

Brakes

The hydraulic drum brakes (front) and single mechanical drum brake (rear) on your ATV dissipate heat generated by the friction of the brake shoes on the drums as the wheels are slowed.

As the front brake shoes wear, brake fluid level will drop. A leak in the system will also cause the level to drop.

Inspect the system before each ride to ensure there are no fluid leaks. Periodically inspect the brake fluid level and front and rear brake shoes for wear.

If the brake lever or brake pedal freeplay does not feel within the normal range while riding, check the brake shoes for wear ([page 132](#)). Worn shoes should be replaced. If the shoes are not worn beyond the recommended limit, there is probably air in the brake system. See your dealer to have the air bled from the system.

Brake Fluid Recommendation

brake fluid	Honda DOT 3 or DOT 4 Brake Fluid
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The recommended brake fluid is Honda DOT 3 or DOT 4 Brake Fluid, or any brake fluid of equal quality and performance. Use fresh brake fluid from a sealed container. Be sure to read the label before opening the sealed container. An opened container may be contaminated or may have absorbed moisture from the air.