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TOP TIPS TO KEEP YOUR UTILITY VEHICLE IN TOP SHAPE

Club Car offers easy maintenance tips for all UTV owners

AUGUSTA, GA (July '08) – UTV owners expect a lot out of their utility vehicles. In addition to being easy-to-operate, owners demand that UTVs are easy-to-own and easy-to-maintain.

By following a set of simple guidelines, the experts at Club Car say users can easily maintain their vehicles, ensuring they spend their time in the great outdoors, and out of the service shop.

Walk Around: Taking a quick stroll around the perimeter of the vehicle will help users notice any components that may have buildup or weakness forming. Looking for normal wear and tear is an important part of keeping a utility vehicle in tip-top condition.

Battery Cleaning: For better performance and battery endurance, keep batteries watered and tops clean. A mixture of 1 cup of baking soda and 1 gallon of water make for a great cleaning solution. Be sure to dry the tops of batteries with a clean cloth.

Charging Electric Models: At the end of the day, plug the vehicle into its charger until it will be used again. This will help prevent batteries from self-discharge.

Amp Meter on Electric Models: Make sure the charger's amp meter comes on after plugging the cord into its receptacle. This will help ensure best performance from a properly charged battery.

Tire Monitoring: In addition to having the right tires for usage, users should make sure tires are properly inflated and have good tread. Keeping tire pressures at recommended levels will help prevent increased amp draw on batteries.

Draining a Battery: Never run an electric vehicle until it stops. This will greatly reduce battery longevity and can permanently damage its batteries.

Dusty Environments: In any vehicle, particles can collect on filters, clog the air intake system, and choke an engine. Users should check and switch air filters, and remove any buildup from interior and exterior vehicle components.



Heat Waves: In hot weather, vehicles can use lubricants quickly. Users should check lubricants during hot weather, especially after the vehicle is used for heavy duty hauling or towing jobs.

Load Capacity: Vehicles may be overloaded when users are working extended hours or are in a hurry. Keeping weight specs in mind will help avoid future problems.

Fluid Changes: Club Car recommends a fluid change annually or once every 100 hours. The most important thing to remember is the mixture of water vs. antifreeze/coolant: 45% water to 55% propylene glycol.

Corrosion: Corrosive materials such as fertilizers or road salt can compromise components of any vehicle. If users keep an eye out for areas where corrosion begins, application of a silicone-water dispersant can stop the problem in its tracks and prevent additional damage.

Towing/trailers: Utility vehicles are capable of pulling heavy loads - but before you hook up that trailer, know the towing limits of your vehicle. UTV braking systems are typically the factor that limits rated towing capacity, so those using trailers should get their brakes inspected regularly.

Users should always refer to the Preventive Maintenance section of the owner's manual for their vehicle. The manual provides advice and recommendations to keep vehicles in top condition.

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