

What To Know About Riding Snow Bikes on VAST TRAILS.....

Snowbikes **MUST HAVE** or **PAY A FINE:**

- ✓ **Head Light and Break Light (Fine \$88)**
- ✓ **SCC Certified Muffler System (Fine \$622)**
- ✓ **Registered and VAST TMA (Fine \$203)**
- ✓ **Liability Insurance (Fine \$162)**
- ✓ **STAY ON TRAILS (Fine \$392)**

What Defines a Snowmobile/Snowbike?

A snow-bike can be considered a snowmobile, under Vermont law, either sold as a snow bike or with a conversion kit, but it also must follow the same guidelines. There are hefty fines in place for riders operating motorized vehicles that do not comply with the Vermont State statutes listed below!

Title 23, Chapter 29, Section 3201

Defines a “snowmobile” as a self-propelled vehicle intended for off-road travel primarily on snow, having a curb weight of not more than 793.783 kg (1,750 lbs.); driven by track or tracks in contact with the snow and steered by a ski or skis in contact with the snow. The maximum width of a snowmobile shall be no more than 48 inches. An all-terrain vehicle converted to operate with tracks shall not be considered to be a snowmobile.

Chapter 029 : Snowmobiles, Vessels, and Water Sports

Subchapter 001 : SNOWMOBILES

(Cite as: 23 V.S.A. § 3205)

§ 3205. Snowmobile equipment; windshield; use of headlight; illegal noise level; exemption from equipment requirement

(a) Snowmobile; required equipment. All snowmobiles shall be equipped with one or more operational:

(1) headlight;

(2) red rear light;

(3) a fully functional brake in good mechanical condition;

(4) efficient muffler; and

(5) such other equipment and devices as may be required to meet the noise level specifications of subsection (d) of this section.

(b) Windshield. If the snowmobile is equipped with a windshield, it shall be free from sharp or jagged edges.

(c) Light. Lights shall be on during operation and the lenses of headlights shall be clear, as supplied by the manufacturer, and unimpaired by the installation of colored lenses or other devices that would impair the ability of the headlight to perform to its original equipment design specifications.

(d) Exhaust system; noise emissions. An individual shall not operate the following on the State Snowmobile Trail System:

(1) a snowmobile manufactured after February 1, 2007 that does not display a visible and unaltered marking of "SSCC Certified" issued by the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee (SSCC) on all critical components of the exhaust system; or

(2) a snowmobile, regardless of the date of manufacture, with an exhaust system that has been modified in a manner that amplifies or otherwise increases total noise emission above that of the snowmobile as originally constructed.

(e) Prohibited sale; illegal noise level; notice to consumer.

(1) No person shall sell for operation, or offer to sell for operation, within the State of Vermont, a snowmobile that does not comply with the exhaust system requirements specified in subsection (d) of this section.

(2) No snowmobile shall be equipped in any manner that permits the operator to bypass the muffler.

(3) No person shall sell or offer to sell a replacement exhaust system or component of an exhaust system that will not meet or exceed the exhaust noise reduction capabilities of the snowmobile manufacturer's original equipment specifications for the snowmobile.

(4) Any person selling or offering to sell a snowmobile or replacement exhaust system shall include in the specifications precise information concerning the designed maximum sound levels of the snowmobile or replacement exhaust system as outlined by the SSCC.

