FOREWORD

This Arctic Cat Service Manual contains service, maintenance, and troubleshooting information for certain 2012 Arctic Cat ATV models (see cover). The complete manual is designed to aid service personnel in service-oriented applications.

Arctic Cat offers additional publications (when they become available) to aid in servicing other ATV models. To service models not included in this manual, please refer to the following publications:

- **2012 Y-12+ Service Manual**
- **2012 T-14 Service Manual**
- **2012 300 DVX/Utility Service Manual**
- **2012 350 Service Manual**
- **2012 425 Service Manual**
- **2012 700 Diesel Service Manual**
- **2012 450 XC Service Manual**
- **2012 650 Service Manual**
- **2012 550/700 Service Manual**

This manual is divided into sections. Each section covers a specific ATV component or system and, in addition to the standard service procedures, includes disassembling, inspecting, and assembling instructions. When using this manual as a guide, the technician should use discretion as to how much disassembly is needed to correct any given condition.

The service technician should become familiar with the operation and construction of each component or system by carefully studying the complete manual. This manual will assist the service technician in becoming more aware of and efficient with servicing procedures. Such efficiency not only helps build consumer confidence but also saves time and labor.

All Arctic Cat ATV publications and decals display the words Warning, Caution, Note, and At This Point to emphasize important information. The symbol ⚠ **WARNING** identifies personal safety-related information. Be sure to follow the directive because it deals with the possibility of severe personal injury or even death. A **CAUTION** identifies unsafe practices which may result in ATV-related damage. Follow the directive because it deals with the possibility of damaging part or parts of the ATV. The symbol ■ **NOTE:** identifies supplementary information worthy of particular attention. The symbol ☞ **AT THIS POINT** directs the technician to certain and specific procedures to promote efficiency and to improve clarity.

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Keep this manual accessible in the shop area for reference.

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General Specifications

450	
CHASSIS	
Brake Type	Hydraulic w/Brake Lever Lock and Auxiliary Brake
Tire Size	Front - 25 x 8-12 Rear - 25 x 10-12
Tire Inflation Pressure	0.35 kg/cm² (5 psi)
MISCELLANY	
Spark Plug Type	NGK CR7E
Spark Plug Gap	0.7-0.8 mm (0.028-0.031 in.)
Gas Tank Capacity	21.6 L (5.7 U.S. gal.) - FIS 20.0 L (5.3 U.S. gal.) - TRV
Coolant Capacity	2.9 L (3.0 U.S. qt)
Rear Drive Capacity	250 ml (8.5 fl oz)*
Front Differential Capacity	275 ml (9.3 fl oz)**
Engine Oil Capacity (approx)	2.85 L (3.0 U.S. qt) - Overhaul 2.50 L (2.6 U.S. qt) - Change
Gasoline (recommended)	87 Octane Regular Unleaded
Engine Oil (recommended)	Arctic Cat ACX All Weather (Synthetic)
Differential/Rear Drive Lubricant	SAE Approved 80W-90 Hypoid
Drive Belt Width (minimum)	28.5 mm (1.12 in.)
Brake Fluid	DOT 4
Taillight/Brakelight	12V/8W/27W
Headlight	12V/37W (2)
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	
Ignition Timing	10° BTDC @ 1500 RPM
Spark Plug Cap	5000 ohms
Ignition Coil Resistance (primary) (secondary)	Less than 5.0 ohms (terminal (+) to terminal (-)) 12k-19k ohms (high tension - plug cap - to terminal (+))
Ignition Coil Primary Voltage	Battery Voltage (orange (+) to blue/white(-))
Stator Coil Resistance (crankshaft position sensor) (AC generator)	150-250 ohms (blue to green) Less than 1 ohm (yellow to yellow)
Crankshaft Position Sensor AC Voltage	2.0 volts or more (blue to green)
AC Generator Output (no load)	75 AC volts @ 5000 RPM (yellow to yellow)

1000	
CHASSIS	
Brake Type	Hydraulic w/Brake Lever Lock and Auxiliary Brake
Tire Size (Mud Pro) (Mud Pro) (Cruiser) (Cruiser)	Front - 25 x 9-12 Rear - 25 x 11-12 Front - 28 x 9-14 Rear - 28 x 11-14 Front - 25 x 8-12 Rear - 25 x 10-12
Tire Inflation Pressure	0.35 kg/cm² (5 psi) - Mud Pro 0.49 kg/cm² (7 psi) - TRV/ Cruiser
MISCELLANY	
Spark Plug Type	NGK CPR8E
Spark Plug Gap	0.5-0.6 mm (0.019-0.024 in.)
Gas Tank Capacity	21.6 L (5.7 U.S. gal.) - FIS 20.0 L (5.3 U.S. gal.) - Cruiser/TRV
Coolant Capacity	3.3 L (3.5 U.S. qt)
Differential Capacity	275 ml (9.3 fl oz)*
Rear Drive Capacity	250 ml (8.5 fl oz)**
Engine Oil Capacity (approx)	2.6 L (2.75 U.S. qt) - Overhaul 1.9 L (2.0 U.S. qt) - Change
Gasoline (recommended)	87 Octane Regular Unleaded
Engine Oil (recommended)	Arctic Cat ACX All Weather (Synthetic)
Front Differential/Rear Drive Lubricant	SAE Approved 80W-90 Hypoid
Drive Belt Width (minimum)	35.6 mm (1.40 in.)
Brake Fluid	DOT 4
Taillight/Brakelight	12V/8W/27W
Headlight	12V/27W (2)
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	
Ignition Timing	10° BTDC @ 1500 RPM
Spark Plug Cap	5000 ohms
Ignition Coil Resistance (primary) (secondary)	4.8 ohms (terminal (+) to terminal (-)) 12k-19k ohms (high tension - plug cap to terminal)
Ignition Coil Primary Voltage	Battery Voltage (orange to ground)
Stator Coil Resistance (crankshaft position sensor) (AC generator)	150-250 ohms (blue to green) Less than 1 ohm (gray to gray)
Crankshaft Position Sensor AC Voltage	2.0 volts or more (blue to green)
Generator Output (no load)	75 AC volts or more @ 5000 RPM (black to black)

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* One inch below plug threads.

** At the plug threads.

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Torque Specifications

EXHAUST COMPONENTS			
Part	Part Bolted To	Torque ft-lb	Torque N-m
Exhaust Pipe	Engine	20	27
Spark Arrester	Muffler	48 in.-lb	5.5
ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS			
Engine/Harness Ground Cap Screw	Crankcase	8	11
Coil	Air Filter Housing	7	10
STEERING COMPONENTS			
Steering Post Bearing Housing	Frame	20	27
Steering Post Bearing Flange	Frame	20	27
Lower Steering Bearing Washer Cap Screw***	Steering Post	40	54
Tie Rod End	Knuckle/Steering Post	30	41
EPS Housing	Frame	35	47
BRAKE COMPONENTS			
Brake Disc*	Hub	15	20
Brake Hose	Caliper	20	27
Brake Hose (Banjo-Fitting)	Master Cylinder	20	27
Brake Hose	Auxiliary Brake Cylinder	20	27
Master Cylinder (Rear)	Frame	12	16
Hydraulic Caliper	Knuckle (w/"Patch-Lock")	20	27
Master Cylinder Clamp	Master Cylinder	6	8
Brake Pedal	Brake Pedal Axle	25	34
CHASSIS COMPONENTS			
Footrest	Frame (8 mm)	20	27
Footrest	Frame (10 mm)	40	54
SUSPENSION COMPONENTS (Front)			
A-Arm	Frame	50	68
Knuckle	Ball Joint	35	47
Shock Absorber	Frame/Upper A-Arm	50	68
Knuckle	A-Arm	50	68
SUSPENSION COMPONENTS (Rear)			
Shock Absorber (Upper)	Frame	50	68
Shock Absorber (Lower)	Lower A-Arm	20	27
A-Arm	Frame	50	68
Knuckle (450)	A-Arm	35	47
Knuckle (1000)	A-Arm	50	68

DRIVE TRAIN COMPONENTS (450)			
Part	Part Bolted To	Torque ft-lb	Torque N-m
Engine Mounting Through-Bolt	Frame	35	47
Front Differential	Frame/Differential Bracket	38	52
Output Flange	Rear Flange Output Joint	20	27
Pinion Housing	Differential Housing	23	31
Differential Housing Cover***	Differential Housing	23	31
Drive Bevel Gear Nut**	Shaft	72	98
Lock Collar	Differential Housing	125	169
Hub Hex Nut	Shaft/Axle (max)	200	272
Oil Drain Plug	Front Differential/Rear Drive	45 in.-lb	5
Oil Fill Plug	Front Differential/Rear Drive	16	22
Oil Drain Plug	Engine	16	22
Rear Drive Input Shaft/Housing	Differential Housing	23	31
Wheel (Steel)	Hub	40	54
Wheel (Aluminum)	Hub	80	108
Rear Drive Gear Case	Frame	38	52
Engine Output Shaft**	Rear Gear Case Input Flange	20	27
ENGINE/TRANSMISSION (450)			
Clutch Shoe**	Crankshaft	147	199
Clutch Cover/Housing Assembly	Crankcase	8	11
Left-Side Cover	Crankcase	8	11
Crankcase Half (6 mm)	Crankcase Half	10	13.5
Crankcase Half (8 mm)	Crankcase Half	21	28
Cylinder Nut	Crankcase Half	8	11
Cylinder Head (Cap Screw)	Crankcase	28	38
Cylinder Head Nut	Cylinder	20	27
Valve Cover****	Cylinder Head	8	11
Oil Pump Drive Gear**	Crankshaft	63	86
Driven Pulley Nut**	Driveshaft	147	199
Ground Cable	Engine	8	11
Output Shaft Flange Nut	Output Shaft	59	80
Magneto Rotor Nut	Crankshaft	107	146
Cam Sprocket**	Camshaft	11	15
Cam Chain Tensioner Guide	Cylinder	11	15
Stator Coil**	Crankcase	8	11
Starter Motor	Crankcase	8	11
V-Belt Cover	Crankcase	8	11
Valve Adjuster Jam Nut	Valve Adjuster	7	9.5
Oil Fitting	Engine	8	11
Oil Pump**	Crankcase	8	11
Tappet Cover	Valve Cover	8	11
Cam Chain Tensioner	Cylinder	10	13.5
Magneto Cover	Crankcase	8	11
Rear Driveline	Output Drive Flange	20	27
Starter One-Way Clutch**	Flywheel	26	35
Movable Drive Face Nut**	Clutch Shaft	147	199
Water Pump Cover/Housing	Magneto Cover	8	11
Water Pump Drive Gear	Crankshaft	28	38

* w/Blue Loctite #243
** w/Red Loctite #271
*** w/Green Loctite #609
**** w/Three Bond Sealant

DRIVE TRAIN COMPONENTS (1000)			
Part	Part Bolted To	Torque ft-lb	Torque N-m
Engine Mount (Rear)	Frame	45	61
Front Differential	Frame/Differential Bracket	38	52
Rear Gear Case	Frame	38	52
Pinion Housing	Differential Housing	23	31
Differential Housing Cover***	Differential Housing	23	31
Lock Collar	Differential Housing	125	169
Hub Nut	Shaft/Axle (max)	200	272
Oil Drain Plug	Front Differential/ Rear Drive	45 in.-lb	5
Oil Fill Plug	Front Differential/ Rear Drive	16	22
Oil Drain Plug	Engine	16	22
Wheel (Steel)	Hub	40	54
Wheel (Aluminum)	Hub	80	108
Rear Drive Input Shaft/Housing	Differential Housing	23	31
Rear Output Drive Flange	Rear Yoke Flange	20	27
Shift Cam Stopper	Shift Stopper	8	11
Shift Cam Plate	Shift Cam Shaft	8	11
Shifter Housing	Crankcase	8	11
Engine Output Shaft**	Rear Gear Case Input Flange	20	27
ENGINE/TRANSMISSION (1000)			
Clutch Shoe**	Crankshaft	221	300
Clutch Cover/Housing Assembly	Crankcase	8	11
Crankcase Half	Crankcase Half	8	11
Crankcase Lower Cover (6 mm)	Crankcase	8	11
Crankcase Lower Cover (8 mm)	Crankcase	20	27
Cylinder Head (Cap Screw)	Crankcase	37	50
Cylinder Head (6 mm)	Cylinder	8	11
Cylinder Head (8 mm)	Cylinder	18	24
Cylinder Head Cover	Cylinder Head	8.5	11.5
Driven Pulley Nut**	Driveshaft	80	108
Ground Wire	Engine	8	11
Magneto Cover	Crankcase	8	11
Oil Filler Cover	Crankcase	8	11
Speed Sensor Housing	Crankcase	8	11
Starter Motor	Crankcase	8	11
V-Belt Housing	Crankcase	8	11
Intake Manifold	Cylinder	8	11
Output Shaft Yoke Nut	Output Shaft	59	80
Rotor/Flywheel Nut	Crankshaft	107	145
Cam Sprocket**	Camshaft	10	13.5
V-Belt Cover	Clutch Cover	8	11
Movable Drive Face Nut**	Clutch Shaft	165	224
Oil Pump Cover*	Crankcase	8	11
Oil Strainer Cap	Crankcase	8	11
Shift Cam Stopper	Crankcase	8	11
Shift Cam Stopper Spring	Shift Cam Stopper	8	11
Shift Cam Plate	Shift Cam Shaft	8	11
Shifter Housing	Crankcase	8	11
Secondary Drive Gear Nut	Gear	74	100
Starter One-Way Clutch**	Flywheel	26	35
Output Yoke Nut	Output Shaft	74	100

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*** w/Green Loctite #609
**** w/Three Bond Sealant

Torque Conversions (ft-lb/N-m)

ft-lb	N-m	ft-lb	N-m	ft-lb	N-m	ft-lb	N-m
1	1.4	26	35.4	51	69.4	76	103.4
2	2.7	27	36.7	52	70.7	77	104.7
3	4.1	28	38.1	53	72.1	78	106.1
4	5.4	29	39.4	54	73.4	79	107.4
5	6.8	30	40.8	55	74.8	80	108.8
6	8.2	31	42.2	56	76.2	81	110.2
7	9.5	32	43.5	57	77.5	82	111.5
8	10.9	33	44.9	58	78.9	83	112.9
9	12.2	34	46.2	59	80.2	84	114.2
10	13.6	35	47.6	60	81.6	85	115.6
11	15	36	49	61	83	86	117
12	16.3	37	50.3	62	84.3	87	118.3
13	17.7	38	51.7	63	85.7	88	119.7
14	19	39	53	64	87	89	121
15	20.4	40	54.4	65	88.4	90	122.4
16	21.8	41	55.8	66	89.8	91	123.8
17	23.1	42	57.1	67	91.1	92	125.1
18	24.5	43	58.5	68	92.5	93	126.5
19	25.8	44	59.8	69	93.8	94	127.8
20	27.2	45	61.2	70	95.2	95	129.2
21	28.6	46	62.6	71	96.6	96	130.6
22	29.9	47	63.9	72	97.9	97	131.9
23	31.3	48	65.3	73	99.3	98	133.3
24	32.6	49	66.6	74	100.6	99	134.6
25	34	50	68	75	102	100	136

Break-In Procedure

A new ATV and an overhauled ATV engine require a “break-in” period. The first 10 hours (or 200 miles) are most critical to the life of this ATV. Proper operation during this break-in period will help assure maximum life and performance from the ATV.

During the first 10 hours (or 200 miles) of operation, always use less than 1/2 throttle. Varying the engine RPM during the break-in period allows the components to “load” (aiding the mating process) and then “unload” (allowing components to cool). Although it is essential to place some stress on the engine components during break-in, care should be taken not to overload the engine too often. Do not pull a trailer or carry heavy loads during the 10-hour break-in period.

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

During the break-in period, a maximum of 1/2 throttle is recommended; however, brief full-throttle accelerations and variations in driving speeds contribute to good engine break-in.

After the completion of the break-in period, the engine oil and oil filter should be changed. Other maintenance after break-in should include checking of all prescribed adjustments and tightening of all fasteners (see Periodic Maintenance Chart in Section 2).

Gasoline - Oil - Lubricant

RECOMMENDED GASOLINE

The recommended gasoline to use is 87 minimum octane regular unleaded. In many areas, oxygenates (either ethanol or MTBE) are added to the gasoline. Oxygenated gasolines containing up to 10% ethanol, 5% methane, or 5% MTBE are acceptable gasolines.

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

CAUTION

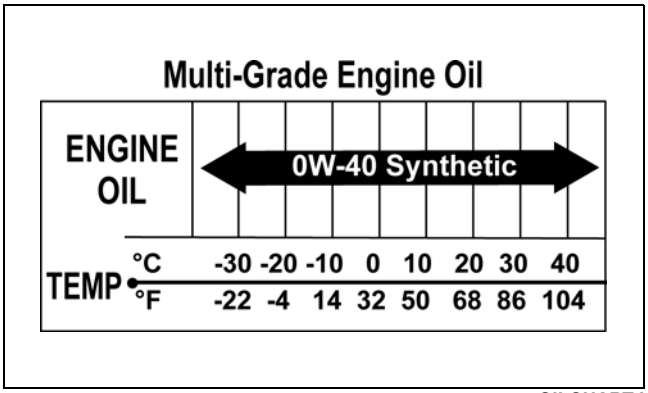
Do not use white gas. Only Arctic Cat approved gasoline additives should be used.

RECOMMENDED ENGINE/ TRANSMISSION OIL

CAUTION

Any oil used in place of the recommended oil could cause serious engine damage. Do not use oils which contain graphite or molybdenum additives. These oils can adversely affect clutch operation. Also, not recommended are racing, vegetable, non-detergent, and castor-based oils.

The recommended oil to use is Arctic Cat ACX All Weather synthetic engine oil, which has been specifically formulated for use in this Arctic Cat engine. Although Arctic Cat ACX All Weather synthetic engine oil is the only oil recommended for use in this engine, use of any API certified SM 0W-40 oil is acceptable.



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RECOMMENDED FRONT DIFFERENTIAL/REAR DRIVE LUBRICANT

The recommended lubricant is Arctic Cat Gear Lube or an equivalent gear lube which is SAE approved 80W-90 hypoid. This lubricant meets all of the lubrication requirements of the Arctic Cat ATV front differentials and rear drives.

CAUTION

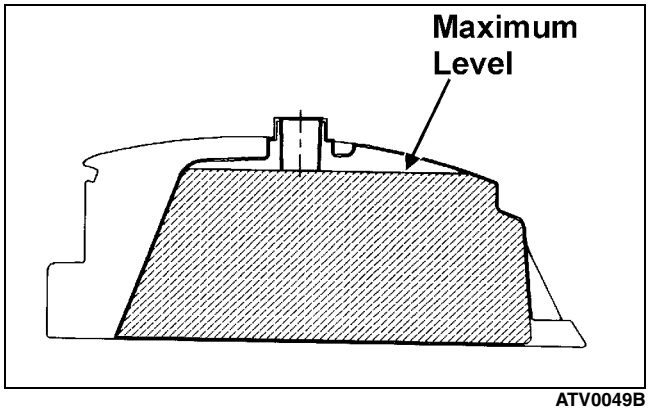
Any lubricant used in place of the recommended lubricant could cause serious front differential/rear drive damage.

FILLING GAS TANK

⚠ WARNING

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

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



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⚠ WARNING

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

⚠ WARNING

Do not over-fill the gas tank.

Tighten the gas tank cap securely after filling the tank.

Genuine Parts

When replacement of parts is necessary, use only genuine Arctic Cat ATV parts. They are precision-made to ensure high quality and correct fit. Refer to the appropriate Illustrated Parts Manual for the correct part number, quantity, and description.

Preparation For Storage

CAUTION

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

Arctic Cat recommends the following procedure to prepare the ATV for storage.

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

CAUTION

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

4. Plug the exhaust hole in the exhaust system with a clean cloth.
5. Apply light oil to the upper steering post bushing and plungers of the shock absorbers.
6. Tighten all nuts, bolts, cap screws, and screws. Make sure rivets holding components together are tight. Replace all loose rivets. Care must be taken that all calibrated nuts, cap screws, and bolts are tightened to specifications.
7. Fill the cooling system to the bottom of the stand pipe in the radiator neck with properly mixed coolant.
8. Disconnect the battery cables; then remove the battery, clean the battery posts and cables, and store in a clean, dry area.
9. Store the ATV indoors in a level position.

CAUTION

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

Preparation After Storage

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

1. Clean the ATV thoroughly.
2. Clean the engine. Remove the cloth from the exhaust system.
3. Check all control wires and cables for signs of wear or fraying. Replace if necessary.
4. Change the engine/transmission oil and filter.
5. Check the coolant level and add properly mixed coolant as necessary.
6. Charge the battery; then install. Connect the battery cables.

CAUTION

The ignition switch must be in the OFF position prior to installing the battery or damage may occur to the ignition system.

CAUTION

Connect the positive battery cable first; then the negative.

7. Check the entire brake systems (fluid level, pads, etc.), all controls, headlights, taillight, brakelight, and headlight aim; adjust or replace as necessary.
8. Tighten all nuts, bolts, cap screws, and screws making sure all calibrated nuts, cap screws, and bolts are tightened to specifications.
9. Check tire pressure. Inflate to recommended pressure as necessary.
10. Make sure the steering moves freely and does not bind.
11. Check the spark plug(s). Clean or replace as necessary.

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SECTION 2 - PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

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Periodic Maintenance Chart

A = Adjust I = Inspect
C = Clean L = Lubricate
D = Drain R = Replace
T = Tighten

Item	Initial Service After Break-In (First Month or 100 Miles)	Every Day	Every Month or Every 100 Miles	Every 3 Months or Every 300 Miles	Every 6 Months or Every 500 Miles	Every Year or Every 1500 Miles	As Needed
Battery	I		I				C
Fuses				I			R
Air Filter	I			I			R
Valve/Tappet Clearance	I				I		A
Engine Compression						I	
Spark Plug(s)	I			I			R (4000 Mi or 18 Mo)
Muffler/Spark Arrester					C		R
Gas/Vent Hoses	I	I					R (2 Yrs)
Throttle Cable	I	I			C-L		A-R
Engine-Transmission Oil Level		I					A
Engine-Transmission Oil/Filter	R			R*/R**/R***			R
Oil Strainer							C
Front Differential/Rear Drive Lubricant	I		I				R (4 Yrs)
Tires/Air Pressure	I	I					R
Steering Components	I	I		I			R
V-Belt	I				I		R
Suspension (Ball joint boots, drive axle boots front and rear, tie rods, differential and rear drive bellows)	I	I					R
Nuts/Cap Screws/Screws	I		I				T
Ignition Timing						I	
Headlight/Taillight-Brakelight	I	I					R
Switches	I	I					R
Shift Lever					I		A-L
Handlebar Grips		I					R
Handlebar	I	I					R
Gauges/Indicators	I	I					R
Frame/Welds/Racks	I				I		
Electrical Connections	I				I		C
Complete Brake System (Hydraulic & Auxiliary)	I	I		C			L-R
Brake Pads	I			I*			R
Brake Fluid	I			I			R (2 Yrs)
Brake Hoses	I			I			R (4 Yrs)
Coolant/Cooling System	I		I				R (2 Yrs)

* Service/Inspect more frequently when operating in adverse conditions.

** When using an API certified SM 0W-40 oil.

*** When using Arctic Cat ACX All Weather synthetic oil, oil change interval can be increased to every 1,000 miles or every year.

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Periodic Maintenance

This section has been organized into sub-sections which show common maintenance procedures for the Arctic Cat ATV.

■NOTE: Arctic Cat recommends the use of new gaskets, lock nuts, and seals and lubricating all internal components when servicing the engine/transmission.

■NOTE: Some photographs and illustrations used in this section are used for clarity purposes only and are not designed to depict actual conditions.

■NOTE: Critical torque specifications are located in Section 1.

SPECIAL TOOLS

A number of special tools must be available to the technician when performing service procedures in this section.

Description	p/n
Compression Tester Kit	0444-213
Oil Filter Wrench	0644-389
Tachometer	0644-275
Timing Light	0644-296
Valve Clearance Adjuster	0444-255

■NOTE: Special tools are available from the Arctic Cat Service Department.

Lubrication Points

It is advisable to lubricate certain components periodically to ensure free movement. Apply light oil to the components using the following list as reference.

A. Throttle Lever Pivot

B. Brake Lever Pivot

C. Auxiliary Brake Pedal Pivot

Air Filter

Use the following procedure to remove the filter and inspect and/or clean it.

1. Remove the fasteners securing the storage compartment and remove the storage compartment.
2. Remove the air filter housing cover and the air filter/frame assembly.
3. Remove the foam element from the frame making sure not to tear the element.

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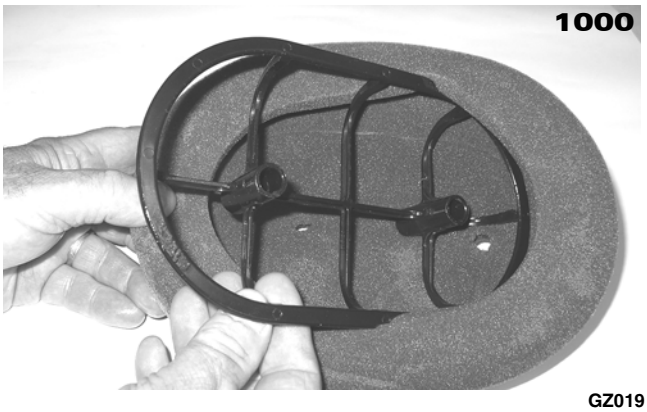

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4. Fill a wash pan larger than the element with a non-flammable solvent; then dip the element in the solvent and wash it.

■NOTE: Foam Air Filter Cleaner and Foam Air Filter Oil are available from Arctic Cat.

5. Squeeze the element by pressing it between the palms of both hands to remove excess solvent. Do not twist or ring the element or it will develop cracks.
6. Dry the element.
7. Put the element in a plastic bag; then pour in air filter oil and work the oil into the element.
8. Squeeze the element to remove excess oil.

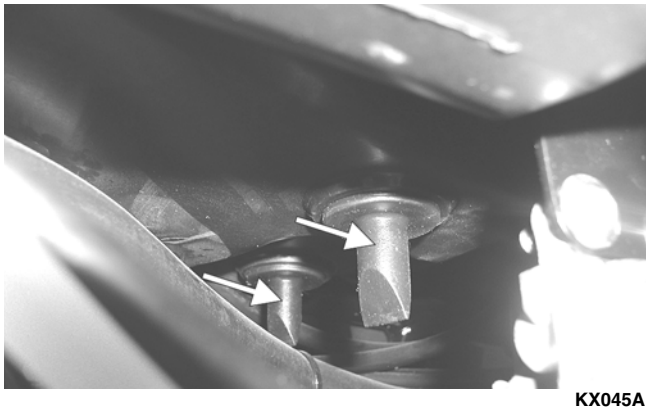
CAUTION

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

9. Clean any dirt or debris from inside the air cleaner.
10. Install the air filter/frame assembly and cover.
11. Install the storage compartment and cover.

CHECKING AND CLEANING DRAINS

1. Inspect the drains beneath the main housing for debris and for proper sealing.



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2. Replace any drain that is cracked or shows any signs of hardening or deterioration.

CAUTION

The drain to the right is the clean air section of the filter housing. Any leak of this drain will allow dirt into the engine intake causing severe engine damage.

3. Wipe any accumulation of oil or gas from the filter housing and drains.

Valve/Tappet Clearance

To check and adjust valve/tappet clearance, use the following procedure.

1. Remove the timing inspection plug; then remove the tappet covers and spark plug(s) (for more detailed information, see Section 3 - Servicing Top-Side Components).

■NOTE: On the 1000 models, remove the crankshaft end cap and install the special cap screw (left-hand threads) to rotate the engine.

2. Rotate the crankshaft to the TDC position on the compression stroke (front cylinder on the 1000 models).

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■NOTE: At this point, the rocker arms and adjuster screws must not have pressure on them.

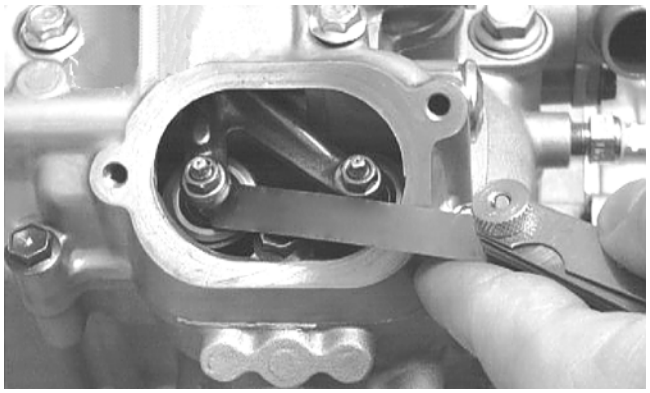
Feeler Gauge Procedure

Using a feeler gauge, check each valve/tappet clearance. If clearance is not within specifications, loosen the jam nut and rotate the tappet adjuster screw until the clearance is within specifications. Tighten each jam nut securely after completing the adjustment.

CAUTION

The feeler gauge must be positioned at the same angle as the valve and valve adjuster for an accurate measurement of clearance. Failure to measure the valve clearance accurately could cause valve component damage.

VALVE/TAPPET CLEARANCE	
450	0.08-0.12 mm (0.003-0.005 in.) - Intake 0.15-0.20 mm (0.006-0.008 in.) - Exhaust
1000	0.08-0.12 mm (0.003-0.005 in.) - Intake 0.13-0.17 mm (0.005-0.007 in.) - Exhaust



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B. On the 1000 models, rotate the engine 270° to the TDC position of the rear cylinder; then repeat step A.

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Valve Adjuster Procedure

■NOTE: The seat, storage compartment cover assembly, compartment box, air filter/filter housing, and left-side/right-side splash panels must be removed for this procedure.

A. Place Valve Clearance Adjuster onto the jam nut securing the tappet adjuster screw; then rotate the valve adjuster dial clockwise until the end is seated in the tappet adjuster screw.

B. While holding the valve adjuster dial in place, use the valve adjuster handle and loosen the jam nut; then rotate the tappet adjuster screw clockwise until friction is felt.

C. Align the valve adjuster handle with one of the marks on the valve adjuster dial.

D. While holding the valve adjuster handle in place, rotate the valve adjuster dial counterclockwise until proper valve/tappet clearance is attained.

■NOTE: Refer to the appropriate specifications in Feeler Gauge Procedure sub-section for the proper valve/tappet clearance.

■NOTE: Rotating the valve adjuster dial counterclockwise will open the valve/tappet clearance by 0.05 mm (0.002 in.) per mark.

E. While holding the adjuster dial at the proper clearance setting, tighten the jam nut securely with the valve adjuster handle.

F. Rotate the engine 270° to the TDC position of the rear cylinder; then repeat steps A-E for the rear cylinder.

3. Install the timing inspection plug; then on the 1000 models, remove the cap screw and install the crankcase end cap.
4. Place the tappet covers into position making sure the proper cap screws are with the proper cover. Tighten the cap screws securely.
5. Install the spark plug(s).

Testing Engine Compression

To test engine compression, use the following procedure.

1. Remove the high tension lead(s) from the spark plug(s).
2. Using compressed air, blow any debris from around the spark plug(s).

⚠ WARNING

Always wear safety glasses when using compressed air.

3. Remove the spark plug(s); then attach the high tension lead(s) to the plug(s) and ground the plug(s) on the cylinder head(s) well away from the spark plug hole(s).
4. Attach the Compression Tester Kit.

■NOTE: The engine should be warm (operating temperature) and the battery fully charged for an accurate compression test. Throttle must be in the wide-open throttle (WOT) position. In the event the engine cannot be run, cold values are included.

5. While holding the throttle lever in the full-open position, crank the engine over with the electric starter until the gauge shows a peak reading (five to 10 compression strokes).

COMPRESSION		
Model	**PSI Hot (WOT)**	**PSI Cold (WOT)**
450	95-115	N/A
1000 (Front)	125-145	80-120
1000 (Rear)	165-185	150-190

6. If compression is abnormally low, inspect the following items.

A. Verify starter cranks engine over at normal speed (approximately 400 RPM).

B. Gauge functioning properly.

C. Throttle lever in the full-open position.

D. Valve/tappet clearance correct.

E. Engine warmed up.

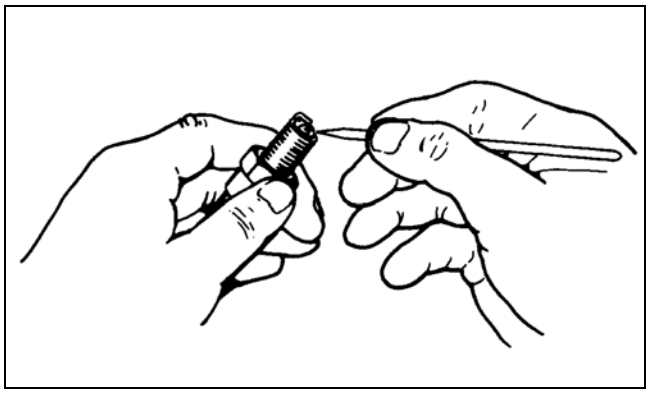
F. Intake not restricted.

■NOTE: To service valves, see Section 3.

7. Pour 29.5 ml (1 fl oz) of oil into the spark plug hole, reattach the gauge, and retest compression.
8. If compression is now evident, service the piston rings (see Section 3).

Spark Plug(s)

A light brown insulator indicates that a plug is correct. A white or dark insulator indicates that the engine may need to be serviced. To maintain a hot, strong spark, keep the plug free of carbon.



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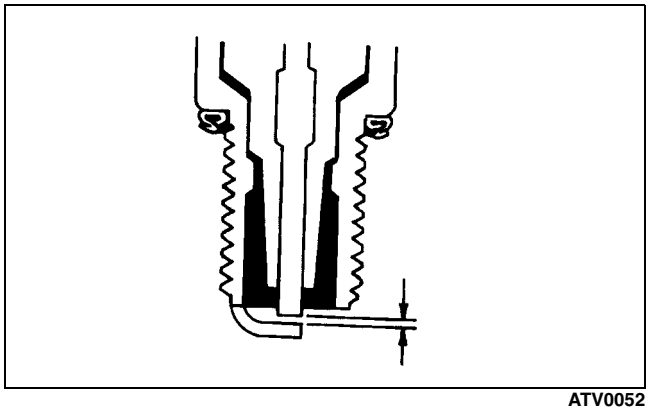
CAUTION

Before removing a spark plug, be sure to clean the area around the spark plug. Dirt could enter engine when removing or installing the spark plug.

Adjust the gap to correct specification (see Section 1 for proper type and gap). Use a feeler gauge to check the gap.



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

Muffler/Spark Arrester

At the intervals shown in the Periodic Maintenance Chart, clean the spark arrester using the following procedure.

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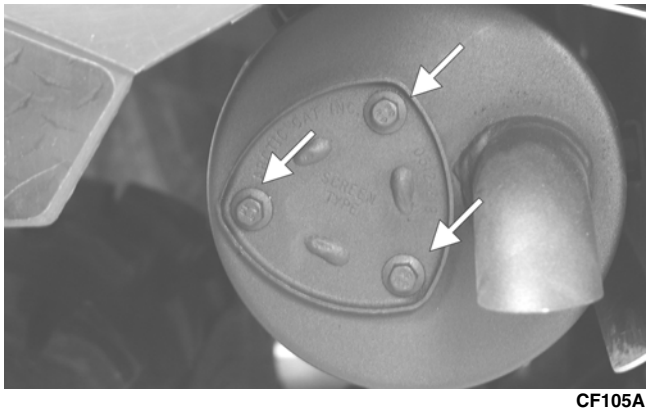
Wait until the muffler cools to avoid burns.

1. Remove the three cap screws securing the spark arrester assembly to the muffler; then loosen and remove the arrester.



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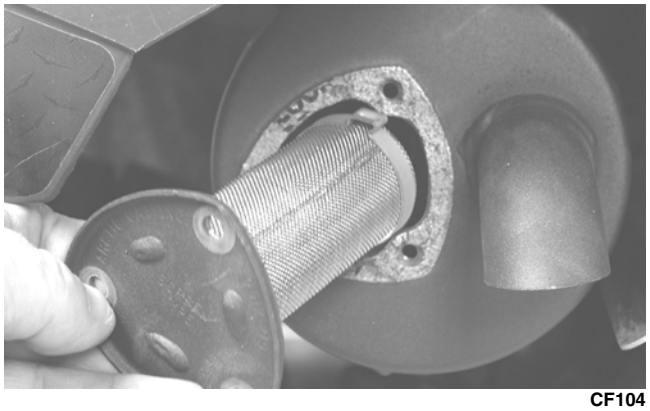
2. Using a suitable brush, clean the carbon deposits from the screen taking care not to damage the screen.

■NOTE: If the screen or gasket is damaged in any way, it must be replaced.

3. Install the spark arrester assembly with gasket; then secure with the three cap screws. Tighten to 48 in.-lb.



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Engine/Transmission Oil - Filter - Strainer

OIL - FILTER

The engine should always be warm when the oil is changed so the oil will drain easily and completely.

1. Park the ATV on level ground.
2. Remove the oil level stick/filler plug.

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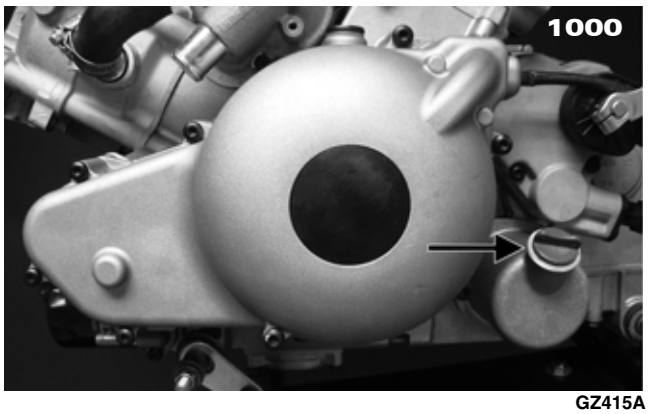

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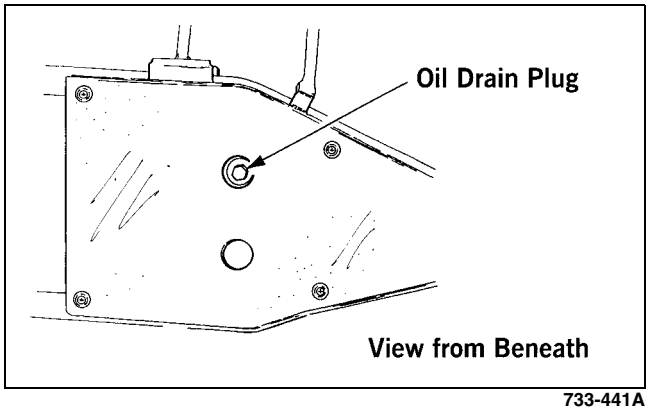
3. Remove the drain plug from the bottom of the engine and drain the oil into a drain pan.



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4. Remove the oil filter plug from the filter mounting boss (located on the front side of the transmission case) and allow the filter to drain completely. Install the plug and tighten securely.
5. Using the adjustable Oil Filter Wrench and a suitable wrench, remove the old oil filter.

■NOTE: Clean up any excess oil after removing the filter.

6. Apply oil to a new filter O-ring and check to make sure it is positioned correctly; then install the new oil filter. Tighten securely.

■NOTE: Install a new O-ring each time the filter is replaced.

7. Install the engine drain plug and tighten to 16 ft-lb. Pour the specified amount of the recommended oil in the filler hole. Install the oil level stick/filler plug.

CAUTION

Any oil used in place of the recommended oil could cause serious engine damage. Do not use oils which contain graphite or molybdenum additives. These oils can adversely affect clutch operation. Also, not recommended are racing, vegetable, non-detergent, and castor-based oils.

8. Start the engine (while the ATV is outside on level ground) and allow it to idle for a few minutes.
9. Turn the engine off and wait approximately one minute.
10. Remove the oil level stick and wipe it with a clean cloth.
11. Install the oil level stick and thread into the engine case.
12. Remove the oil level stick; the oil level must be within the operating range but not exceeding the upper mark.

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CAUTION

Do not over-fill the engine with oil. Always make sure that the oil level is not above the upper mark.

13. Inspect the area around the drain plug and oil filter for leaks.

Liquid Cooling System

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

CAUTION

Arctic Cat does not recommend using a pressure washer to clean the radiator core. The pressure may bend or flatten the fins causing restricted air flow, and electrical components on the radiator could be damaged. Use only a garden hose with spray nozzle at normal tap pressure.

The cooling system capacity can be found in Section 1. The cooling system should be inspected daily for leakage and damage. If leakage or damage is detected, take the ATV to an authorized Arctic Cat ATV dealer for service. Also, the coolant level should be checked periodically.

CAUTION

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

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

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

Checking/Filling

1. On the 1000 models, remove the two screws from the front of the radiator access panel. On the 450 models, remove the four screws securing the radiator access panel.

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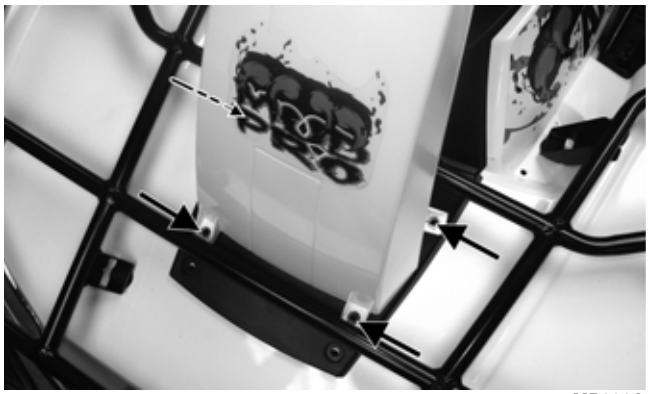
2. On the 1000 models, lift the front of the access panel; then slide the panel forward to disengage the two rear tabs.

3. On the 1000 models, move the panel rearward until free of the rack. On the 450 models, move the panel forward until free of the ATV.

■NOTE: Steps 4-6 are for Mud Pro models; for other models, proceed to step 7.

4. Remove four cap screws securing the snorkel housing to the front inspection panel; then remove two cap screws from the rear of the snorkel housing.



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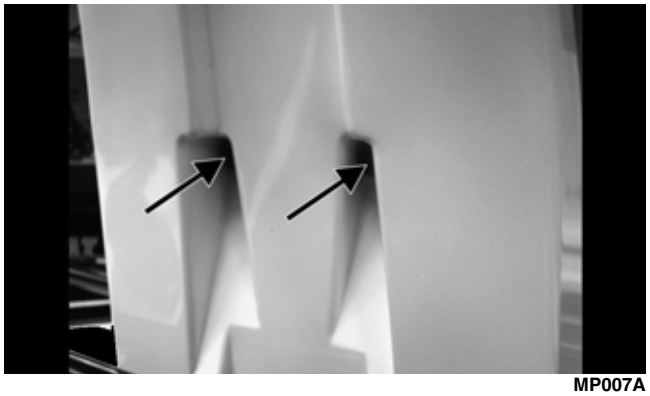

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5. Separate the front of the snorkel housing from the rear; then remove the snorkel housing.

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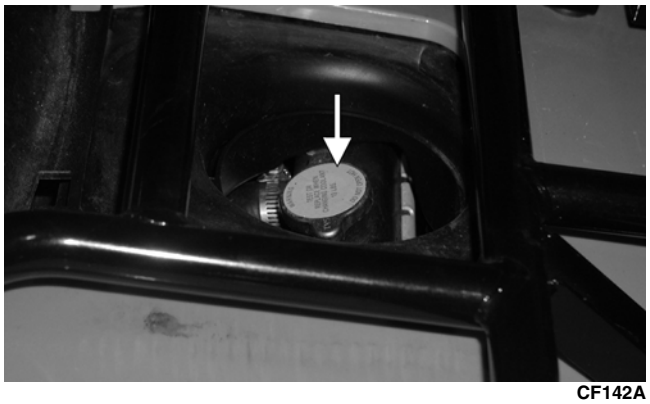
6. Remove two reinstallable rivets and remove the splash guard. The radiator cap can now be accessed in front of the snorkels.

7. Carefully rotate the radiator cap counterclockwise to release pressure; then remove the cap.



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8. Add coolant as necessary; then install the radiator cap and access panel or snorkel housing.

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

⚠ WARNING

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

CAUTION

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

Front Differential/Rear Drive Lubricant

■NOTE: On the 1000 models, the rear drive incorporates a shock-limiting clutch pack in the gear case input assembly that is designed to cushion driveline shock.

CAUTION

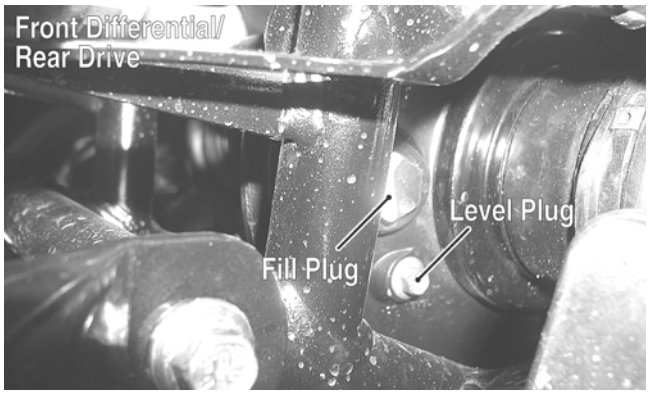
Any lubricant used in place of the recommended gear case lubricant could result in premature failure of the shock limiter. Do not use any lubricant containing graphite or molybdenum additives or other friction-modified lubricants as these may cause severe damage to shock limiter components.

When changing the lubricant, use approved SAE 80W-90 hypoid gear lube.

To check lubricant, remove the fill plug; the lubricant level should be 1 in. below the threads of the plug. If low, add SAE approved 80W-90 hypoid gear lubricant as necessary.

To change the lubricant, use the following procedure.

1. Place the ATV on level ground.
2. Remove each fill plug.



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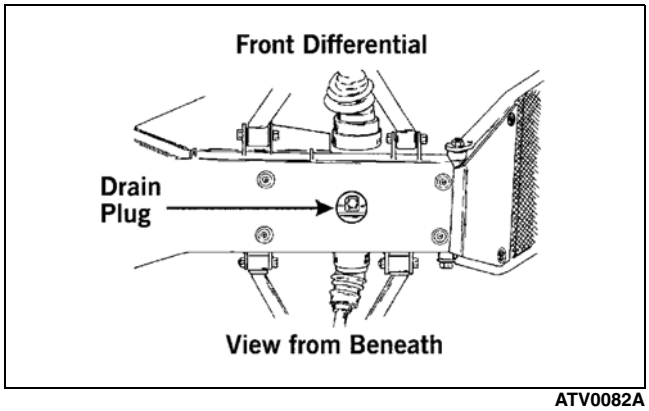
3. Drain the lubricant into a drain pan by removing in turn the drain plug from each.



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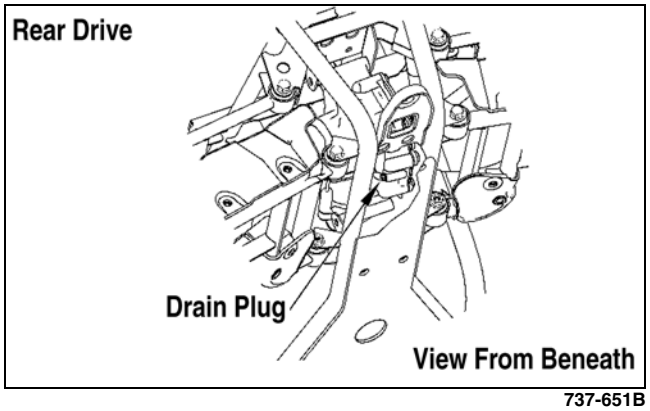

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4. After all the lubricant has been drained, install the drain plugs and tighten to 45 in.-lb.
5. Pour the appropriate amount of approved SAE 80W-90 hypoid gear lubricant into the filler hole.

■NOTE: If the differential/rear drive lubricant is contaminated with water, inspect the drain plug, fill plug, and/or bladder.

6. Install the fill plugs; then tighten to 16 ft-lb.

CAUTION

Water entering the outer end of the axle will not be able to enter the rear drive unless the seals are damaged.

Nuts/Bolts/Cap Screws

Tighten all nuts, bolts, and cap screws. Make sure rivets holding components together are tight. Replace all loose rivets. Care must be taken that all calibrated nuts, bolts, and cap screws are tightened to specifications (see Section 1).

Headlights/Taillight-Brakelight

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

⚠ WARNING

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

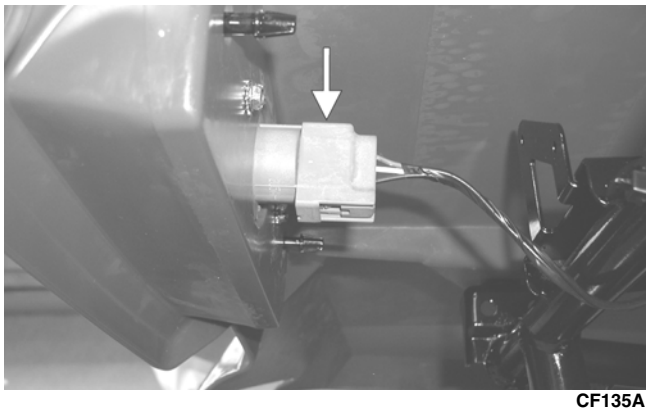
To replace a headlight bulb, use the following procedure.

1. Rotate the bulb assembly counterclockwise and remove from the headlight housing; then disconnect from the wiring harness.

2. Connect the new bulb assembly to the wiring harness connector; then insert into the headlight housing and rotate fully clockwise.

To replace the taillight-brakelight bulb, use the following procedure.

1. Turn the bulb socket assembly counterclockwise and remove from the housing.



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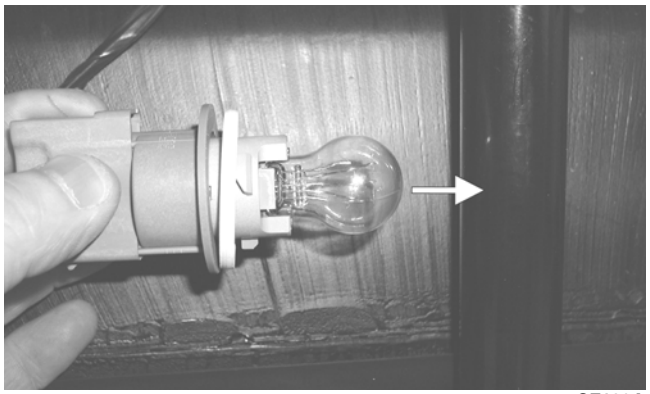
2. Pull the bulb straight out of the socket; then insert a new bulb.



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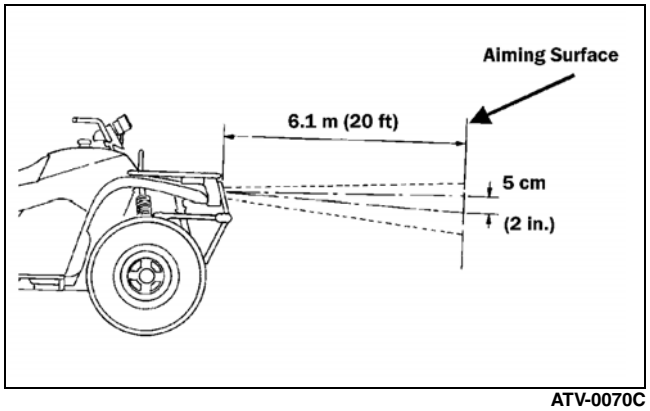
3. Insert the bulb socket assembly into the housing and turn it clockwise to secure.

CHECKING/ADJUSTING HEADLIGHT AIM

The headlights can be adjusted vertically and horizontally. The geometric center of the HIGH beam light zone is to be used for vertical and horizontal aiming.

1. Position the ATV on a level floor so the headlights are approximately 6.1 m (20 ft) from an aiming surface (wall or similar aiming surface).



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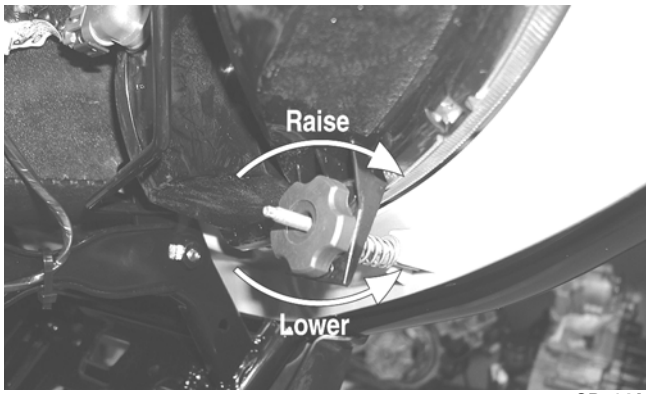
■NOTE: There should be an average operating load on the ATV when adjusting the headlight aim.

2. Measure the distance from the floor to the mid-point of each headlight.
3. Using the measurements obtained in step 2, make horizontal marks on the aiming surface.
4. Make vertical marks which intersect the horizontal marks on the aiming surface directly in front of the headlights.
5. Switch on the lights. Make sure the HIGH beam is on. DO NOT USE LOW BEAM.
6. Observe each headlight beam aim. Proper aim is when the most intense beam is centered on the vertical mark 5 cm (2 in.) below the horizontal mark on the aiming surface.
7. Adjust each headlight by turning the adjuster knob clockwise to raise the beam or counterclockwise to lower the beam.



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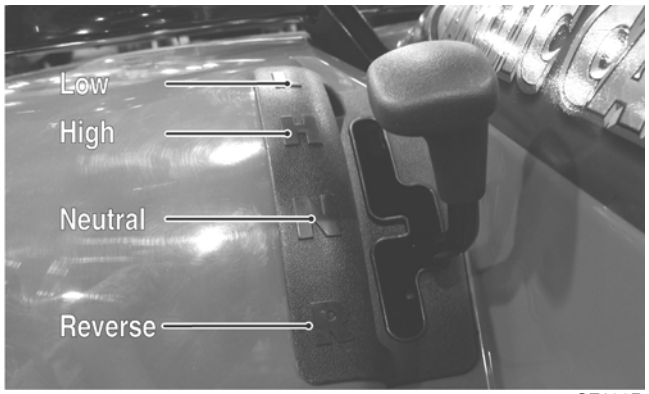
CHECKING ADJUSTMENT



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Stop the ATV completely and shift the transmission into the R position. The reverse gear indicator light should be illuminated.

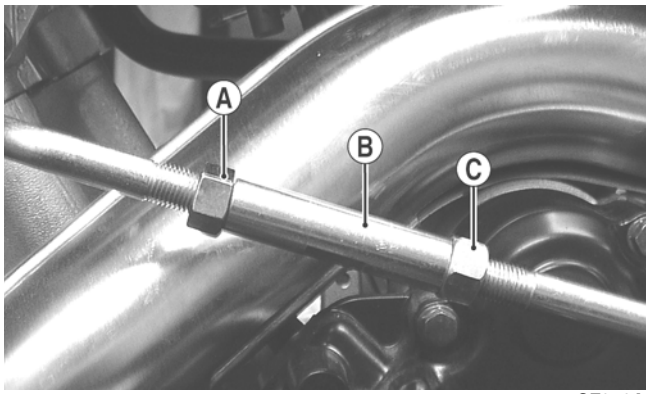
⚠ WARNING

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

If the reverse light does not illuminate when shifted to the reverse position, the switch may be faulty, the fuse may be blown, the bulb may be faulty, a connection may be loose or corroded, or the lever may need adjusting. To adjust, proceed to Adjusting Shift Lever.

ADJUSTING SHIFT LEVER

1. Remove the seat; then remove the left-side engine cover.
2. With the ignition switch in the ON position, loosen jam nut (A) (left-hand threads); then loosen jam nut (C) and with the shift lever in the reverse position, adjust the coupler (B) until the transmission is in reverse and the (R) icon appears on the LCD.



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3. Tighten the jam nuts securely; then shift the transmission to each position and verify correct adjustment.
4. Install the left-side engine cover and seat making sure the seat locks securely in place.

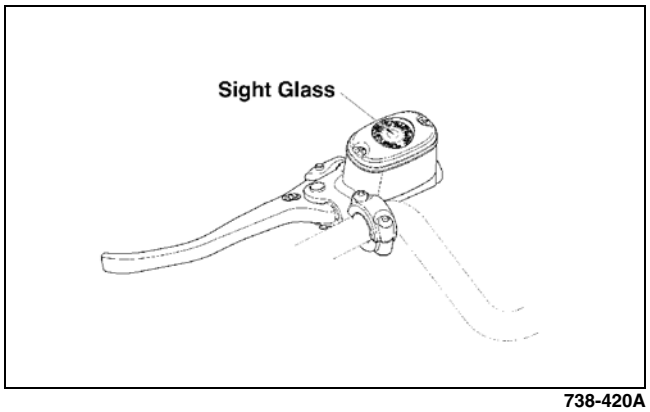
■NOTE: An E (Error) in the gear position icon indicates no signal or a poor ground wire connection in the circuit. Troubleshoot the harness connectors, gear position switch connector, gear position switch, and LCD connector.

Hydraulic Brake Systems

CHECKING/BLEEDING

The hydraulic brake systems have been filled and bled at the factory. To check and/or bleed a hydraulic brake system, use the following procedure.

1. With the master cylinder in a level position, check the fluid level in the reservoir. On the hand brake if the level in the reservoir is adequate, the sight glass will appear dark. If the level is low, the sight glass will appear clear. On the auxiliary brake, the level must be between the MIN and MAX lines on the reservoir.



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2. Compress the brake lever/pedal several times to check for a firm brake. If the brake is not firm, the system must be bled.
3. To bleed the main brake system, use the following procedure.

   A. Remove the cover and fill the reservoir with DOT 4 Brake Fluid; then install and secure the cover.

   B. Slowly compress the brake lever several times.

C. Remove the protective cap, install one end of a clear hose onto one FRONT bleeder screw, and direct the other end into a container; then while holding slight pressure on the brake lever, open the bleeder screw and watch for air bubbles. Close the bleeder screw before releasing the brake lever. Repeat this procedure until no air bubbles are present.

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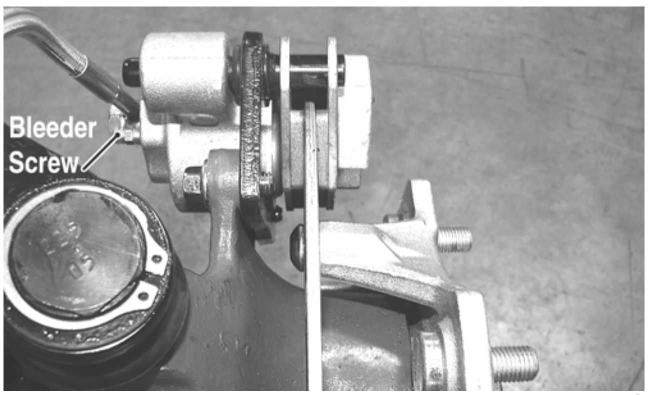

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■NOTE: During the bleeding procedure, watch the sight glass very closely to make sure there is always a sufficient amount of brake fluid. If low, refill the reservoir before the bleeding procedure is continued. Failure to maintain a sufficient amount of fluid in the reservoir will result in air in the system.

D. At this point, perform step B and C on the other FRONT bleeder screw; then move to the REAR bleeder screw and follow the same procedure.

E. Repeat step D until the brake lever is firm.

4. To bleed the auxiliary brake system, use the following procedure.

A. Remove the cover and fill the reservoir with DOT 4 Brake Fluid; then install and secure the cover.

B. Slowly compress the brake pedal several times.

C. Remove the protective cap, install one end of a clear hose onto the rear bleeder screw, and direct the other end into a container; then while holding slight pressure on the brake pedal, open the bleeder screw and watch for air bubbles. Close the bleeder screw before releasing the brake pedal. Repeat this procedure until no air bubbles are present.

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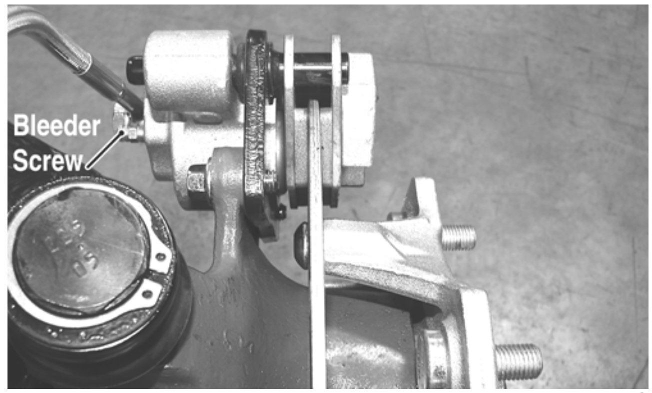

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■NOTE: During the bleeding procedure, watch the reservoir very closely to make sure there is always a sufficient amount of brake fluid. If low, refill the reservoir before the bleeding procedure is continued. Failure to maintain a sufficient amount of fluid in the reservoir will result in air in the system.

D. Repeat step B and C until the brake pedal is firm.

5. Carefully check the entire hydraulic brake system that all hose connections are tight, the bleed screws are tight, the protective caps are installed, and no leakage is present.

CAUTION

This hydraulic brake system is designed to use DOT 4 brake fluid only. If brake fluid must be added, care must be taken as brake fluid is very corrosive to painted surfaces.

INSPECTING HOSES

Carefully inspect the hydraulic brake hoses for cracks or other damage. If found, the brake hoses must be replaced.

CHECKING/REPLACING PADS

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

■NOTE: As brake pads wear, it may be necessary to "top-off" the brake fluid in the reservoir.

1. Remove a front wheel.