



University of Minnesota – Duluth Design Presentation

2007 Clean Snowmobile Challenge





Design Strategy:

To reengineer a snowmobile to run on E85 to reduce exhaust emissions while maintaining the stock performance and reducing noise.

Design Components

 E85 fuel delivery system conversion Chassis noise dampener

 Catalytic converter to reduce engine out emissions Weight reduction via a polycarbonate hood

 Heated air injection system Utilization of stock components to reduce cost

Baseline Snowmobile

• 2006 Polaris FST

- 750 cc 4-stroke
- Turbocharged
- Fuel injected
- Bosch closed loop ignition
- 135 hp
- 15"X128"X1.25"
 Camoplast Ripsaw track
- 580 lbs dry weight





Reduce exhaust and sound emissions

- Increase durability
- Minimize build costs
- Increase cooling system efficiency

E85 Conversion

- E85 compatible inline electric fuel pump
- E85 compatible high pressure rubber fuel lines
- Higher volume flow injectors
- High pressure fuel regulator







E85 with Stock Exhaust





E85 with Catalytic Converter





E85 conversion
Catalytic converter
Heated air injection





Conversion to E85

 Higher heat of vaporization
 Absorbs approximately 2.5 times more heat than E10

 Chassis noise dampener (skirt) and lengthened snowflap



- Addition of catalytic converter
- Lengthened/expanded exhaust system
- Exhaust temperature control
- Utilization of stock silencer





Exhaust noise dampening Rubber chassis noise dampener Sound absorption foam





- Polycarbonate hood
- Halogen headlights
- Removal of intercooler and cooling fans
- Removal of Polaris Rider Select
- Rerouted (shortened) air intake

Future Design Improvements

Variable air injection

More durable chassis noise dampener

 Antilock Braking/Traction Control system

