

Tips on Storing Your Snowmobile



When you plan to store your Snowmobile during off months, it is essential that you take a few extra precautions to ensure that your 'sled' is running the way you remember when you take it out next season. Following these simple steps will keep your Snowmobile running its best and protect your investment for years to come.

1. **Store you Snowmobile in a Cool, Dry Place.** Wash your sled prior to storage to remove dirt and rinse off the corrosive salts and acids. Use D.O.G.G.[®] Cleaner for stubborn areas -- then protect it with D.O.G.G.[®] Protector. Shield it from dust, by using a porous, not plastic, cover. Plastic may trap moisture and water inside the cover.

2. **Perform Some Basic Maintenance.** Some basic maintenance should be performed on your snowmobile before you store to ensure optimal performance of your sled once the snow falls. Procedures can vary depending on the brand and model of your snowmobile, so you you may want to have an experienced professional perform the service. At the very least, refer to your owner's manual for instructions on maintaining your sled.
 - **Fill your Tank with Fresh Gas & Use STA-BIL[®] Fuel Stabilizer.** The best solution is to fill your fuel tank 95% full with fresh fuel, and add STA-BIL[®] Fuel Stabilizer. STA-BIL[®] will keep your fuel fresh for up to 12 months. Make sure you read the directions carefully ... that little 10 ounce bottle will treat *25 gallons* of fuel (use 1 ounce per 2.5 gallons).

 - **Remove the Spark Plugs** and spray a branded storage oil, such as **STA-BIL[®] Fogging Oil** into the engine as directed, as well as on any exposed metal parts of the snowmobile. Make sure not to get oil on the brake pads, rotor, clutches or belt. Do not use a solvent type oil, such as penetrating oil or other aerosol light oils.

 - **Remove or Disconnect the Battery (for those snowmobiles with electric starters).** Store the battery in a place where it can be charged periodically during the summer months.

 - **Plug the Air Box Inlet and Exhaust Outlet** to ensure no mice or other rodents get in during storage.

- **Drain the chain-case and refill with the recommended fluid.**

- **Leave a minimum amount of air pressure in the air shock** (if snowmobile is equipped with one).

- **Grease all Grease Fittings (Zerk Fittings)** until grease comes out either near the base or at a relief valve.

- **Inspect the Lube on the Drive Chain** and lubricate, if needed.

- **Remove the Drive Belt**

- **Spray a Dry Lubricant on All Track Clips**

- **Wipe the seat with a lubricant**