

Recommended Winter Storage Techniques

Parts Needed

- ✓ Oil
- ✓ Manufacturers (OEM) Oil Filter
- ✓ Fuel Stabilizer
- ✓ “Battery Tender” or similar product (check specs to ensure it will “float” charge, NOT trickle charge)
- ✓ Chain lubricant
- ✓ Cover

Oil and Filter - Change your oil and filter BEFORE you store your motorcycle or ATV. Oil, when used becomes acidic. It will cause internal damage to seals as it will eat away at them while sitting.

Fuel Stabilizer – Fill your fuel tank completely. Read the proper amount of stabilizer to mix in with your fuel tank. The amount is based on how many liters or gallons of fuel you tank will hold. The mix ratio is noted on the bottles as different manufactures of the fuel stabilizer require different ratios.

NOTE: At this point, run your motorcycle or ATV for a few minutes to allow the new oil and fuel with stabilizer to cycle through the lines and engine.

Battery Tender – Remove the battery and bring it inside a constant heated environment. The Battery Tender product from Deltran (*ask parts for more information on features and use*) should be connected using the screw down quick disconnect harness to ensure a tight secure connection. Leave the battery connected to the tender and plugged into the wall for the entire time during storage.

Tires – Sport bike owners should place the bike on front and rear stands. Cruiser style bikes should be on a sheet of plywood. Inflate the tires to a few pounds over the recommended specifications. This will help combat potential flat spots from forming. The plywood will keep the bike off cold pavement to help combat weathering as temperatures fluctuate.

Chain Lube and Cover – It’s always good, to lubricate your chain before storage. When all of the above has been completed, cover and wait until the spring.

DO NOT – Start your bike from time to time if you leave your battery in your bike connected to a battery tender. This is hard on the battery and the bike during the cold winter months.

SPRING TIME – Re-install your battery, check your tire pressures and RIDE!