

Brakes

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

Hydraulic Disc Front Brake

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

There are no adjustments to perform, but fluid level and pad wear must be inspected periodically. The system must be inspected frequently to ensure there are no fluid leaks.

If the brake lever freeplay does not feel within the normal range while riding, check the brake pads for wear ([page 121](#)). Worn pads should be replaced. If the pads 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.

Mechanical Drum Rear Brake

If the clutch lever/parking brake lever or brake pedal freeplay does not feel within the normal range while riding, check the brake shoes for wear ([page 124](#)).

Brake Fluid Recommendation

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| brake fluid | Honda DOT 4 Brake Fluid |
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The recommended brake fluid is Honda 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.