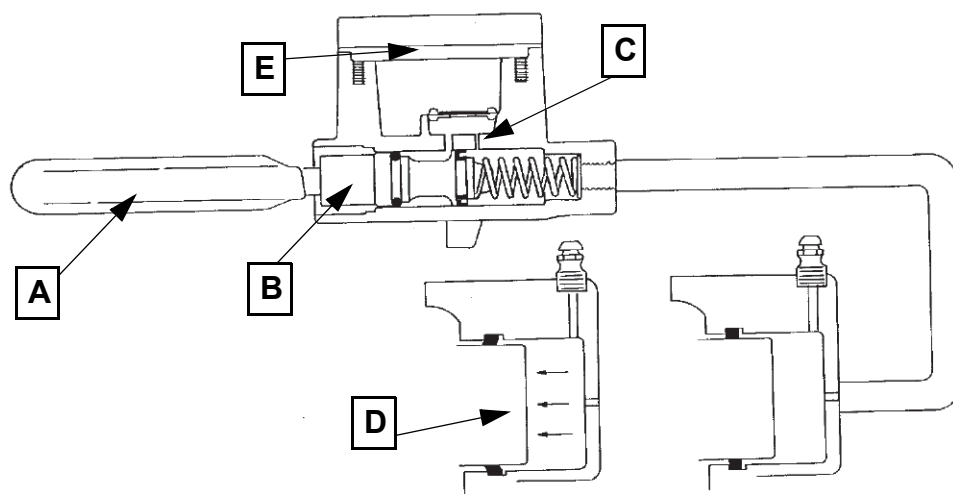


BRAKE SYSTEM



Overview

The Polaris snowmobile hydraulic brake system consists of the following components or assemblies: brake lever, master cylinder, hydraulic hose, brake caliper (slave cylinder), brake pads, and a brake disc which is secured to the drive line.

When the hand activated brake lever (A) is applied, it contacts a piston (B) within the master cylinder. As the master cylinder piston moves inward it closes a small opening called a compensating port (C) within the cylinder and starts to build pressure within the brake system. As the pressure within the system is increased, the pistons (D) located in the brake caliper move toward the disc and applies pressure to the moveable brake pads. As the lever pressure is increased, the braking effect is increased.

The friction applied to the brake pads will cause the pads to wear. As the pads wear, the piston within the caliper self-adjusts and moves further outward.

Brake fluid level is critical to proper system operation. A low fluid level allows air to enter the system causing the brakes to feel spongy.

Compensating Port

Located within the master cylinder is a small compensating port (C) which is opened and closed by the master cylinder piston assembly. The port is open when the brake lever is released and the piston is outward. As the temperature within the hydraulic system changes, this

port compensates for fluid expansion caused by heat, or contraction caused by cooling. During system service, be sure this port is open. Due to the high temperatures created within the system during heavy braking, it is very important that the master cylinder reservoir have adequate space to allow for the brake fluid to expand. Master cylinder reservoirs should be filled to the top of the fluid level mark on the inside of the reservoir, 1/4"-5/16" (.6 - .8 cm) below lip of reservoir opening.

This system also incorporates a diaphragm (E) as part of the cover gasket and a vent port (on cover) located between the gasket and the cover. The combination diaphragm and vent allow for the air above the fluid to equalize pressure as the fluid expands or contracts. Be sure the vent is open and allowed to function. If the reservoir is overfilled or the diaphragm vent is plugged, the expanding fluid may build pressure in the brake system and lead to brake failure.