

2013 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2043

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Transportation Committee
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

Senate Bill 2043
January 11 2013
Recording jobs 17119

Conference Committee

Donis E. Perez

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

To amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 39-24-01 and subsection 2 of section 39-29-01 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to off-highway vehicles and snowmobiles

Minutes:

Attached testimony: 3

Timothy J Dawson Legislative Council, staffed the Interim Transportation Committee from which this bill came. I am here to describe it and not for or against the bill. This bill started out with a recommendation from the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) to make some changes in subdivision c, which allow Argos and SnoBears to be registered as off-highway vehicles. The changes in b, page 1 and page 2, make the law match what is being manufactured today. On the last part, subdivision c page 2, we added a cross reference to 39-24 so a class 3 vehicle does not include a vehicle that is registered under 39-24. That clarifies that snowmobiles are not off highway vehicles and SnoBears are not snowmobiles, when you take that in conjunction with the new definition on page 1 as to snowmobiles. The last sentence on subsection 8 in section 1 is a clarification that an off-highway vehicle stays an off-highway vehicle no matter what modifications are done to it.

Chairman Oehlke Is it under section 2 that classes 1, 2 and 3 can be driven on a roadway that has a 55 miles or less speed limit?

Timothy J Dawson An individual may operate a registered off highway vehicle on a paved highway designated and posted as not exceeding 55mph , and a registered class 3 off highway vehicle on a paved highway designated and posted at a speed not exceeding 65 mph.

Chairman Oehlke Argos generally have six to eight wheels and are not capable of going at that type of speed. They don't have the control for that type of road way. What do we do about it? Is that a concern?

Mr. Timothy J Dawson That is an excellent point; it was not brought up in committee during the interim.

Arik Spencer, Recreation Division Manager for the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) We are in favor of this bill. See attached testimony 1 which includes brochures that show what a SnoBear and an Argo are. Snowmobile North Dakota is also in favor of this bill see attached

testimony 2. Our main interest is in the definition of a snowmobile. We are in favor of having mechanisms for registering these types of vehicles. In terms of the actual impact on North Dakota Parks there is none because whether a vehicle can go on one of the trails is really determined by the size of the vehicle not on what it is registered as. Whether they are or not on a roadway does not impact the recreational trails that we offer, those questions might have to be given to DOT

Linda Sitz, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT)

In favor of this, bill see attached testimony 3.

Senator Sitte The handout given by Mr. Spencer says Argo is road approved for European Union only. Are we being more restrictive than them or not?

Linda Sitz The intent of this bill was just to give us a way to register this type of vehicle.

Chairman Oehlke If the road worthiness of these class 3 vehicles were in question relative to being used on roadways of 55 or 65 mph or less, should it be addressed in this bill or are there other places where that should be addressed?

Linda Sitz I believe it should be addressed in this bill; it is not something that came up during the Interim Committee.

No additional testimony in favor. No opposing testimony.
Chairman Oehlke closed the hearing on SB 2043

Discussion followed regarding roadworthiness of the Argo; because of its speed of 20 mph, lack of seatbelts and roll bar, and low visibility. It was suggested a "slow moving vehicle" sign or flashing lights might be required. Senator Sitte suggested amending section of North Dakota Century Code to include Argos under the definition of low speed vehicles. Chairman Oehlke requested intern research possible amendment and that a North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) representative be consulted on this issue. Bill will be discussed again on 01/17/13.

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Transportation Committee
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

Senate Bill 2043
January 17, 2013
Recording job number 17336

Conference Committee

Doris & Perez

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Minutes:

Attached testimony: none

Chairman Oehlke Our research shows that we can't move class 3 vehicles into class 2. Class 3 applies to vehicles operated on roadways that have higher speed limits. One of the main reasons to have these vehicles in class 3 is to provide protection to certain park trails. These vehicles, especially the Sno-Bears, are too large. We want to make sure that while driving you don't come over hill on a 65 mph road and run into an Argo you did not realize was there. This amendment adds a sentence at the end of the paragraph that should solve our problem for the Argos. Mr. Dawson put this together. I did ask him about construction areas and that is addressed elsewhere where Argos are treated as a piece of mobile equipment.

Discussion followed regarding numbering of amendment section

Vice Chairman Armstrong moved to adopt amendment. **Senator Sinner** seconded.

Voice vote on amendment: 7 in favor 0 against 0 absent

Vice Chairman Armstrong moved to pass as amended. **Senator Campbell** seconded.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0

Carrier : Vice Chairman Armstrong

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2043

Page 1, line 1, replace the second "and" with a comma

Page 1, line 2, after "39-29-01" insert ", and subsection 1 of section 39-29-09"

Page 2, after line 11, insert:

"SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 39-29-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. An individual may not operate an off-highway vehicle on the roadway, shoulder, or inside bank or slope of any road, street, or highway except as provided in this chapter. Except in emergencies, an individual may not operate an off-highway vehicle within the right of way of any controlled-access highway. An individual may operate a registered off-highway vehicle on a gravel, dirt, or loose surface roadway. An individual may operate a registered off-highway vehicle on a paved highway designated and posted at a speed not exceeding fifty-five miles [88.51 kilometers] per hour. A licensed driver over sixteen years of age may operate a registered class III off-highway vehicle on a paved highway designated and posted at a speed not exceeding sixty-five miles [104.61 kilometers] per hour. An individual may not operate an off-highway vehicle on a paved highway if the vehicle is unable to attain a speed, on a paved level surface, of at least thirty miles [48.28 kilometers] per hour."

Renumber accordingly

Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2043

Senate TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass as amended

Motion Made By S. Armstrong Seconded By S Campbell

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
Chairman Dave Oehlke	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Vice Chairman Kelly Armstrong	✓		Senator George Sinner	✓	
Senator Margaret Sitte	✓				
Senator Tim Flakoll	✓				
Senator Tom Campbell	✓				

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Senator Armstrong

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2043: Transportation Committee (Sen. Oehlke, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2043 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2013 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2043

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2043
03-07-13
Job # 19580

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Jeanette Cook

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to off-highway vehicles and snowmobiles.

Minutes:

Attachments 1-3

Chairman Ruby opened the hearing on SB 2043.

Tim Dawson, Legislative Management, introduced and discussed the sections of SB 2043. He is not in support or in opposition to the bill.

Representative Gruchella: Is there a national standard on these vehicles, so we know what class they fall into?

Tim Dawson: I do not know.

Eric Dietrich, Motorized Recreation Coordinator for the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, provided information to committee members that show pictures and describe an Argo and SnoBear. See attachments # 1 and #2. (7:00) He stood in support of SB 2043 and to answer questions.

Representative Becker: What is the intent of the changes in the bill besides defining these vehicles?

Eric Dietrich: As time goes on there are more and more machines that don't fall into an existing category. This bill will allow those new vehicles to be registered. The Snobears, right now, could fall into the snowmobile category, but they are not snowmobiles.

Vice Chairman Owens: What is the maximum speed of an Argo?

Eric Dietrich: The fastest it will go is 25 mph.

Chairman Ruby: Would the Snobear be a Class 3?

Eric Dietrich: Yes, it would no longer fall into the snowmobile definition.

Representative Kreun: Section 1 would be for snowmobiles, Section 2A would be 4-wheelers, 2B would be an Argo, and Section 2C would be Snowbears?

Eric Dietrich: The Argo would fall into Class 3.

Representative Kreun: What is Class 2 then?

Eric Dietrich: 4-wheelers with a saddle seat. A and B are two types of 4-wheelers. Class one is dirt bikes, class 2 are normal 4-wheelers and 3-wheelers, class 3 will be the Snobears, Argos, Rangers, Gators, Mules, etc.

Representative Delmore: How much do these cost, and how much interest is there in the state in these machines?

Eric Dietrich: The Snobears and Argos are probably less than 100, right now. You see the Snobears around lake communities, and they are owned by outfitters.

Representative Delmore: Do you haul them on a trailer to get to the destination?

Eric Dietrich: Snobears you can drive. The Argos have to be hauled.

Representative Weisz: How did they determine the weight of the snowmobiles for the definition?

Eric Dietrich: That was chosen so we are under the weight of the Snobears and Snofoxes. It makes a distinction between those machines and the snowmobiles.

Ken Tupa, Polaris Industries, explained the weights and different vehicles and categories. He stated that the weights that are listed (1,200# and 2,000#) are relative to the recreational vehicles that are being manufactured today. Examples would be the side-by-side vehicles with two or four seats. That is the trend of ATVs. The current definition is geared toward the traditional three-wheeled or four-wheeled vehicles with straddle seats with handlebars. There are three groups now: the traditional saddle seat 4-wheelers, the newer recreational 4-wheel side-by-side, and the utility vehicles. The weights match what industry is manufacturing based on consumer demand. 18:48

Linda Sitz, Director of Motor Vehicle, North Dakota Department of Transportation, spoke to support SB 2043. Written testimony was provided. See attachment #3.

Representative Delmore: Are these vehicles licensed, and what is the fee?

Linda Sitz: Currently the vehicles are just titled and registered, and the fee is \$20. The intent of the bill is to give clarification and to give us a spot to put the newer types of vehicles.

There was no further support for SB 2043.

There was no testimony in opposition or in a neutral capacity on SB 2043.

The hearing was closed on SB 2043.

Representative Weisz expressed his concern on the weights in the bill being too high on snowmobile and the width restrictions. He thinks that it leaves too much room for other machines to fit into the snowmobile category.

Chairman Ruby: Representative Weisz will discuss his concerns with the bill sponsors, and we will act on this bill next week.

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2043
03-14-13
Job # 19958

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Jeannette Cook

Minutes:

Chairman Ruby brought SB 2043 back before the committee.

Representative Weisz: I would like to offer an amendment: page 1, line 9, change the 1,750 pounds to 1,200 pounds. Everything else would remain the same. The national standards recommend 1,000 pounds, which is different than what was stated in testimony at the hearing. We will leave the width. The kilograms will be adjusted to 544.31 KG.

Representative Weisz moved the amendment for SB 2043.

Representative Vigesaa seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken. All aye. The motion passed.

Representative Weisz moved a DO PASS as amended on SB 2043.

Representative Delmore seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Aye 13 Nay 0 Absent 1 The motion carried.

Representative Weisz will carry SB 2043.

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Adopted by the Transportation Committee

March 14, 2013

3/14/13
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2043

Page 1, line 9, replace "seven" with "two"

Page 1, line 9, remove "fifty"

Page 1, line 10, replace "793.78" with "544.31"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 3-14-13
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2043**

House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 13.0071.05001

Action Taken: Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended Adopt
 Amendment

Rerefer to Appropriations Reconsider

Motion Made By Weisz Seconded By Vigesaa
Amendment

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Dan Ruby			Rep. Lois Delmore		
Vice Chairman Mark Owens			Rep. Edmund Gruchalla		
Rep. Rick Becker			Rep. Kylie Oversen		
Rep. David Drovdal					
Rep. Robert Frantsvog					
Rep. Brenda Heller					
Rep. Curtiss Kreun					
Rep. Mike Schatz					
Rep. Gary Sukut					
Rep. Don Vigesaa					
Rep. Robin Weisz					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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Date: 3-14-13
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2043

House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 13.0071.05001

Action Taken: Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended Adopt
Amendment

Rerefer to Appropriations Reconsider

Motion Made By Weisz Seconded By Delmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Dan Ruby	✓		Rep. Lois Delmore	✓	
Vice Chairman Mark Owens	✓		Rep. Edmund Gruchalla	✓	
Rep. Rick Becker	✓		Rep. Kylie Oversen	✓	
Rep. David Drovdal	✓				
Rep. Robert Frantsvog	✓				
Rep. Brenda Heller	✓				
Rep. Curtiss Kreun	✓				
Rep. Mike Schatz	A				
Rep. Gary Sukut	✓				
Rep. Don Vigesaa	✓				
Rep. Robin Weisz	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Weisz

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2013 TESTIMONY

SB 2043

TESTIMONY – SENATE BILL 2043
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
January 11, 2013, 10:30 A.M.
Lewis and Clark Room

Mr. Chairman, members of the Senate Transportation Committee, my name Arik Spencer, Recreation Division Manager for the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD). I appear today in support of SB 2043.

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department is tasked with providing riding opportunities for both snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles (OHV) and currently manage 2,850 miles of OHV and snowmobile trails.

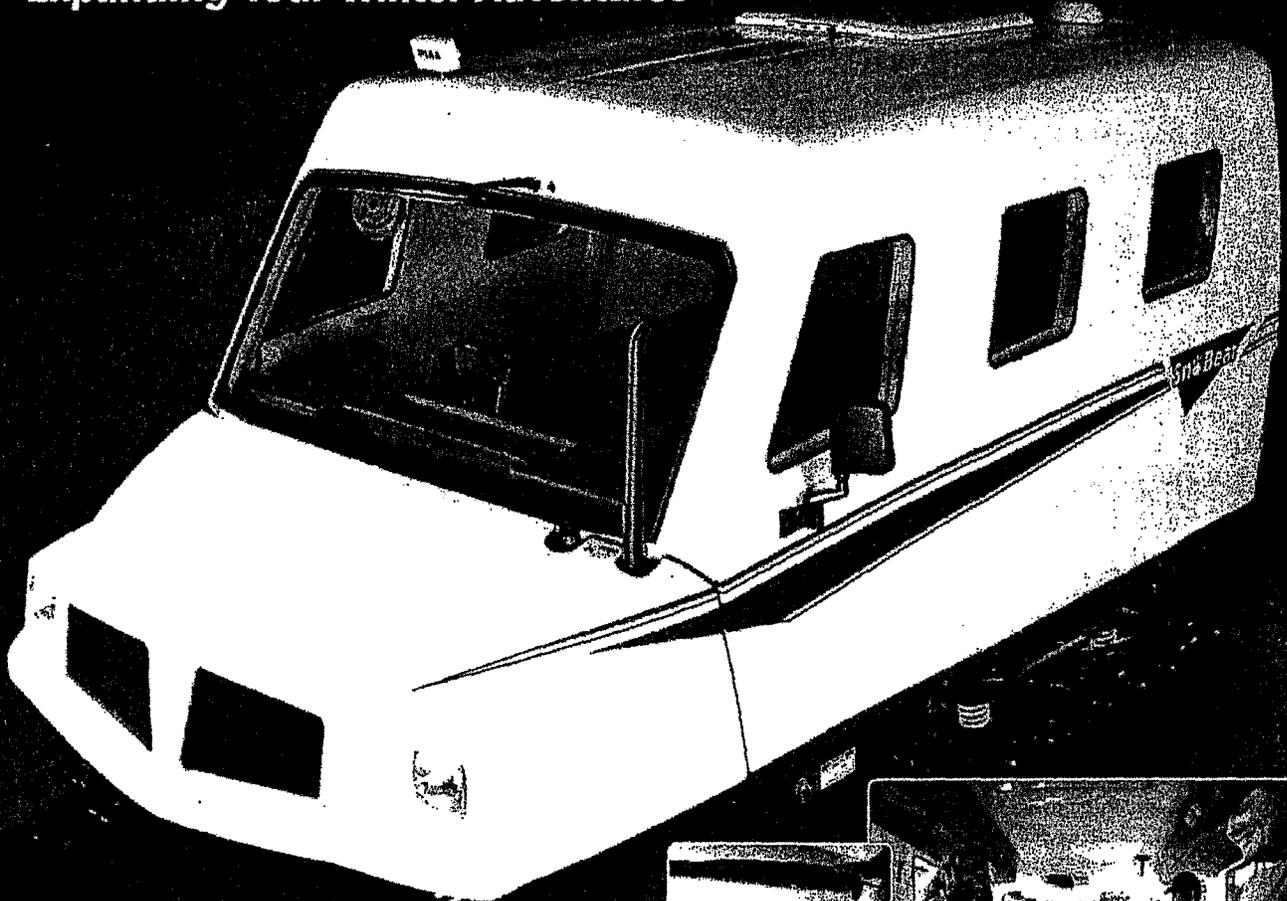
The proposed change to the definition of a snowmobile is simply to clarify that a snowmobile is what we typically consider a snowmobile. The proposed definition will ensure larger vehicles such as the Snow-Bear (see attached material) will no longer be registered as a snowmobile but rather an a OHV.

The proposed definition of an OHV will allow added flexibility in registering vehicles and have no impact on NDPRD delivery of safety courses or trail development.

Mr. Chairman this concludes my remarks; I would be pleased to answer any questions the committee may have.



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Here Comes SnoBear!***



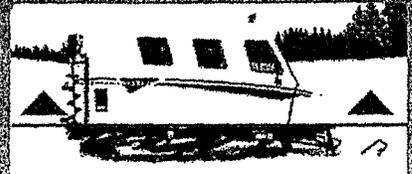
Nothing puts you on top of fish like SnoBear

And nothing gets you there in total comfort better than SnoBear. In fact, this revolutionary, all-in-one fishing machine is the one and only 100 percent self-contained, deluxe motorized fish house that is already redefining the way we fish in harsh winter weather. Just imagine, traveling from hot spot to hot spot across your favorite body of hard-water...warm, dry and in mere minutes. SnoBear gets you there at up to 24 mph. With its automotive-style power steering and controls, disc brakes, forced air furnace, deluxe seating, carpeting, optional fold-down bunks and more, SnoBear is more like a top-of-the-line motorhome.

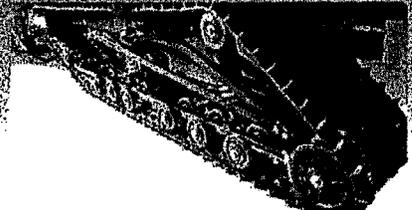
Patented Front Ski Mechanism—the ultimate in ease and convenience, rolls the skis from side to side to break free of ice and snow.



Accralift—A SnoBear Exclusive—raises and lowers unit a full 14 inches. From travel mode to red-hot fishing action in no time.



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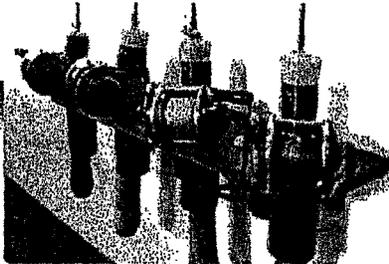
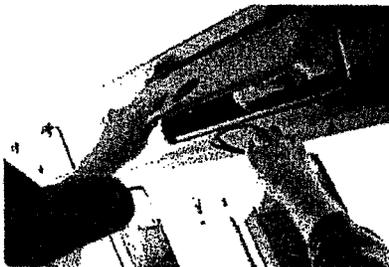
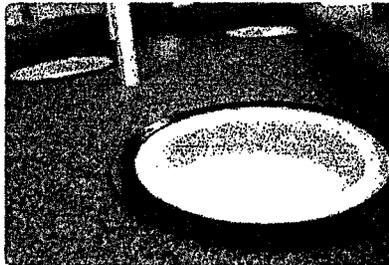
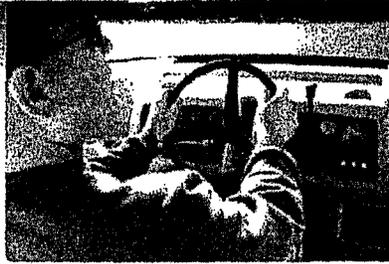
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Bob Izumi,
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- Patented Max Trax linkage
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- Automotive windshield & wiper
- Fully-insulated, low-maintenance fiberglass body
- Overhead storage
- Forced-air propane heating system
- Automotive-style headlights/tail lights
- Full carpeting
- Exterior rear-view mirrors
- Hitch receiver front and rear
- Dual-pane side windows
- Roof safety hatch
- 14-gallon fuel tank
- Automotive-style gauge cluster
- Propane/carbon monoxide detectors

Options include:

- Rear cup holders/rod holders
- Lowrance GPS/depth finder
- Vixilar FL20 ultra pack
- On-board charging system
- In-dash JBL stereo/cd player
- Drop-down bunks
- Dewalt auger mount (Dewalt 36 volt drill not included)
- Easy-load tilt trailer



Expanding Your Winter Adventures



Exterior:

Body Width	84.5 inches
Body Width Over Mirrors	98.5 inches
Overall Length	200 inches
Ride Height	92 inches
Height - Down Position	80.5 inches
Suspension Travel	9.00 inches
Hydraulic Lift	14.25 inches
Base Weight	2,900 lbs.

Interior

Width	80 inches
Length	126 inches
Floor to Ceiling Height	66 inches

Engine

Zenith/Hyundai Liquid Cooled,
EFI 4 Cylinder Four-stroke
40 Horsepower @ 3600 RPM
55 ft-lbs. Torque @ 3600 RPM
14-gallon fuel tank

Transmission

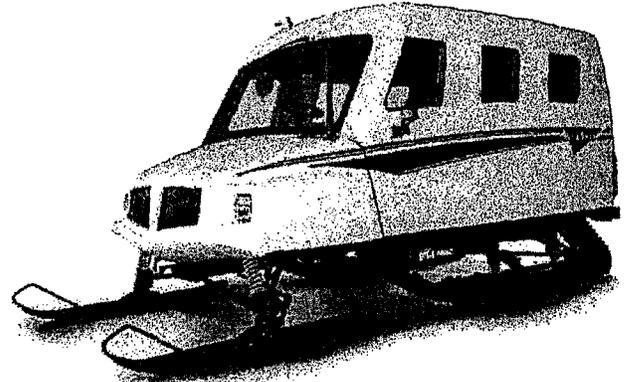
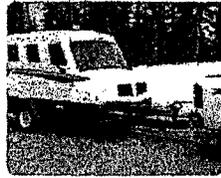
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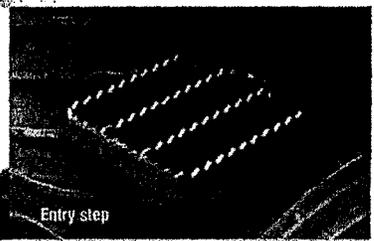
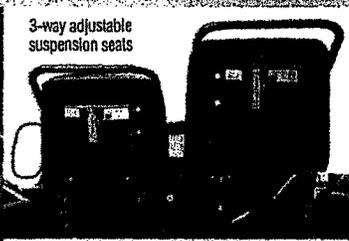
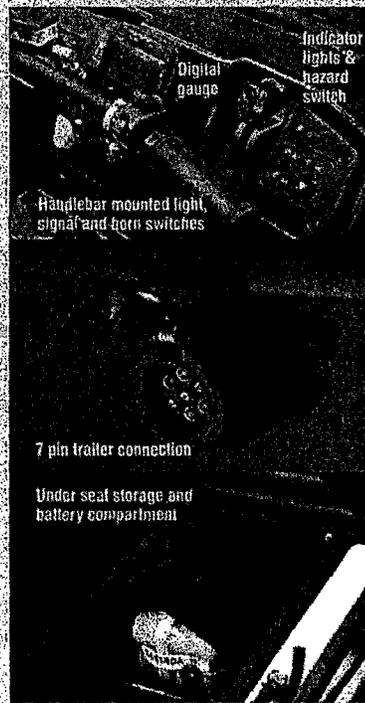
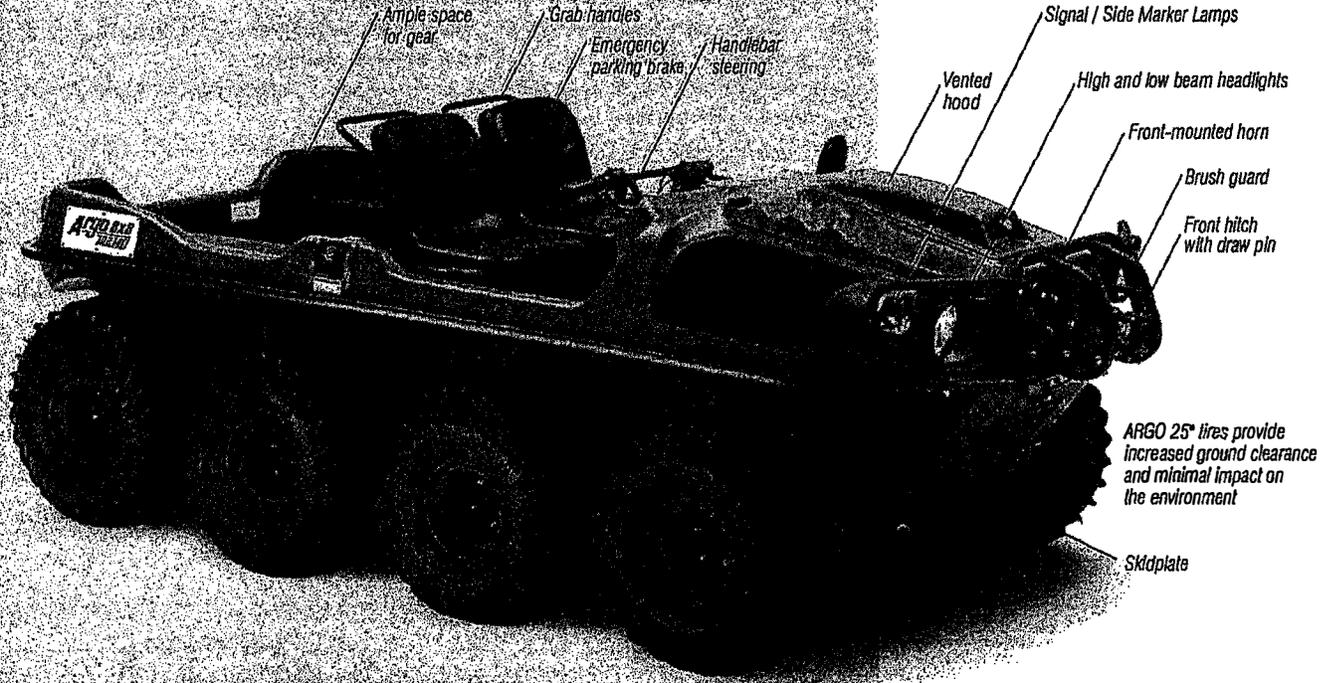
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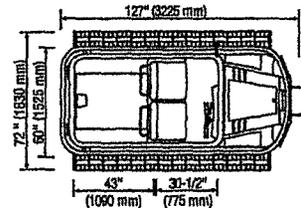
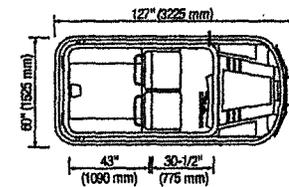
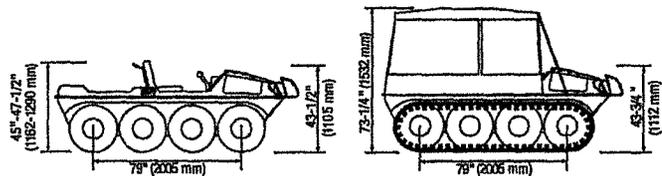
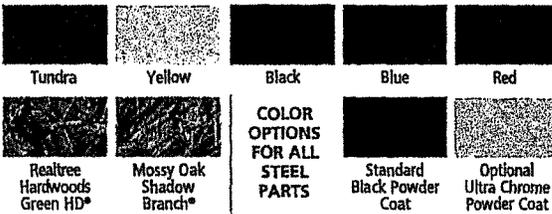
ENGINE	4 cycle OHV V-Twin gasoline engine, electronic ignition, full pressure lubrication and oil filter 3 year limited Kohler engine warranty
MODEL	Kohler Aegis LH 690
HORSEPOWER	26
DISPLACEMENT	674cc
COOLING	Liquid Cooled
STARTING	Electric
BRAKES	Hydraulic
STEERING	One-piece ergonomic handlebar steering control with mounted brake lever. For safety and ease of handling, the ARGO steering transmission provides continuous torque to all axes.
CONTROLS	Right-hand twist grip throttle control assembly including light, signal and horn switches, dash mounted choke control and ignition switch.
CLUTCH	Belt-driven, Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) maximizes engine power to the transmission.
TRANSMISSION	ADMIRAL triple differential steering transmission with dedicated Hi and Low selector, Forward, Neutral, Reverse.
DRIVE SYSTEM	Roller chains drive machined sprockets that are spline-fit onto 1/4" diameter axes. Bearings are greaseable.
FRAME	Formed steel channel construction, welded for high strength and durability. Polyester powder-coated for lasting protection.
BODY	Vacuum formed High Molecular Weight Polyethylene
FULL SKID PLATE	Standard
LOAD CAPACITY*	ON LAND 454 kg (1000 lbs) total ON WATER 386 kg (850 lbs) total
TOWING CAPACITY*	818 kg (1800 lbs)
SEATING CAPACITY	2 persons (Driver plus 1 passenger)
FUEL CAPACITY	27 litres. See-through polyethylene fuel tank, 8 hours of operation.
SPEED*	ON LAND 32 km/h / 20 mph ON WATER* 4 km/h (5.5 km/h with ARGO AT189 tires)
SHIPPING WEIGHT	641 kg (1410 lbs)
AXLE BEARING EXTENSIONS	Front - Standard Rear - Standard
LCD DIGITAL GAUGE CLUSTER	Speedometer, Odometer, Voltmeter, Hourmeter, Tachometer, Engine Coolant Temperature, Low Oil Pressure, Parking Brake Reminder Light.
TIRES	ARGO 25x12.00-9 NHS
GROUND PRESSURE	14.5 kPa using tires, 4.6 kPa using tracks
GROUND CLEARANCE	TIRES 240 mm (9.5") TRACKS 265 mm (10.5")
OPERATING CONDITIONS	All-weather, all-terrain, -40°C to +40°C

- Capacity includes occupants, cargo, outboard motor and fuel, and installed accessories. Max. outboard motor size 7.4 kW (9.9 hp).
- Towing capacity is approximate and depends on type of surface, load on vehicle as well as incline. Max Hitch Tongue Load (when equipped with hitch) 100 lbs / 45kg for all models.
- Fuel consumption depends on load and operating conditions.
- All speeds are approximate and depend on conditions.
- Always wear approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) when operating in water or on ice.

Appearance and specifications subject to change without notice.
Vehicle classification: T1 as per EU - registration # e1*2003/37*0326*02

AVAILABLE ARGO COLORS

*Colors are reproduced with great care, but may vary slightly on actual vehicles.



ADJUSTABLE BUCKET SEATS:
Weight adjustment: 90 - 120 kg
Fore & aft adjustment: 160 mm
Height adjustment: 60 mm
Suspension travel: 70 mm

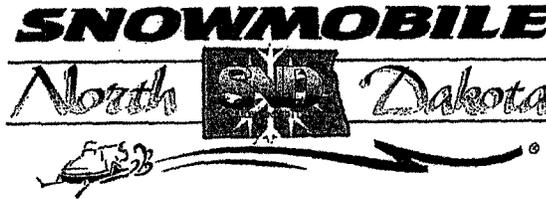
SUPER TRACK: Adds 1 in. (25mm) to vehicle height
RUBBER TRACK: Adds 1-1/4 in. (32mm) to vehicle height
CONV. TOP: 1-1/2 in. (38mm) less than ROPS height.



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TESTIMONY – SENATE BILL 2043
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 11, 2013 – 10:30 AM
LEWIS & CLARK ROOM

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, my name is Keri Wanner and I am the Program Manager of Snowmobile North Dakota which represents an association of snowmobile enthusiasts in North Dakota. I appear today in support of Senate Bill 2043 relating to the definition of a snowmobile.

Snowmobile North Dakota is contracted by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department to manage the state snowmobile trails. Our organization works with 39 snowmobile clubs, 14 trail associations and hundreds of statewide volunteers to manage 2,800 miles of snowmobile trail.

Snowmobile North Dakota recommends a vote of Do Pass to change the definition of a snowmobile. The definition presented provides a weight limit of no more than 1,750 pounds and a maximum width of 48 inches which provides a safe passing distance on the state snowmobile trails.

Senate Bill 2043 is a bill with the full support of the snowmobiling community. We ask for a vote of DO PASS on Senate Bill 2043.

Mr. Chairman and committee thanks for your consideration of Senate Bill 2043.

Senate Transportation COMMITTEE
January 11, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. - Lewis and Clark

North Dakota Department of Transportation
Linda Sitz, Director of Motor Vehicle Division
Senate Bill 2043

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee - I'm Linda Sitz, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present information to you today.

The DOT had the opportunity to work with the committee during the interim and is in agreement the suggested bill changes.

Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to answer any questions at this time. Thank you.



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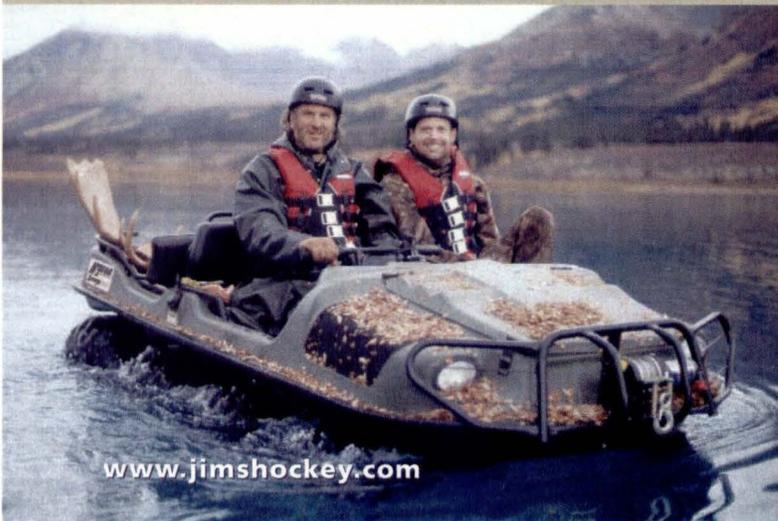
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SPECIFICATIONS:

Engine

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Transmission

- CVT Belt Drive
- Locking Differential

Heating System

- Thermostatically Controlled 12 Volt Forced Air Propane Furnace

Fuel

- 14 US Gallons

Tracks

- Patented "Max Tracks" 15" x 222"

DIMENSIONS:

Overall Length: 200 inches

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Ride Height: 92 inches

Hydraulic Lift: 14.25 inches

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STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

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- POWER STEERING
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- FULLY ADJUSTABLE SEATS
- 4 LARGE FISHING HOLES WITH REMOVABLE INSERTS
- ROD AND CUP HOLDERS
- OVERHEAD STORAGE
- FORCED AIR PROPANE HEATING
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- CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
- MARINE STEREO WITH CD PLAYER AND 4 SPEAKERS



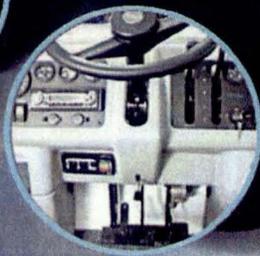
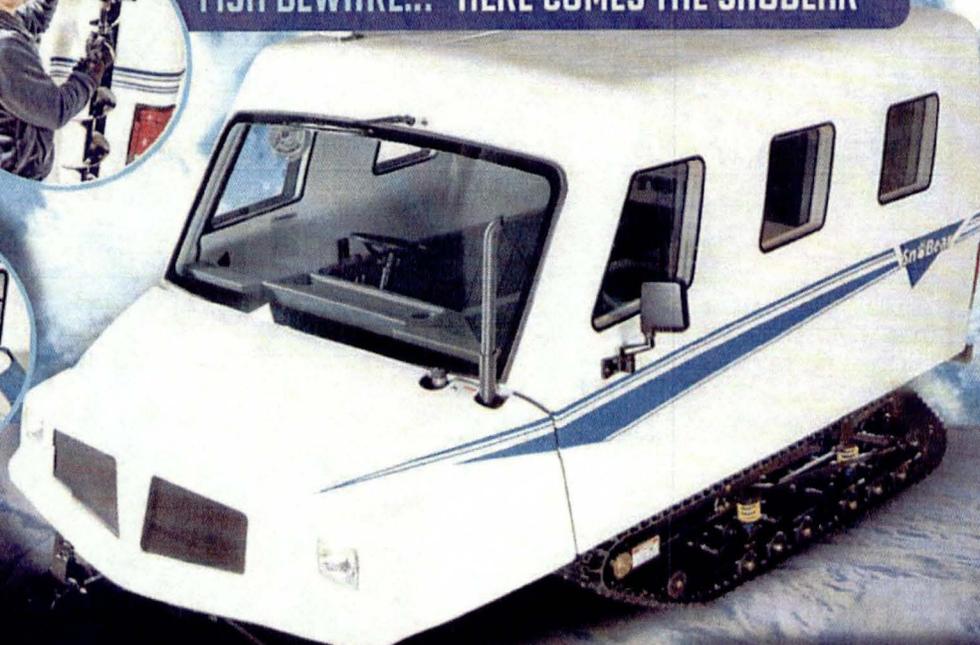
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- ON-BOARD CHARGING SYSTEM
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**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 7, 2013 - 2:15 p.m. – Ft. Totten**

**North Dakota Department of Transportation
Linda Sitz, Director of Motor Vehicle Division**

SB2043

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I'm Linda Sitz, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present information to you today.

The DOT had the opportunity to work with the committee during the interim and is in agreement with the suggested bill changes. DOT and North Dakota Parks and Rec would like to keep the bill as it's currently written and amended in 39-29-09 to address the concern of low speed vehicles driving on paved roads. We believe this change will disallow Snobears and Argos from operating on paved highways.

Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to answer any questions at this time. Thank you.