
14.0 SNOW MACHINE

14.1 Loading

Personal Protective Equipment: Steel Toed Boots, Vest, Helmet

1. Park the truck on as close to level ground as possible.
2. Check to make sure that the throttle cable on the snowmobile is working freely and not binding **before** starting.
3. Company issued ramps with dowel pins should be placed in dowel holes on the truck deck. This will also ensure the ramp will not kickback and proper alignment. Trucks without dowel holes must tie off the ramps at the top of the truck box to ensure they do not kick off.
4. Ski Runners (light weight plywood or plastic straps) must be placed on the two outside ramps to ensure easy movement while loading. Place 0.20 m of snow at the bottom of the ramp to allow the skis to clear the bottom of the ramp.
5. Remove any debris or equipment from the truck deck box that could obstruct the snowmobile while loading.
6. Trucks with decks must ensure that the rear window of the truck is protected from the skis. This can be done by using a cut to fit piece of ¾" plywood, strapped to the headache rack.
7. Line up the snowmobile at least 3 metres back from the toe of the ramps.
8. The snowmobile should approach the ramps with enough speed to allow the truck to come in contact with the center ramp. Once there is contact, the snowmobile can easily be maneuvered at slow speeds to the loaded position.
9. Once loaded the snowmobile should be secured with tie downs to ensure there is no movement in **any** direction while in transport.

14.2 Unloading

Personal Protective Equipment: Steel Toed Boots, Vest, Helmet

1. Park truck on as close to level ground as possible.
2. Undo all tie down straps.
3. Remove any debris or equipment that could obstruct the snowmobile while unloading.
4. Place Company issued ramps dowel pins into dowel holes on the truck deck. Trucks without dowel holes should tie off the top of the ramps to the truck box to ensure they do not kick out.
5. Place ski runners on the two outside ramps to insure easy movement while unloading.
6. With **two** people unloading, one person should be at the front to push and keep the ski straight and the other person at the pack pulling and guiding the snowmobile down while carefully stepping down the center ramps until the machine come to rest on the ground.
7. If there is a Reverse Gear on the machine, warm up the machine before backing off.

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