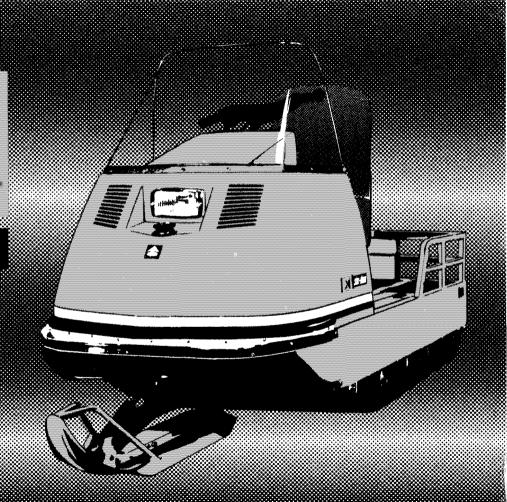
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Owner's Manual





We wish J. Armand Bombardier could be around to see that millionth machine come off the production line this year. What would the inventor of the snowmobile think about today's jetage styling? Or the incredible technical advances under the sleek cowling? We think he'd be amazed -- and proud.

In this year of the millionth machine, J. Armand Bombardier would have a lot to be proud about. First of all, a million is an impressive number of machines. But there's something more important than quantity. The Ski-Doo\* line-up of today reflects all the experience and know-how gained from the making of a million machines.

At Bombardier, we've had time to learn all the tricks of power and flotation. We've found out the pitfalls of operating an engine in freezing conditions over every conceivable winter terrain. And our experience shows. It shows in Ski-Doo\* styling, performance and dependability.

Another thing our founder wouldn't recognize is the factory. From its start in a small garage, it's grown into the most advanced snowmobile factory in the world. Bombardier employs designers, engineers, specialists and craftsmen by the thousand. They put every Ski-Doo\* through its paces, both in the versatile test laboratory, and on our outdoor speed track.

We've discovered that the best testing ground of all is the race track. We're in racing not only to win, but to learn. This year, we've been able to make some pretty impressive technical improvements to all our machines -- improvements made on the track to help you on the trail.

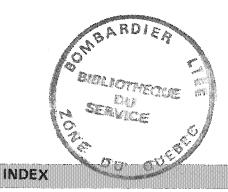
It adds up to a machine you can depend on, all the time. Your Ski-Doo\* will give you excellent performance in all weathers, on all terrains. Look after it well, and it will serve you well. Your Ski-Doo dealer is always ready with information, parts and accessories. He is backed up by an international Ski-Doo distributor and Dealer network whose factory trained personnel are equipped to give you prompt and efficient service wherever you are in snow country.

Ride safe ... and have fun!

Laurent Beaudoin President Bombardier Limited

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# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW . . . before first ride.

To many of us, Winter is a revealing experience. Weather, atmospheric conditions, snow surfaces, individual driving habits and vehicle usage have considerable affects. We ask that you familiarize yourself with them . . . read the owner's manual; it has been prepared to acquaint you with the operation of your vehicle, its safety aspects and systems as well as preventative maintenance procedures that must be periodically upheld . . . all aimed toward a more enjoyable Winter season.

# Observe the following precautions:

- Throttle mechanism should be checked for free movement before starting engine.
- Engine should be running **only when** pulley guard is secured in place.
- Never run engine without drive belt installed. Running an unloaded engine

can prove to be dangerous.

- **Never** run the engine at high R.P.M. when the tracks of the vehicle are raised off the ground.
- It can be dangerous to run engine with the **cab open.**
- Prolonged sitting while riding over rough terrain may cause kidney and/or spinal discomfort, specially for the driver or passenger having an existing back weakness.
- Gasoline is flammable and explosive under certain conditions. Always perform procedures in a well ventilated area. Do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks in the vicinity. If gasoline fumes are noticed while driving, the cause should be determined and corrected without delay.
- Under no circumstances should you wear loose clothing or scarves that could become entangled with moving

parts of your snowmobile.

- Your snowmobile **is not** designed to be operated on public streets, road or highways. In most States and Provinces, it is considered an **illegal** operation.
- Hidden telephone guy wires or roadside ditches can cause serious accidents.
- Your snowmobile is not designed to be driven or operated on black top, bare earth, or other abrasive surfaces. Abnormal and excessive wear of critical parts is inevitable.
- Always wear an approved snowmobile safety helmet. Be informed on local laws legislating the sport.
- Maintain your vehicle in top mechanical condition at all times.

Please read and understand all other warnings contained elsewhere in this manual.





We recommend you contact your local Authorized Ski-Doo dealer when your Ski-Doo snowmobile requires service. However, for further inquiries, you may contact your Regional Distributor listed below.

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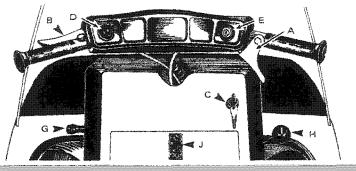
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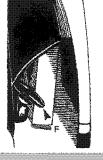
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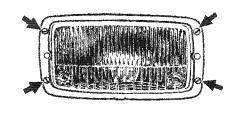
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#### CONTROLS/INSTRUMENTS

Steering

Rotation of the handlebar causes a push pull action on the steering linkage and forces the ski to turn in the required direction. Incorporated in the crash padded handlebar are the dimmer switch, kill button, brake and throttle levers.

## Throttle Lever (A)

Located on right side of handlebar. When depressed, the lever controls the engine speed and the engagement of the transmission. When lever is released engine speed returns automatically to idle.

#### Brake Lever (B)

Located on left side of handlebar. When lever is depressed, the brake is applied. When released, it automatically returns to its original position. Braking effect is proportionate to the applied pressure on the lever.

# Ignition/Light Switch (C)

(Manual Models only)

Key operated, 3 position switch (OFF/ON/LIGHTS). To start engine, first turn key clockwise to ON position. To stop engine, turn key counter-clockwise to OFF position. Turning key fully clockwise with engine running, illuminates both headlamp and taillight.

# Ignition/Light Switch

(Electric Models only)

Key operated, 4 position switch, (OFF/LIGHTS/ON/START). To start engine, turn key fully clockwise to START position and hold. Return key to ON position **immediately** engine has started. To illuminate both headlamp and taillight turn key to LIGHTS position.

# Headlamp Dimmer Switch (D)

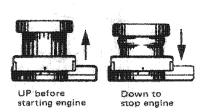
The dimmer switch, located on left side of handlebar, allows correct selection of headlamp beam. To obtain Hi or Low beam simply depress switch.

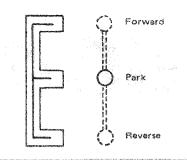
**Note:** The angle of your headlamp beam has been pre-adjusted prior to delivery. Should you wish readjustment, remove headlamp chrome ring and turn upper or lower adjusting screws to obtain desired beam position.

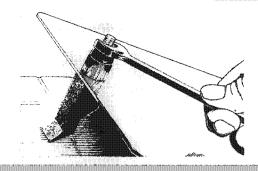
## Kill Button (E)

A push button switch located on right side of handlebar. For emergency stops, press button down into **lower** position. Before re-starting engine always depress button into released **upper** position.

The driver of this vehicle should familiarize himself with the function of this device by using it several times on first outing, thereby being mentally prepared







for emergency situations requiring its use. After such a situation, the source of malfunction should be determined and corrected before re-starting engine.

Manual Starter (F)

Auto-rewind type located at lower right side of console. To start engine, pull handle. (See Starting Procedure)

Choke (G)

A push-pull button. Pull button to engage choke, push to disengage. The choke should always be used for easier cold engine starts. After engine is warmed up however, it is not necessary to use choke when starting.

Gear Shift Lever (H)

A 3 position, (FÖRWARD/PARK/RE-VERSE) gear shift lever. Push **up** for forward, **center** for park and **down** for reverse.

Warning: Do not activate gear shift lever while snowmobile is in motion. Never run the engine at high R.P.M. when lever is in park position.

Access Door (J)

To gain access to the carburetor or spark plugs, lift pressure lock tab and pull open access door. To adjust locking device turn nut in required direction.

Fuel Gauge

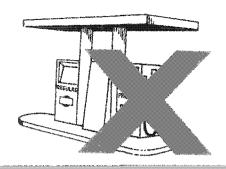
Graduated dipstick gauge with screw on fuel tank cap. Unscrew cap and withdraw dipstick to check fuel level.

# Seat Compartment

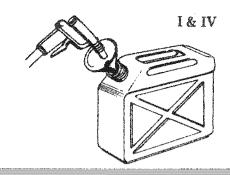
Remove backrest and tilt seat. Ideal location for spare plugs, belt, rope, etc.

Tips

Emergency materials should be wrapped in foam or similar material. This will prevent possible damage to breakable items when traveling over rough or bumpy terrain.



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# **FUEL MIXING**

With Ski-Doo snowmobiles, the **oil** must be added to the **gasoline** in pre-measured amounts then both oil and gasoline should be thoroughly mixed together **before** fueling the tank.

#### Which Gasoline to Use

The correct gasoline is **regular** gasoline. (not less than 92 octane), available from all service stations.

Caution: Never experiment with other than recommended fuels or fuel ratios. Never use no lead gasoline\*, naphta, methanol or similar products.

#### Which Oil to Use

Use **concentrated** Ski-Doo oil available from your Ski-Doo dealer. This type of oil has specially formulated oil bases to meet the lubrication requirements of the Bombardier-Rotax engine.

†Tests are not conclusive enough therefore we do not recommend the use of no-lead gasolines. **Caution:** The carburetors of the 1974 Ski-Doo snowmobile have been calibrated for a mixture of gasoline and concentrated Ski-Doo oil.

Unless absolutely necessary, do not use regular snowmobile oil. If such oil is used, observe mixing instructions on the container. Never use outboard or straight mineral oils.

#### **Fuel Mixing Ratio**

The importance of using the correct fuel mixture cannot be overstressed. Prior experience has shown that an incorrect fuel ratio results in serious engine damage. The correct fuel/oil ratio is 50/1.

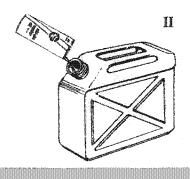
5 gallons, recommended gasoline plus 1 can Ski-Doo oil = correct fuel mixture.

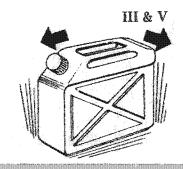
**Note:** To facilitate fuel mixing, oil should be kept at room temperature.

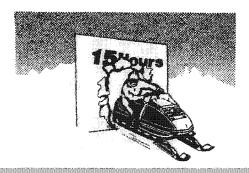
## **Fuel Mixing Procedure**

To mix the gasoline and oil always use a separate clean container. Never mix directly in your snowmobile tank. For best results, acquire two containers, either plastic or metal. Draw from one until empty then use the second one.

Warning: Gasoline is flammable and explosive under certain conditions. Always perform procedures in a well ventilated area. Do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks in the vicinity. If gasoline fumes are noticed while driving, the cause should be determined and corrected without delay. Never add fuel while engine is running.







## BREAK-IN

- 1. Pour approximately one gallon of gasoline into a clean container.
- 2. Add the full amount of concentrated Ski-Doo oil.
- 3. Shake the container thoroughly.
- 4. Add the remainder of the gasoline.
- 5. Once again thoroughly agitate the container. Using a funnel with a fine mesh screen to prevent the entry of water and foreign particles, transfer mixture from container into the snowmobile tank.

**Note:** When using pre-mixed fuel, always shake the container thoroughly as the oil has a tendency to settle.

Warning: Never 'top up' gas tank before placing vehicle in a warm area. At certain temperatures, gasoline will expand and overflow.

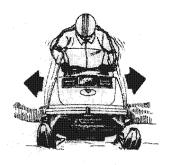
## Fuel consumption

A good idea is for you to rate the fuel consumption of your snowmobile at the first opportunity. Starting with a full fuel tank, mark the time of your departure then note time elapsed until tank is half-full. Repeat on different occasions to get a mean average of your snowmobiles' consumption and length of running time under varying conditions.

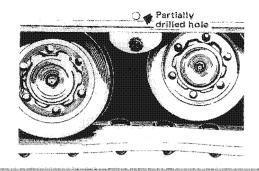
With Ski-Doo snowmobile engines, a break-in period is required **before** running the vehicle at full throttle. Manufacturer's recommendation for the Bombardier-Rotax engine is 10 to 15 operating hours. During this period, maximum throttle should not exceed %. However, brief full accelerations and speed variations contribute to a good break-in. Continued wide open throttle accelerations, prolonged 'cruising' speeds and lugging are detrimental during the break-in period.

#### Inspection

After the break-in period, we suggest that each Ski-Doo snowmobile has an inspection check. This inspection is at the discretion and expense of the vehicle owner.







#### PRE-START CHECK

**Fuel Tank Quantity** 

Check that there is sufficient fuel in the tank for your trip. A good habit to acquire is to refill the tank before starting out each day.

Since mixed fuel has a tendency to settle overnight, agitate the fuel in the tank by standing on the footboards and rocking the vehicle from side to side.

**Steering Operation** 

Check operation of steering mechanism by moving the ski several times from side to side. If roughness or binding is felt, check for ice or snow that may be blocking the mechanism.

## Throttle and Brake

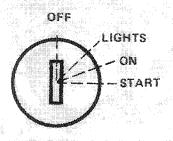
Depress and release levers several times to check that they operate easily and smoothly. The throttle lever should return to the idle position when released. The brake lever should be fully applied when it has minimum clearance from the handlebar grip (see Maintenance, Brake). If the levers do not return swiftly, remove cables and/or housings and replace. Re-check lever operation.

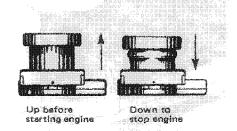
Warning: Throttle mechanism should be checked for free movement before starting engine. Once all components are checked and functioning properly, you can start your Ski-Doo snowmobile.

Tips

By raising the outer attachment of the bogie wheel sets vehicle manoeuverability in deep snow will increase. You will note that there are partially drilled holes, located approx. 1%" above the original cross shaft holes of the frame. To reposition bogie wheel sets, drill holes fully through using a %" dia. drill. Remove capscrews securing bogie wheel cross shafts to frame and reinstall in new position.

**Note:** Once holes have been drilled, both positions are interchangeable.





#### STARTING PROCEDURE

Warning: Never run the engine at high RPM when the tracks of the vehicle are raised off the ground.

**Note:** Before starting the engine make sure the kill button is in the released upper position.

# **Electric Starting:**

- 1. Insert key in ignition switch.
- 2. Engage choke. (Choke is not necessary if engine is warmed up).
- 3. Test throttle operation then apply throttle lever slightly.
- 4. Turn ignition key clockwise until starter engages.

**Caution:** Do not engage starter longer than 30 seconds. If engine does not start on first try, key must be turned fully back to OFF each time. Allow starter to cool for 2 minutes before repeating procedure.

5. Release throttle and key immedi-

ately engine has started. Disengage choke.

6. Allow the engine to warm up before operating at full throttle.

**Caution:** Never operate the Ski-Doo snowmobile with the battery removed or disconnected.

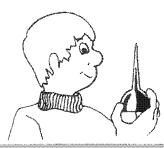
Flooding

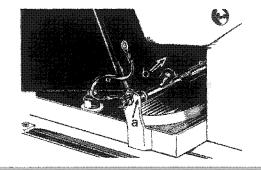
If cold engine is difficult to start, continued choking will only lead to a 'flooded' condition.

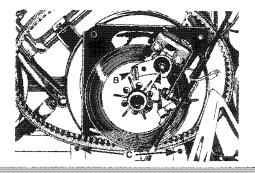
If engine has not started after the first few trys but appears ready to start, return choke to OFF position. Depress throttle lever fully and try to start the engine.

Warning: Release throttle lever immediately after engine starts.

If engine will not start, check for possible cause.







#### LUBRICATION

## Frequency of Lubrication

It is recommended that the steering mechanism and suspension be lubricated monthly or after every 40 hours of operation. However, if the vehicle is operated in wet snow, the suspension and steering system should be lubricated more frequently.

#### Cab Removal

Unlock latches (2), disconnect junction block at right side of engine, remove fuel tank cap and lift cab.

Warning: It can be dangerous to run engine with cab off.

## **Pulley Guard Removal**

- 1. Remove cab.
- 2. Pull out retaining clip and push on spring bolt to disengage pin from bracket.
- 3. Move pulley guard toward front of vehicle to disengage it from bracket.

Warning: Engine should be running only when pulley guard is secured in place.

#### Drive Belt Removal

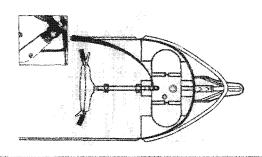
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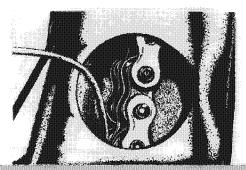
- 1. Remove cab and pulley guard.
- 2. Remove hair cotter pin and slacken brake adjusting screw (A). Disengage brake housing from lower brake lever (B). 3. Remove the two (2) bolts holding
- lower disc brake bracket to the frame (C). Disconnect light switch connector. Pivot the brake bracket assembly half a
- 4. Open the driven pulley. Twist and

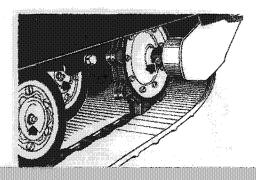
push the sliding half then **hold** in open position.

- 5. Slip the belt out from the drive pulley and remove from vehicle by passing it under the driven pulley and disc brake assembly.
- 6. To install drive belt follow reverse procedure. Check brake adjustment.

Warning: Never run the engine without drive belt installed. Running an unloaded engine can prove to be dangerous.







Steering Mechanism

Using light machine oil, lubricate the spring located on top of steering column housing. Allow oil to run in. Oil the mobile contact point at bottom end of steering arm. Using a small brush, dipped in low temp grease, lubricate steering arm ball joint. Grease the ski leg at grease fitting until new grease appears at the joint. Lubricate spring coupler bolt with oil.

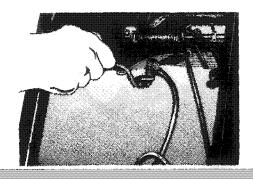
#### Gear Box Oil Level

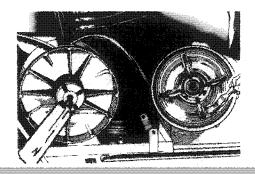
The 440ER models have an oil capacity of 12 ozs. The 640ER model has an oil capacity of 16 ozs. To check level:

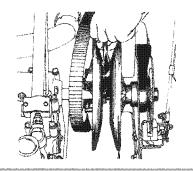
1. Remove rubber inspection cover located on bottom right side of gear box.
2. Using a rigid piece of wire as dipstick, check oil level. On 440ER models, oil level must reach 2 1/4" on dipstick. On 640ER model, oil level must reach 3 1/4". To fill, remove filler cap (red cap), from top of gear box. Refill as required using Ski-Doo chaincase oil.

# Suspension

Grease the suspension bogie wheels with low-temp grease, using a low pressure grease gun. Pump through the grease fitting at the centre of each wheel until new grease appears at the joint of inner side of shaft. To grease the inner side bogie wheels tilt vehicle on its side and apply pressure on track to expose grease fittings. Also grease rear axles at grease fittings.







**Drive Pulley** 

**Note:** The drive pulley of the Alpine 640ER model is self-lubricating and requires manual lubrication only at storage.

- 1. Remove cab and pulley guard then slip off drive belt.
- 2. Remove centrifugal governor as follows:
  - Remove spark plugs and position the left side (P.T.O.) piston ¾" to 1¼" before top dead center, making sure that the piston closes the exhaust port.
  - Accede by the spark plug hole and pack the cylinder with %₅" dia.
  - rope.

     Pull manual starter to rotate crankshaft until piston bears against "cushioning"
  - Unscrew centrifugal bolt, remove centrifugal governor, outer half and spring then pull rope from spark

plug hole.

3. Thoroughly clean the inner pulley shaft using fine steel wool and a clean cloth.

- 4. Apply a light coat of approved grease to the four (4) flyweights of the centrifugal governor.
- 5. Install spring and outer half. Making sure that the aligning mark on inner pulley half coincides with the aligning mark of the outer pulley half, pack inside of pulley shaft with low-temp, grease.
- 6. Using light machine oil, lubricate the governor bolt threads and install gover-

nor. Torque bolt to 33-40 ft/lbs.

Note: Installation procedure is reversed insuring that the rope is inserted into same cylinder when piston is %" approx. after top dead center.

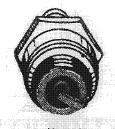
Warning: Make sure that the governor bolt is fully tightened before removing rope from cylinder. Driven pulley

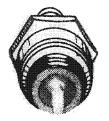
With cab removed, grease the driven pulley shaft as follows:

- 1. Remove pulley guard and slip off drive belt. Open the driven pulley, (push and twist sliding half).
- 2. Thoroughly clean the driven pulley shaft.
- 3. Apply a light coat of low-temp grease on the shaft. Always lubricate lightly and wipe off surplus.

Note: Activate the sliding half several times to distribute lubricant over full length of shaft. Be careful that lubricant does not get on inner halves of pulley.







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# MAINTENANCE

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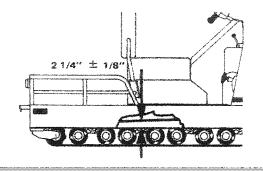
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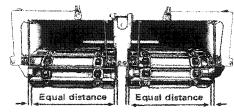
- Open access door. Disconnect spark plug wires and remove plugs.
- 2. Check condition of plugs.
  - A brownish tip reflects ideal conditions, (proper carburetor adjustment, spark plug heat range, etc.)
  - A black insulator tip indicates fouling caused by: carburetor idle speed mixture too rich, incorrect fuel mixing ratio, wrong type of spark plug (heat range), or excessive idling.
  - A light grey insulator tip indicates a lean mixture caused by; carburetor idle speed mixture adjusted too lean, wrong spark plug heat range, incorrect fuel mixing ratio, or a leaking seal or gasket.

Caution: Having a spark plug with too hot a heat range will cause serious engine damage if the severity of engine operating conditions are greater than the plugs' intended range.

- 3. Check spark plug gap using a wire feeler gauge. Gap must be .020".
- 4. Reinstall plugs and connect wires.

**Caution:** If when checking spark plug color, you find that the engine is not running under ideal conditions, contact your authorized Ski-Doo dealer.





(W2) Battery

Remove battery caps then check electrolyte level at each cell. Electrolyte level must touch bottom of filler hole. If necessary, add distilled water.

(W3) Suspension Springs

With engine **off**, visually inspect suspension springs. Replace any weak or broken spring.

(W4) Tracks

Lift rear of vehicle and support it off the ground. Place gear shift lever in forward position. With engine off, rotate tracks by hand and inspect condition. If bad cuts or missing track inserts are noted, see your dealer.

**Note:** Without these inserts continual abrasion would wear and cut the track therefore, always replace a missing or damaged insert as soon as possible.

(W5) Track Tension and Alignment

Lift the rear of vehicle and support it off the ground. Using a rule, check track tension.

On Alpine model, check measure at the second set of bogie wheels from rear. The tension of each track should be  $2\frac{1}{4}$ "  $\pm \frac{1}{8}$ " between top inside edge of track and bottom of footboard.

To adjust track use the following procedure:

1. Loosen link plate spring lock nuts (4) located on inner side of link plate springs.

2. Turn outer side adjuster bolt(s) clockwise to tighten track(s), counter-clockwise to slacken.

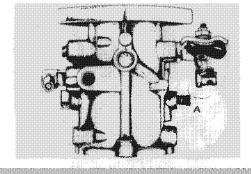
3. Start engine and allow tracks to rotate **slowly**. Check if tracks are well centered and turn evenly on the rear

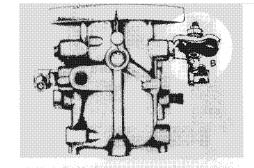
sprockets. The distance between track edges and link plates should be equal.

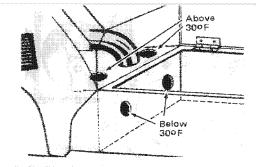
To correct:

- 1. Turn inner side adjuster bolt(s) counter-clockwise to bring track closer to center link plate(s), turn clockwise to withdraw track(s) from link plate(s).
- 2. Tighten link plate spring lock nuts.
- 3. Rotate tracks slowly and recheck 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, feet and clothing clear of track.







(W6) Carburetor Adjustment Maximum Throttle Opening

With engine off, unscrew the Idle Speed Adjusting Screw until a gap exists between screw end and carburetor shaft lever. Depress the throttle lever at handlebar and hold. Throttle butterfly should be horizontal when the lever gently touches the handlebar grip. To adjust for maximum opening, loosen screw at point where cable joins carburetor lever.

With finger, hold carburetor throttle lever in fully open position (up), pull cable downward until taut. Retighten screw.

Warning: Before starting engine, carburetor throttle lever must return to idle position by contacting with the tip of Idle Speed Adjusting Screw. Never start engine unless this situation is verified.

Idle Mixture Adjustment (A)

A primary adjustment (with engine off) should be made by first turning Idle Mixture Screw fully clockwise until closed. Back off screw 3/4 of a turn counterclockwise.

**Note:** Do not close too tightly as needle and/or seat can be damaged

For final adjustment, start engine and allow it to warm up. Turn Idle Mixture Screw until engine reaches maximum R.P.M. and obtain a steady idle and a fast response of the engine to the throttle.

Idle Speed Adjustment (B)

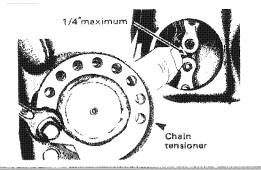
Turn the Idle Speed Adjusting Screw clockwise to increase idling speed, counter-clockwise to decrease:

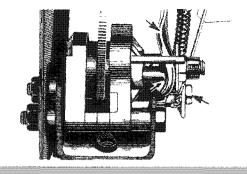
## Air Silencer Box

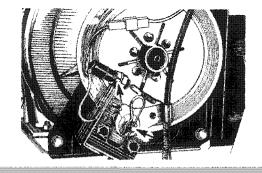
Located in the front section of the storage compartment. When operating the vehicle in temperatures exceeding 30°F the two (2) rubber plugs must block the engine side orifices to allow cold air circulation. In temperatures below 30°F the plugs must be repositioned to block the seat side orifices. This will trap the warm air being emitted from the engine and direct it to the carburetor. Plug seating determines circulating air temperatures.

Caution: Observe temperature changes and locate plugs accordingly. Incorrect location of plugs may cause carburetor ice-up or engine overheating. Clothing, placed in underseat compartment, can restrict the plug/seat air

flow.







(W7) Drive Belt Condition

With engine **off**, inspect drive belt. If belt is less than %" wide or if it shows abnormal or uneven wear it should be replaced.

**Note:** Probable cause of abnormal wear is pulley misalignment. Contact your dealer.

#### (W8) Drive Chain Tension

Run vehicle forward so that true freeplay can be taken. Check tension then turn driven pulley ½ turn counter-clockwise and recheck. Starting from maximum reading, adjust chain tension to ¼" free-play.

- 1. Remove capscrew locking chain tensioner in place. (Tensioner is located at bottom left of gear box).
- 2. Rotate the tensioner as required to obtain correct chain tension.
- 3. Replace capscrew to lock chain tensioner in place.

#### (M1) Carburetor Flange Nuts

After the first 2 hours of operation, check tightness of carburetor flange nuts. Open tab locks, tighten nuts and close tab locks.

**Caution:** Tab locks must be replaced after opening them three times.

#### (M2) Brake

Brake should be fully applied when lever is 1" from handlebar. To adjust:

- 1. With cab removed, slacken cable lock nut located at cable end nearest frame. Manoeuver the lower brake lever and brake cable until the pin pushers are seated directly in the "cam" of brake lever. Lock cable in position.
- 2. Tighten the caliper nut until a disc/puck friction is felt. Back off nut slightly.
- 3. Check operation of brake.

Note: Always check the stop light to see if it functions after performing brake adjustment. To adjust, loosen stop-light switch lock nuts and adjust to proper length.

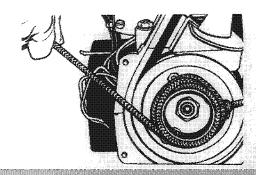
# (M3) Steering Adjustment

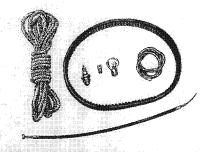
Ski should be perpendicular to handle-bar. To align:

- 1. Remove bolt securing handlebar to steering column.
- 2. Remove handlebar to expose splined end of steering column.
- 3. Reposition handlebar on splines so that it is perpendicular with ski. Install and fully tighten bolt.

#### (M4) Engine Head Nuts

After the first 5 hours of operation, check that engine head nuts are tight and equally torqued (16 to 18 ft/lbs when **cold**). Repeat monthly.





#### **EMERGENCY GUIDE**

#### (M5) Engine Mount Nuts

With cab and console removed, check engine mount nuts. Retighten if necessary.

#### (M6) Vehicle General Inspection

With cab removed, check electrical wiring and components, retighten loose connections. Check for stripped wires or damaged insulation. Repair or replace as necessary. Thoroughly inspect the vehicle and tighten loose bolts, nuts and linkage. Install cab and clean the chassis.

#### **Burnt Liaht Bulb**

If headlamp is burnt, stop engine and remove cab. Unfasten bulb retainer clips. Detach bulb and replace. If taillight is burnt, expose bulb by removing red plastic lens. To remove, unscrew the two (2) Phillips head screws.

Note: Before replacing bulb, check condition of fuse.

#### **Broken Throttle Cable**

Remove throttle cable and replace. Check lever operation. If necessary replace housing. **Do not** start the engine until levers return swiftly.

#### **Broken Rewind Starter Rope**

Abuse of the rewind starter may cause the rope to fray and break. Should this situation erise, remove starter unit using 10 mm wrench supplied in tool kit. Transfer rope grip to your emergency rope. Place starter unit in seat compart-

ment. Make a knot at the end of emergency starter rope and wind rope around starter pulley. Pull vigorously as per usual manual start. See your dealer for immediate repair of starter unit.

#### **Emergency Materials**

In addition to those tools which the manufacturer provides, you should also carry the following:

Tools: General Purpose Pliers—Adjustable Wrench (¾" opening)—Flashlight.

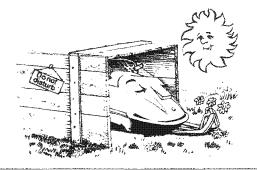
**Spare Parts:** Spark Plug—Drive belt—Headlamp and Taillight bulbs—Throttle Cable and Housing—Starting and towing rope—Fuse

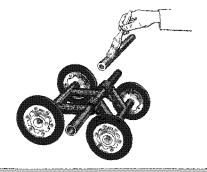
Important: Always carry spare plugs and drive belt

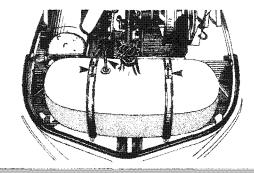
# TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

Symptoms	Possible Causes	What To Do
Engine turns over but fails to start or starts with difficulty  1. No fuel to the engine 2. Spark plug		Check the tank level and fill up with correct gas-oil mixture. Check for possible clogging of fuel line, item 5.
	Check for fouled or defective spark plug. Disconnect spark plug wire, unscrew plug and remove from cylinder head. Reconnect wire and ground exposed plug on engine head, being careful to hold away from spark plug hole. Follow engine starting procedure and check for spark. If no sparks appear, replace spark plug. If trouble persists, check item 3.	
	3. Faulty ignition	Disconnect spark plug wire from plug, unscrew the spark plug cap then hold wire about '%'' from the cylinder head. Follow engine starting procedure and if no sparks appear, it means a faulty ignition system. Do not attempt to repair. Contact your dealer.
	4. Flooded engine	Disengage choke, wait 60 seconds or more then depress throttle lever fully and try to start engine. Release throttle lever immediately after engine starts.
5. Clogged fuel line (water or dirt)	Remove and clean the fuel filter. Change filter cartridge if necessary. Check condition and connections of fuel lines, Check the cleanliness of the fuel tank, Clean tank if necessary. (See Fuel Tank, Storage Section).	
	6. Faulty Carburetor	First make primary adjustments on carburetor (See Maintenance Section). If carburetor is still faulty, contact your dealer for repair.
	7. Too much oil in fuel	Drain the fuel tank and refill with the correct gas/oil mixture.
200	8. Breaker points	Breaker points may be worn or out of adjustment. Contact your dealer.
	9. Poor engine compression	Running with a lean fuel mixture may produce excessive engine wear resulting in poor engine compression. If this occurs, contact your dealer at once.
Engine will not turn manually	1. Seized engine	In the case of a seized engine, contact your dealer. Seizure is a direct result of poor lubrication.

Symptoms	Possible Causes	What To Do
Engine will not start Note: If failure is in starting system, engine	1. Battery	Check condition of battery by turning lights ON. If lights are dim or out, battery may be discharged or defective. Contact your dealer. If battery is good check item 2.
	2. Poor connections	Check for loose or corroded battery or starter connections, Tighten and clean if neces sary. Try to restart engine electrically.
will start manually	3 Starter	If connections are tight and battery is in working order, most probable cause of trouble is defective starter. Contact your dealer for repair.
acceleration or power spark plus 2. Clogged (water or 3. Carburet	Fouled or defective spark plug	Check item 2 of "Engine turns over but fails to start or starts with difficulty"
	2. Clogged fuel line (water or dirt)	Check fuel line condition. (See item 5 of "Engine turns over but fails to start or starts with difficulty").
	3. Carburetor	Readjust the carburetor. (See Maintenance Section). If trouble persists, contact your dealer.
	4. Defective ignition	First check item 2 and 3 of "Engine turns over but fails to start or starts with diffi- culty". If the ignition system still seems defective, contact your dealer.
	5 Engine	If unable to locate specific symptoms, contact your dealer.
Engine contin-	1. Faulty spark plug	Check item 2 of "Engine turns over but fails to start or starts with difficulty".
ually backfires	2. Overheated	Contact your dealer.
	3. Engine timing incorrectly set	Contact your dealer.
Snowmobile	1. Drive belt	Check for defective or worn drive belt. Replace if necessary.
cannot reach full speed	2. Incorrect track adjustment	Check track tension and alignment. Readjust to specifications. (See Maintenance Section).
	3. Faulty engine	Check items 1 to 5 of "Engine lacks acceleration or power"
	4. Pulley misaligned	Contact your dealer.







#### **OFF-SEASON STORAGE**

It is during Summer, or when a vehicle is not in use for a month or more, that proper storage is a **necessity**. If you lack the time or proper tools, be sure to see your authorized Ski-Doo dealer.

## (S1) Tracks

1. Inspect tracks for cuts, missing track inserts or broken rods and make any necessary replacement.

2. Lift rear of vehicle until tracks are clear of ground then support with brace or trestle. The Ski-Doo snowmobile should be stored in such a way that the tracks do not stay in contact with cement floor or bare ground.

Note: The tracks should be rotated periodically, (every 40 days).

## (S2) Suspension

- 1. Remove the bogie wheel sets from the vehicle.
- 2. Remove cross shaft from bogie wheel set. Clean bogie wheel assembly

and cross shaft of dirt or rust.

3. Grease each bogie wheel until all old grease is flushed out.

4. Spray bogie wheel springs with Ski-Doo metal protector. If unavailable, wipe with cloth or rag soaked in oil. Check condition of shaft and replace if bent or worn. Apply a coat of low temp. grease on cross shaft.

5. Reassemble entire bogie wheel set, making sure assembly moves freely.

6. Reinstall bogie wheel set:

7. Repeat above steps on remaining bogie wheel sets.

8. Lubricate rear hubs through grease fittings.

## (S3) Ski Assembly

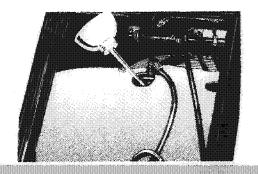
- 1. Wash or brush all dirt or rust accumulation from ski and spring.
- 2. Grease ski leg at grease fitting.
- 3. Check condition of ski runner. Replace if worn.

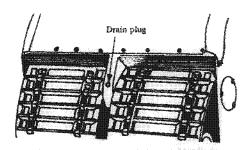
4. Apply Ski-Doo metal protector on ski assembly. If unavailable, wipe the entire ski with a cloth soaked in oil to prevent rust formation.

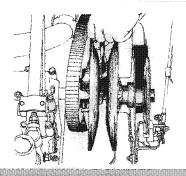
## (S4) Fuel Tank

- 1. Disconnect fuel lines by pulling plastic lines away from tank.
- 2. Remove tank retainer strap bolts, pull out fuel tank retainer straps. Lift fuel tank from vehicle and drain it.
- 3. Rinse inside of tank thoroughly with fresh gasoline.
- 4. Reinstall fuel tank.

Warning: Gasoline is flammable and explosive under certain conditions. Always perform this procedure in a well ventilated area. Do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks in the vicinity.







(S5) Carburetor

The carburetor must be dried out completely to prevent gum formation during the storage period.

1. Assure that fuel lines are disconnected then start the engine and run it

out of gas.

2. Engage choke then pack the carburetor throat with a clean piece of cloth and turn the engine a few more times. The suction should eliminate the remaining fuel.

# (S6) Cylinder Lubrication

1. Remove spark plug.

2. Operate rewind starter to bring piston at **top** position.

3. Pour about one spoonful of Ski-Doo oil into spark plug hole.

4. Slowly crank engine 10 to 12 times using manual starter.

Caution: To prevent magneto damage, make sure that the ignition switch is at

the OFF position.

5. Repeat above steps for other cylinder. Install spark plug.

**Note:** This operation should be repeated every 40 days during storage.

# (S7) Gear Box

Drain gearbox and refill with 12 ozs. (440ER models), or 16 ozs. (640ER model), of fresh Ski-Doo chaincase oil. (Drain plug is located beneath frame). (S8) Controls

1. Oil steering mechanism linkage.

2. Oil moving joints of brake mechanism. Avoid getting oil on brake pucks.

3. Coat all electrical connections and switches with Ski-Doo metal protector (greaseless).

# (S9) Pulleys

1. Remove cab and drive belt.

2. Thoroughly clean the driven pulley shaft. Apply a light coat of low-temp.

grease on shaft.

3. Activate the sliding half several times to distribute lubricant.

4. Lubricate drive pulley following the procedure: detailed in the Lubrication Section.

5. Spray internal pulley surfaces with Ski-Doo metal protector.

**Note:** Leave drive belt **off** during entire storage period.

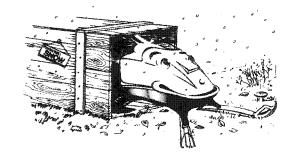
## (S10) Battery

1. Open seat, disconnect battery and remove it from vehicle.

2. Clean outside surfaces of battery. **Do not** allow cleaning solution to enter battery.

3. Fully charge battery (trickle charge) and store in a cool, dry place.

**Note:** Recharge battery at least every 40 days to prevent sulphation.



## **PRE-SEASON PREPARATION**

Snow is falling and you are now anticipating the next snowmobile safari. If you have observed and adhered to the storage procedures outlined in this manual, your vehicle preparation becomes a relatively easy task.

To simplify the pre-season preparation we have drawn up a small check list.

Many items have been forementioned in the Lubrication or Maintenance sections of this manual therefore quick and easy reference is possible.

Again we mention, should you lack the time or tools to complete the task, to contact the Ski-Doo dealer of your choice and obtain his professional assistance.

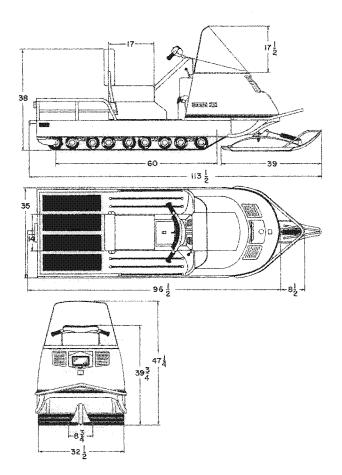
- Spark plug.Change
- Gear box: Check oil level
- Pulleys; Clean, lubricate and align drive and driven pulleys.

- Steering Adjustment
- Fuel Filter; Change.
- Fuel lines; Connect then check attaching points at tank and carburetor.
- Track; Check tension and alignment.
- Suspension; Lubricate, wipe off excess grease.
- Drive belt; Inspect and install.
- Cables; Check for damage.
- Brake; Inspect lining, adjust.
- Oil seals; Inspect for possible cuts or leaks.
- Battery: Test, clean and install.
- Engine Timing: Replace breaker points. Set timing.
- Wiring: Check electrical wiring for broken or damaged insulation. Inspect connections.
- Manual Starter. Inspect condition of starting rope.
- Fasteners: Check tightness of all nuts, bolts and linkage. Pay particular at-

tention to engine head nuts—16-18 ft/lbs torque. Governor bolt 33-40 ft/lbs torque.

- Gas Tank: Refill.
- Carburetor: Adjust

IMPORTANT: Observe all Warnings and Cautions mentioned throughout this manual which are pertinent to the item being checked. When component conditions seem less than satisfactory, replace with genuine Bombardier parts.



# **SPECIFICATIONS**

MODEL	ALPINE	440ER	640ER
Engine	No, of Cylinders	Two	Two
10.00	Bore	67.5mm	76mm
	Stroke	61mm	70mm
	Displacement	436.6cc	635.1cc
	Compression Ratio	10:1	9:1
	Carburetor (Tillotson)	HD	ОН
	Starting	Electric	Electric
Chassis	Overail Length	113 1/2"	113 1/2"
	Overall Width	35 1/2"	35 1/2"
144146	Height w/o Windshield	40''	40''
	Weight (lbs)	584	610
	Bearing Area	2160	2160
TO THE	Ground Pressure (p.s.i.)	.270	.282
Power train	Track Width	2 X 15"	2 X 15"
	Std. Gear Ratio	17/46	17/38
Electrical	Brake Light Coil Output	23 Watts	
System	Lighting Coil Output	75 Watts	120 Watts
100	Headlamp (Watt)	35/35	60/60
	Tail/Stop Light (Watt)	8/23	8/23
	Spark Plug (Bosch)	M225T1	M225T1
	Spark Plug Gap	.020"	.020"
Fuel	Tank Capacity Imp.	5 gals	5 gals
	Tank Capacity - U.S.	6.25 gals	6,25 gals
	Gasoline	Regular	Regular
and the same	Gas/Concentrated Oil Ratio	50:1	50:1

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