

# **Curve Skis Quick Setup Guide**



CAUTION: Read and follow all rules of safety and operating instructions before attempting to assemble and install the product.

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# Hardware & Ski Installation

### Ski Platforms

#### **XS Platform**

The Curve XS is a symmetric ski and is best suited to riders who spend most of their time on the trail, lake or race course. It can be identified by its parabolic shape that extends evenly down both sides of the ski. The XS ski may be mounted on either side of the snowmobile.

The XS is also an ideal snowbike ski offering excellent stability at high speeds with unmatched durability and cornering performance.

#### **XSM Platform**

The Curve XSM is an asymmetric ski and the most versatile in the Curve lineup. It can be identified by a straight outer edge on one side that creates the counter-steer profile. Mounting the ski with the profile to either the inside or outside changes the handling characteristics. Use the information below to determine which way to install your skis.

### **Trail Configuration**

Mount the skis with the counter-steer profile on the inside for high cornering performance and excellent handling characteristics in all conditions.

### **Crossover / Mountain Configuration**

Mount the skis with the counter-steer profile on the outside for offtrail maneuvers and sidehilling.

### **XDI/XDP Platform**

The Curve XDI/XDP is a symmetrical ski designed specifically for drag racing. The lightweight ski design features two side profile cuts and a milled keel for less restriction.

### **Carbide Selection**

#### EC8904

4" round bar for short track non-studded

6" round bar for mid length track non-studded **\$2198-60** 

6" Shaper bar for all studded

### R2198-90

9" round bar for snowbikes

4-stroke

#### XS4001

2" Leading Edge - Eliminate 80% of darting **XS4002** 

4" Leading Edge - Eliminate 95% of darting

### STEP 1 — Prepare Skis

- Press spindle bushings into ski from INSIDE the saddle. (Use a soft jaw clamp or C-clamp to complete the work.)
- 2) Install loop by snapping the front of the loop into the patented locked mechanism on the ski. Run a drill with 1/2" bit through the loop/ski assembly at the TIP OF THE SKI only. This will ensure easy assembly of loop hardware.
- 3) Install loop hardware:
  - \*Use anti-sieze on the threads of the cross bolt closest to the spindle.\*
  - \*Use thread locking compound on the threads of the cross bolt at the ski tip.\*
- Install carbides. Do not over tighten —
   It is best to use a hand ratchet and deep well socket for installation.
- 5) Orient the provided replacement spindle rubbers with the higher side to the back.
- 6) Prepare the provided spindle bolt, washers and nyloc nut for each ski.



## STEP 2 - Mount Skis

- Loosen and remove the spindle bolt from the OEM skis. Use a jack to lift the front of the snowmobile off the ground and remove the OEM ski.
- Inspect your snowmobiles' spindle and bushings for wear — replace as necessary and lubricate as desired.
- Install the Curve ski by sliding it into position under the spindle and lowering the jack so that the spindle rests into the ski saddle.
- 4) Align the outside hole of the ski to the spindle and lightly tap the bolt and washer in using a hammer. It may be necessary to use a block of wood under the inside of the ski to assist in aligning the inside hole. Tap the bolt through and install the remaining washer and nyloc nut.

# Ski Alignment

## STEP 3 - Align Skis

Alignment Procedure

- 1) Place a 6' contractor level or equivalent straight edge along one side of the track.
- 2) Position the handlebars straight ahead.
- 3) Look at the Curve ski from the top there are two prongs that taper into the front of the ski where the loop bolts to and two more prongs that taper into the back of the ski at the tail. Use the INSIDE prongs front and rear, where they taper into the ski deck as your measuring points.
- 4) Measure from your straight edge to the front mounting structure as described in step 3 and record the distance.
- Measure from your straight edge to the rear mounting structure as described in step 3 and record the distance
- Adjust your tie rod and steering joints until the measurements from step 4 and 5 are equal.
- 7) Repeat steps 3 through 6 for the other ski.
- 8) Adjust the tie rod on one ski so that the measurement in step 4 is greater than the measurement taken in step 5 by 1/8".
- Repeat step 8 for the other ski
   Now both skis are toed OUT. Follow the remaining steps to verify your work
- 10) Measure from the point specified in step 4 on one ski to the point specified in step 4 on the other ski and record the value.
- 11) Measure from the point specified in step 5 on one ski to the point specified in step 5 on the other ski and record the value.
- 12) The measurement taken in step 10 should be greater than the measurement taken in step 11 by 1/4". If this is not the case, revisit steps 8 and 9 using the straight edge to determine which ski is incorrectly set.

