



# TECH EXCHANGE

**SUBJECT: Snowmobile Maintenance: Ice Buildup**

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As we prepare for the winter riding season, it is important to remind riders about the need to check for ice and debris when necessary. Ice buildup on any snowmobile is a normal occurrence, especially on the inside of the tunnel. Air temperature, humidity, and installed accessories may affect the rate and quantity of ice buildup.

In extreme cases, buildup may cause abnormal wear or damage to vital snowmobile components. Photo "A" shows a heat exchanger and tunnel damaged by ice. Damage caused by ice and other debris is not covered under the factory warranty.

Photos "B" and "C" are examples of tunnels that need to be deiced. This type of buildup is especially common on long multi-day or overnight trips. Tunnels and rear sections should be inspected and deiced regularly.

**TIP:** If the snowmobile must be stored at subfreezing temperatures, it is much easier to remove ice buildup before storage while the snowmobile is still warm.

