



Track maintenance

Proper maintenance of the track on your snowmobile is absolutely necessary for the best performance of your machine and the longest possible track life. There's not a lot to it, but the track should have a thorough inspection prior to going into service for the season. And think a little bit about where the sled will be stored when the season is over, too.

Your track must be properly aligned on the skid frame and correctly tensioned to propel your sled with maximum efficiency. Bad alignment or a track that is too tight will rob power, reduce gas mileage, and can accelerate idler and drive wheel wear. But if your track is too loose, it can ratchet (skip) and potentially damage the track, the drive cogs on the front axle, and sometimes other parts of the machine. A loose track is also more prone to derailing.

Track clips need close attention. Tighten or replace any loose clips to prevent damage to the track and suspension. Replacement clips and clip tools are readily available. This also maintains machine performance and reliability.

Consult your owner's manual for detailed instructions on track maintenance, or see your dealer to make sure that your track is in spec for your particular sled.

Be particular about the off-season, too, as this is when track damage can happen slowly and silently. Store your machine indoors on a clean, dry surface with the back end elevated to keep the track off the floor. If that isn't possible,

at least keep the track up out of the grass and cover the entire machine to keep sunlight off all of it including the track. Ultraviolet rays from the sun attack and break down all plastic and rubber parts as well as fade finish colors over time, so keeping your entire snowmobile including the track shaded at all times is very important.

For more information on Camoplast snowmobile tracks, see your dealer or visit www.camoplast.com.