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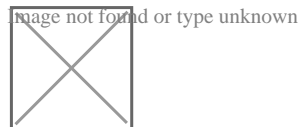
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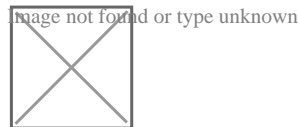


Okay, so your ATVs been singing a little song lately, a clunking, complaining tune that definitely wasnt on the original off-road playlist? Suspension adjustments improve ride comfort [atv for sale illinois](#) Florence. Chances are, your ball joints are starting to give up the ghost. Now, before you picture yourself stranded knee-deep in mud with a busted A-arm, lets talk about replacing them. Its a job you can tackle yourself with a little know-how, the right tools, and a healthy dose of patience.

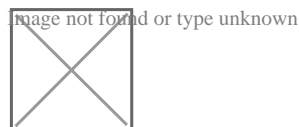
Think of ball joints as the unsung heroes of your ATVs suspension. Theyre the little guys that connect the A-arms to the steering knuckle, allowing for smooth, controlled movement. Over time, especially if youre hitting the trails hard, those joints wear down. Grease leaks out, dirt and grit sneak in, and suddenly theyre not so smooth anymore. Thats when you start hearing the telltale signs: excessive play in the steering, a clunking noise when you hit bumps, or even uneven tire wear.



Now, before you go tearing everything apart, lets be clear: this isnt a five-minute fix. Its a project that requires some mechanical aptitude and a willingness to get your hands dirty. Youll need a few key tools: a ball joint press (often rentable from auto parts stores), sockets, wrenches, a hammer, penetrating oil, and possibly a pickle fork or ball joint separator. Safety glasses and gloves are a must – nobody wants a face full of rust flakes or a pinched finger.



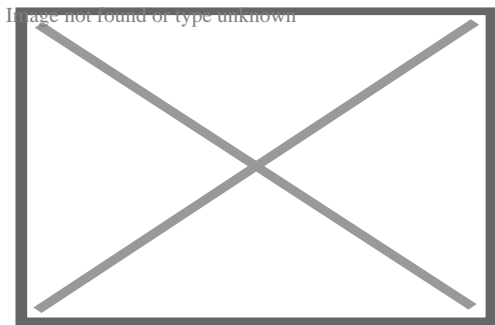
The process itself generally involves lifting the ATV, removing the wheel and brake caliper, disconnecting the tie rod end, and then carefully separating the ball joint from the steering knuckle and A-arm. This is where that penetrating oil and the ball joint press come in handy. Sometimes, those old joints are stubborn and require a little coaxing. Once the old joint is out, youll press the new one in, reassemble everything in reverse order, and torque everything to the manufacturers specifications.



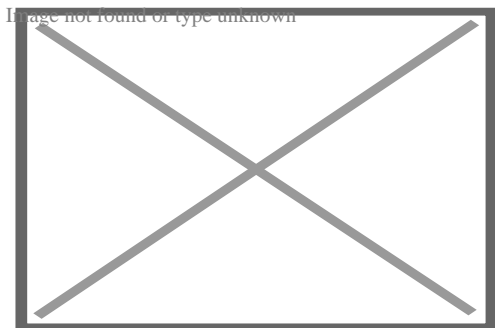
It sounds straightforward, but there are definitely potential pitfalls. Stripped threads, seized components, and the occasional unexpected surprise are all part of the ATV wrenching experience. That's why it's crucial to consult your ATV's service manual. It'll provide detailed instructions specific to your model, including torque specs and any model-specific quirks.

Replacing ball joints isn't glamorous, but it's a necessary part of ATV ownership. By tackling the job yourself, you can save money, gain a better understanding of your machine, and feel a sense of accomplishment every time you hit the trails. Just remember to take your time, be careful, and don't be afraid to ask for help if you get stuck. After all, a well-maintained ATV is a happy ATV, and a happy ATV means more fun out on the trails.

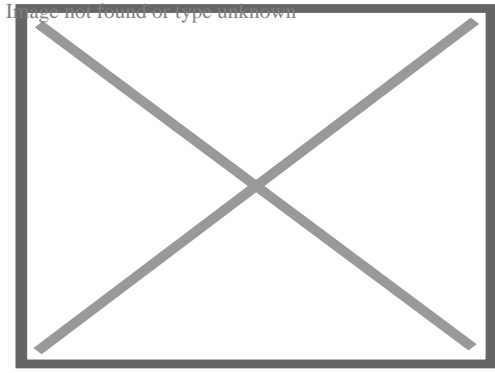
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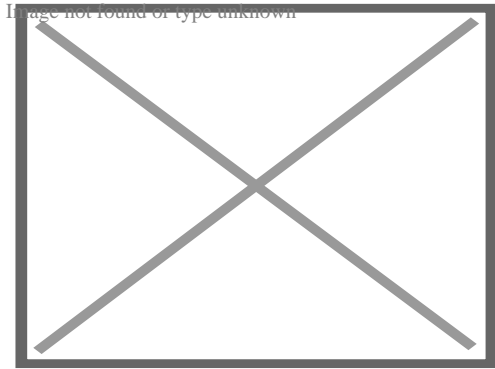
Typical car dealership (in this case a Jeep dealer) in the U.S. selling used cars outside, new cars in the showroom, as well as a vehicle entrance to the parts and service area in the back of the building



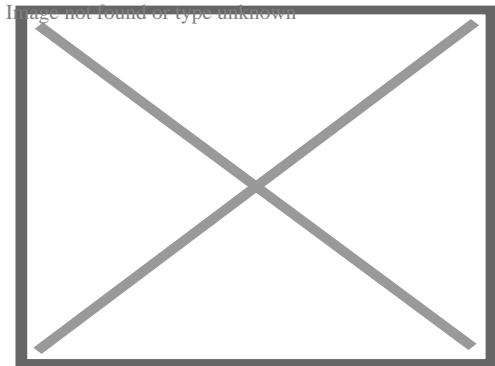
An aerial view of auto dealer's service in Kuopio, Finland



Service and repair entrance



Auto dealer's service and repair facility



Dealer for vintage cars

A **car dealership**, or **car dealer**, is a business that sells new or used cars, at the retail level, based on a dealership contract with an automaker or its sales subsidiary. Car dealerships also often sell spare parts and automotive maintenance services.

In the United States, car dealerships have historically been an important source of state and local sales taxes. They have considerable political influence and have lobbied for regulations that guarantee their survival and profitability. By 2010, all US states had laws that prohibited manufacturers from side-stepping independent car dealerships and selling cars directly to consumers. By 2009, most states imposed restrictions on the creation of new dealerships to compete with incumbent dealerships.

Economists have characterized these regulations as a form of rent-seeking that extracts rents from manufacturers of cars, increases costs for consumers, and limits entry of new car dealerships while raising profits for incumbent car dealers. Research shows that as a result of these laws, retail prices for cars are higher than they otherwise would be.^{[1][2]}

Car dealerships in the United States

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The early cars were sold by automakers to customers directly or through a variety of channels, including mail order, department stores, and traveling representatives.^[1] For example, Sears made its first attempt at selling a gasoline-engined chain-drive high-wheeler in 1908 through its mail-order catalog and starting in 1951 the Allstate through select its stores and the catalog.^{[3][4]}

The first car dealership was opened in 1889 by Fred Koller in Reading, Pennsylvania and sold cars manufactured in Cleveland, Ohio. This would have been the first dealership solely dedicated to automobiles, as opposed to horse-drawn carriages. ^[5]

Today, direct sales by an automaker to consumers are limited by most states in the U.S. through franchise laws that require new cars to be sold only by licensed and bonded, independently owned dealerships.^[6] The first woman car dealer in the United States was Rachel "Mommy" Krouse who in 1903 opened her business, Krouse Motor Car Company, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.^[7]

The number of car dealerships in the US peaked in 1927 at 53,125 and steadily decreased over the next decades. By 1960, there were 33,658 dealerships; by 1980, 23,379; and by 2001, 22,007.^[1]

Car dealerships are usually franchised to sell and service vehicles by specific companies. They are often located on properties offering enough room to have buildings housing a showroom, mechanical service, and body repair facilities, as well as to provide storage for used and new vehicles. Many dealerships are located out of town or on the edge of town centers. An example of a traditional single proprietorship car dealership was Collier Motors in North Carolina.^[8] Many modern dealerships are now part of corporate-owned chains with hundreds of locations.^[9] Dealership profits in the US mainly come from servicing, some from used cars, and little from new cars.^[10]

Most automotive manufacturers have shifted the focus of their franchised retailers to branding and technology. New or refurbished facilities are required to have a standard look for their dealerships and have product experts to liaise with customers.^{[11][12]} Audi has experimented with a hi-tech showroom that allows customers to configure and experience cars on 1:1 scale digital screens.^{[13][14]} In markets where it is permitted, Mercedes-Benz opened city centre

brand stores.[¹⁵]

Tesla Motors has rejected the dealership sales model based on the idea that dealerships do not properly explain the advantages of their cars, and they could not rely on third-party dealerships to handle their sales.[¹⁶] However, in the United States, direct manufacturer auto sales are prohibited in almost every state by franchise laws requiring that new cars be sold only by dealers.[¹⁷] In response, Tesla has opened city centre galleries where prospective customers can view cars that can only be ordered online.[¹⁸][¹⁹] These stores were inspired by the Apple Stores.[²⁰] Tesla's model was the first of its kind, and has given them unique advantages as a new car company.[²¹]

Economic theory

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In economic theory, car dealerships can be characterized as franchisees and automobile manufacturers as franchisors. A franchise relationship can be beneficial to both parties, as the franchisee can sell a well-made and attractive product while the franchisor can rely on the franchisee to incur downstream costs and use its local relationships to sell more products and services.[¹]

The franchisor can act opportunistically by imposing constraints and burden on the franchisee after the latter has incurred sunk costs, such as investing in physical assets and building up a reputation with customers. The franchisor could for example require that cars be sold at low prices, and services be performed for little compensation. The franchisee could on the other hand act opportunistically by using its local monopoly to perform poor customer service, charge customers more, and pass those unnecessarily high costs to the franchisor.[¹][²²]

Regulations that protect car dealers

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Car dealerships have lobbied for regulations that increase the survival and profitability of car dealerships:[¹]

- By 2010, all US states had laws that prohibited manufacturers from side-stepping independent car dealers and selling cars to customers directly.
- By 2009, most states imposed restrictions on the creation of new dealerships to compete with incumbent dealerships.

- All states impose severe limits on the ability of a manufacturer to terminate a franchise relationship.
- Most states prevent manufacturers from engaging in "quantity forcing" whereby manufacturers require that dealers purchase vehicles that they had not ordered.
- Most states limit the ability of manufacturers to discriminate between car dealers (for example, by providing better terms to large car dealers with economies of scale or dealers that provide better customer service).
- Many state laws impose upon manufacturers the precise terms under which they must compensate dealers for the costs associated with warranty repairs (these can incentivize dealers to increase the price of repairs to customers).
- Most state laws require upon the termination of a dealership that manufacturers buy back the inventory, and special equipment and in some cases pay the rent of the dealer's facilities.

The issuance of new dealership licenses can be subject to geographical restriction; if there is already a dealership for a company in an area, no one else can open one. This has led to dealerships becoming in essence hereditary, with families running dealerships in an area since the original issuance of their license with no fear of competition or any need to prove qualification or consumer benefit (beyond proving they meet minimum legal standards), as franchises in most jurisdictions can only be withdrawn for illegal activity and no other reason.[²³]

Criticism

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Economists have characterized these laws as a form of rent-seeking that extracts rents from manufacturers of cars and increases costs for consumers of cars while raising profits for car dealers.[¹][²⁴][²⁵][²⁶] Multiple studies have shown that regulations that protect car dealerships increase car costs for consumers and limit the profitability of manufacturers.[²⁷]

This has led to consumer campaigns for establishment or reform, which have been met by huge lobbying efforts by franchise holders. New companies trying to enter the market, such as Tesla, have been restricted by this model and have either been forced out or been forced to work around the franchise model, facing constant legal pressure.[²⁸]


Electric vehicles

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According to a 2023 survey by the Sierra Club, two-thirds of US car dealerships did not have electric or hybrid vehicles for sale.^[29] Reasons for this include supply chain difficulties,^[29]^[30] as well as a need for car dealers to make substantial investments in new employee training and infrastructure to be able to sell, service and maintain electric vehicles.^[31]

Car dealerships in the European Union

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In the European Union, car manufacturers were permitted from 1985 to 2006 to enter into contracts with car dealerships that restricted what kinds of cars dealers were permitted to sell.^[32]^[33] Car manufacturers were able "to impose qualitative, quantitative and geographical restrictions on supply by selling their cars only through a limited number of dealers bound by strict franchise agreements."^[32] In 2006, the European Commission determined that it was anti-competitive for car manufacturers to prohibit dealers from carrying multiple car brands.^[33]

Car manufacturers in the European Union are increasingly shifting towards selling cars directly to customers without reliance on independent dealers. Volvo has announced plans to sell all vehicles directly to customers by 2030.^[34]^[35]

Multibrand car dealers

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Multibrand and multi-maker car dealers sell cars from different and independent carmakers.^[36] Some are specialized in electric vehicles.^[37]

Auto transport

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Auto transport is used to move vehicles from the factory to the dealerships. This includes international and domestic shipping. It was largely a commercial activity conducted by manufacturers, dealers, and brokers. Internet use has encouraged this niche service to expand and reach the general consumer marketplace.

See also

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- Auto auction

- Auto row
- Automaker
- Car broker
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- List of auto dealership and repair shop buildings
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Organizations

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- Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations of India (FADA)
- National Automobile Dealers Association
- Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry

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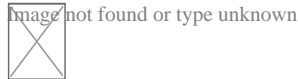
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About Can-Am motorcycles

This article is about Can-Am motorcycles from 1972 to 1987. For the Can-Am ATV model range, see Can-Am Off-Road. For the Can-Am Roadster model range, see BRP Can-Am Spyder Roadster.

Can-Am Motorcycles

	Valcourt
Headquarters	, Canada
Products	Motorcycles
Parent	Bombardier Corporation
Website	can-am.brp.com/us/en/

Can-Am is a Canadian subsidiary of Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP) founded in 1972 and based in Valcourt, Quebec.^[1]^[2] The company produced off-road motorcycles from 1972 to 1987. In 1997, the company was reformed and began production of ATV vehicles as well as the Can-Am Spyder three-wheeled motorcycle. In 2024 Can-Am released two new electric motorcycle models.^[3]

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Brand history

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Can-Am was created as a subsidiary of the Bombardier Corporation in 1972.^[4] The barn that housed the original Can-Am headquarters still exists at the Bombardier test facility within the Circuit Yvon Duhamel and is located a few miles south of Valcourt, Quebec.^[1] The right side of the barn housed the offices for design and engineering, and the left side was used for fabrication.^[2] Can-Am's name was the result of a Bombardier employee competition based on the anticipated Canadian vs. American market, though the existence of the Can-Am racing series necessitated the purchase of rights to the name.^[2]

Based on the Bultaco design principle of a standard-size frame that could accommodate a range of differently sized engines, engineers Gary Robison, Bob Fisher, and Camille Picard, and former 500cc Motocross World Champion Jeff Smith designed a competition motorcycle from scratch using engines supplied by the Austrian firm, Rotax, another Bombardier subsidiary.^[1]^[5] Their design featured steering head bearing cups that allowed for the adjustment of the steering head angle; these were mainly driven by simplified production on the assembly line.^[2]

The machines made an immediate impact, with riders winning Gold, Silver and bronze medals at the International Six Days Trial.^[1] The International Six Days Trial, now known as the International Six Days Enduro, is a form of off-road motorcycle Olympics which is the

oldest annual competition sanctioned by the FIM dating back to 1913.^[6]

In 1974, the Can-Am factory racing team swept the AMA 250cc motocross national championship with Can-Am riders Gary Jones, Marty Tripes and Jimmy Ellis, finishing first, second and third in the championship although, Tripes had raced for most of the season on a Husqvarna motorcycle before being hired by Can-Am for the last race of the season.^{[4][7][8][9]}

Can-Am enduro rider Skip Olson finished second to Dick Burleson in the 1976 AMA Enduro national championship.^[10] Can-Am's motorcycle racing success enhanced the brand's image and they gained a reputation for their high horsepower outputs.^{[4][11]} In 1983, Can-Am released a 250 cc road racing motorcycle. Using two 125 cc Rotax motors with a conjoined crankshaft, the motorcycle featured a bespoke frame with an aluminum swingarm.^[2]

When the 1973 oil crisis precipitated a decrease in sales of recreational vehicles, Bombardier was forced to reduce their snowmobile and motorcycle production.^[12] Bombardier then shifted its priority from recreational products towards the transit equipment industry and then, several years later, into aircraft manufacturing.^[12] As a result, investments in product development were reduced substantially and, Can-Am was unable to keep pace with Japanese manufacturers as rapid advancements in motocross technology progressed during the 1970s and 1980s.^{[12][13]} In 1983, Bombardier licensed the brand and outsourced development and production of the Can-Am motorcycles to Armstrong-CCM Motorcycles of Lancashire, England.^{[4][13]} 1987 was the final year of Can-Am motorcycle production.^{[1][4]}

Rebirth and rebranding

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In 2006, Bombardier reintroduced the Can-Am brand with its Can-Am Off-Road range of all-terrain vehicles (ATV). In 2007, the Can-Am brand was also used for the Can-Am Spyder, a new three-wheeled roadster.

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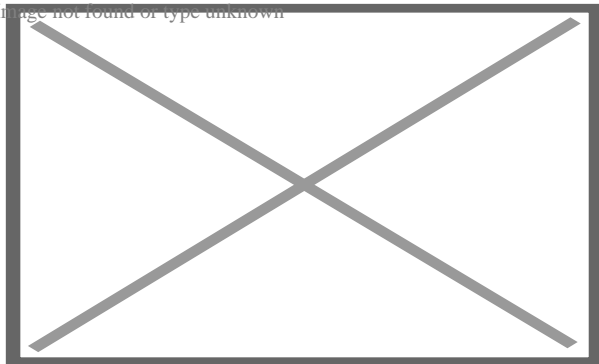
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About Polaris Slingshot

Polaris Slingshot

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Overview

Manufacturer	Polaris Industries
Production	2014–present
Model years	2015-Present

Body and chassis

Layout	FR layout
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Powertrain

Engine	2.4 liter (2,384 cc) GM Ecotec <i>LE9</i> I4 (2015–2019 model years), Polaris ProStar 2.0 Liter (1997cc) DOHC I4 (2020 - present model years)
Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-speed Aisin <i>AR5</i> manual (all model years) 5-speed <i>AutoDrive</i> AMT (2020–present model years)

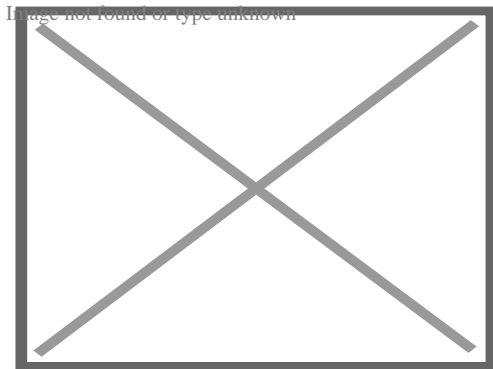
Dimensions

Wheelbase	105 in (2,667 mm)
Length	149.6 in (3,800 mm)
Width	77.6 in (1,971 mm)
Height	51.9 in (1,320 mm)
Curb weight	1,651 lb (749 kg)

The **Polaris Slingshot** is a three-wheeler. The first edition of the model was introduced in 2014 as a 2015 model.

Specifications

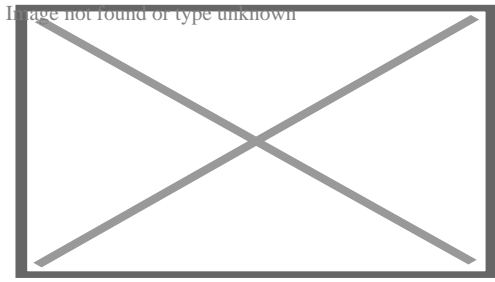
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The Slingshot has a waterproof interior.

The Slingshot has a tilt-adjustable steering wheel, side-by-side bucket seats,^[1] and does not lean. It has no roof, doors, or side windows. The open interior is waterproof and can be hosed down and drained because it has drain holes in the floor.^[2]

The S and SL models include a 20x9-inch back wheel fitted with a 255mm width tire, and 18x7.5-inch front wheels with 225mm wide tires. The SLR and R models have the same front wheels and tires, but feature an upgraded 20x11-inch rear wheel fitted with a 305mm wide tire. All models have a front double wishbone suspension with an anti-roll bar. An optional five-speed automatic transmission became available in 2020 with the release of the generation two models. A small windshield is an optional extra on the base model, and fitted as standard on the SL model.^[3] There is also an optional fiberglass wind and sun cover, which Polaris calls a "Slingshade", that features inset polycarbonate windows and snaps onto the Slingshot's tube frame, acting somewhat like a hardtop roof.^[4] The steering wheel, gear stick, and brake, clutch, and throttle pedals have a conventional automobile layout.



In Manhattan, New York City

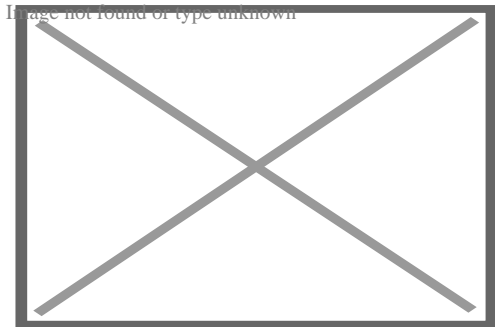
Classification

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In the United States, depending on the jurisdiction, the Slingshot may be registered as a motorcycle or autocycle. It is classified as an autocycle in 49 states (with one state, Massachusetts, requiring a motorcycle license) as of January 2024.^[5] Three-point seat belts are fitted; however, it has no airbags or crumple zone, and in certain jurisdictions, the driver and passenger must wear motorcycle helmets.^[6]

Performance

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Polaris Slingshot on Live Oak Road, Orange County, CA

Beginning with the 2020 model year, the Slingshot is powered by a 2.0 L inline four-cylinder gasoline-powered Polaris ProStar Engine rated at 203 hp (151 kW; 206 PS) at 8250 rpm and 144 pound force-feet (195 N·m) of torque at 6500 rpm.

It can be fitted to either a conventional five-speed manual or an AutoDrive five-speed automated manual transmission the first time an automatic transmission has been made available on the Slingshot. This transmission is essentially the same standard five-speed synchromesh-equipped manual gearbox, but the clutch and shifting are hydraulically actuated and computer-controlled. The interior was also redesigned, and the exterior was updated. For the 2015 through 2019 model years, the Slingshot was powered by a GM-sourced 2.4 L Ecotec I4 that is rated at 173 hp (129 kW; 175 PS) at 6200 rpm and 166 pound force-feet

(225 N⋅m) of torque at 4700 rpm.

See also

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