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SnowTrackers

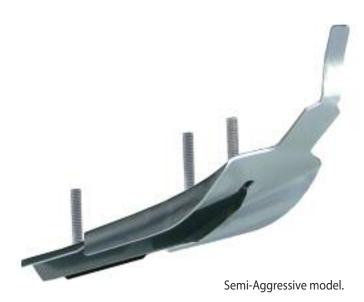
Have a darting problem and tried everything but still can't eliminate it? Pick yourself up a pair of SnowTrackers. This unique product has been on the snow for many years and has an excellent reputation for one reason. They work! Over the last couple seasons Snow Goer Canada has used both the aggressive and semi-aggressive models on our fleet sleds including our Yamaha Venture GT, Vector LTX (both with EPS and pre-EPS), FX Nytro, Arctic Cat F 1100 Sno Pro, XF CrossTour 800, and Polaris Rush Pro-R, and Ski-doo Renegade. On every one of these models we not only noticed zero darting but there was a significant improvement in cornering.

The narrow, self-sharpening, carbide runner in the centre cuts its own line in the snow while the two blades either side of the centre runner prevent the ski from falling into the runner tracks from other sleds. This is what keeps the sled pointing straight and eliminates the darting. The added benefit to these blades is that they really dig into the snow in the corners and dramatically reduce pushing. SnowTrackers advertises that it's like F1 type handling, and they are right. We experienced better handling and cornering on every sled



WheelTracker - Open.

that we installed the SnowTrackers on, regardless of whether it darted before or not. Did the steering get heavier? Yes, most (but not all) of our riders found it increased a little, some sleds more than others. However, it's important to take the time to adjust your ski shocks and centre shock, as per their instructions, and the steering effort will be as minimal as possible. Adjusting your suspension is also very important to the handling of the sled after installation. If you leave it alone you may find it bites too hard. Follow their instructions and the sled will rail. If you're looking for zero



darting, predictable and accurate cornering, and durability look no further than SnowTrackers.

SGC's Craig Nicholson, The Intrepid Snowmobiler, had the following to say:

"SnowTracker carbide runners are somewhat cumbersome looking at first glance, but boy oh boy, what a difference they make compared to stock carbides. Simply follow the instructions to install a SnowTracker to the bottom of each ski in place of the original carbides and watch out...no more darting or zigzagging along the trail, plus you'll have much improved steering.

Now you have six cutting devices working for you: a selfsharpening centre carbide runner and two tempered steel blades on each ski. Together, they make multiple cuts in the trail to provide exceptional grip, stability and control, without increased steering effort. Durability? The guys I ride with put over 7,000 kilometres on our SnowTrackers last winter with no carbide changes."

The manufacturers of SnowTrackers offer more than just their signature design though, they also offer replacement runners using a deep and narrow runner with carbide blade, similar to centre bar in their signature SnowTracker set up. We used these on Ski-doo's popular Pilot 5.7 ski and think they are a great option to increase handling and durability while also helping to reduce darting due to their unique shape. But that's not all they offer.

One of the coolest products they make is the Hydraulic WheelTracker. A set of wheels that bolt onto the skis for road running isn't unique but being able to raise and lower them hydraulically by the push of a button on the handlebars is. This is a great feature and very convenient.