

If You Have a Flat Tyre

How you handle a flat tyre on the trail depends on how serious the tyre damage is, and what tools and supplies you have with you.

If you have a slow leak or a minor puncture, use the plug method to make a temporary repair. (The plug method is applied from the outside of the tyre and is the same as that for conventional tubeless tyres.)

A plug-type repair kit, available at most auto parts stores or service stations, provides a plug, an installation tool, tyre cement, and an instruction sheet. Follow the instructions provided with the repair kit to make a temporary repair.

As soon as possible, have the tyre permanently repaired by your dealer. Any tyre that cannot be repaired should be replaced.

Whenever the ATV is to be operated far from service facilities or available transportation, we recommend that you carry a tyre pump and a repair kit with the vehicle.

If the leak is more serious, or a temporary repair doesn't hold, the tyre must be replaced. The tyre will also need to be replaced if it is damaged (page 188). Replacing a tyre involves removing and re-installing the wheel (page 220).

If you are unable to repair a flat tyre on the trail, you will need to send for help. We strongly recommend that you do not try to ride with a flat tyre. The ATV will be hard to handle, and if the tyre comes off the rim, it may lock up the wheel and cause you to crash.