

# YOUR ATV



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### *Extending the Life of your ATV....*

Just as our health practices can add or subtract years from our lives, so can how you care for your ATV affect its longevity. So what should be done to keep your ATV from aging too quickly?



#### **Regular maintenance is essential to long lasting performance.**

Clean your ATV of leftover mud and dirt after every ride.

A pressure washer on lower setting works well.

Follow all recommended fluid change intervals in the owner's manual. After muddy conditions, check all fluids for water ingestion and change the fluid immediately if water or any other contaminant is present as well as top off the grease inside the sealed bearings and treat all of the unsealed electrical connections with a high grade dielectric grease.

When an ATV is modified to improve performance, such as adding aggressive mud tires, some of the drivetrain components may be over-stressed. In some cases, additional after-market modifications may be necessary to help your ATV survive the initial mods.

Cover your ATV or store it in a garage as much as possible. This will add years to its life. The sun is brutal on exposed plastic, paint and rubber.

Change out the spark plug(s) annually.

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### *Summer Special*

**15% off**  
**Service**

**10% off Parts**

(\$50.00 minimum)

*Expires June 30, 2016*

**We can supply all your maintenance and weatherizing needs.**



- **Upgraded shocks**
- **Heavy duty half shafts and CV joints**
- **Covers, stock and custom-made, to accommodate gun racks, etc.**
- **General maintenance and service checks**
- **Installation of custom accessories**

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**Proper long term storage/"weatherizing" of your ATV:**

Long term disuse can lead to many forms of deterioration, **especially in hot weather.** Prepping your machine beyond regular maintenance is a must.

Gas tends to go bad when left for long periods and will clog the fuel delivery system. For plastic tanks, its best to drain all the fuel out of the tank including fuel lines and carburetor. For metal tanks in humid areas, do the opposite – fill up and add fuel stabilizer.

Spray WD40 in the exhaust pipe to prevent rust. Then cover it and the air ducts with tape to keep out rodents and insects. Just be sure to remove the tape before you start your ATV again.

For ATVs being stored in hot weather, the battery must be removed completely and stored fully charged in a cool place.

Change the oil and filter and let your engine idle for a few minutes to bathe moving parts with the new oil.

Completely clean your ATV. Soap, rinse and lubricate anything that takes grease including the cables. Use protectant on you plastic and WD40 on all raw and polished metal surfaces.

Store your ATV out of the elements. Cover with a breathable fabric, never plastic. Use an ATV cover if possible.

Check for loose nuts and bolts and cables and tighten anything that needs it.

Inflate the tires to the max and use blocks to lift it off the ground to remove stress from the suspension.

Run your ATV for a good half hour every 2-3 weeks to warm it up, charge the battery and keep the moving parts lubricated.

**New and Used Parts  
for Sale**

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