On the handlebars, find the throttle. This will typically be a lever that is on the

Snowmobile Basics for Beginners

Once a person gets over their distaste for winter weather conditions, operating a snowmobile can be an addictive winter sport. Being in the wide-open landscape that is covered by a fresh coating of white, pristine powder can be breathtaking and even enthralling for first-time snowmobilers.

It is also a great way for families to spend time together while remaining active during the winter months instead of gathering around the television for a few hours every night. After learning the basics of operating a snowmobile, conquering the white blanket of fresh snow will be an exhilarating activity that families and

friends will undoubtedly cherish together.

The first thing to always remember is to wear your safety gear before operating your snowmobile. Safety equipment consists of a regulation helmet and a pair of goggles designed for cold weather activities. It is important to make sure this equipment is fastened correctly or else it could cause problems during the snowmobiling excursion.

It is also a good idea to wear a snowmobile suit that is specifically designed to protect the body from the frigid elements of winter, such as a waterproof inner lining so snowmobile riders do not suffer from a case of hypothermia. A good pair of gloves is also vital because the hands will be controlling most of the actions of the machinery. Cold hands do not make for quick reactions, so winter gloves are an absolute essential.

Next, get comfortable with the machinery. Sit on it, move around, and get familiar with the feel of the snowmobile's intricate details. Find the right distance on the seat so that the handlebars are within

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