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Product Review

Submarine Snorkel System

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Have you ever drowned your quad out? Do you now avoid mud and water holes from fear of sucking this contaminant into your motor? If so, you could certainly benefit from installing a snorkel kit. Some may choose to create their own kit from PVC pipe, and some may choose to buy a pre-manufactured kit for this process. I chose the Submarine Snorkels kit for my Honda 500 Foreman ES because I witnessed the ease of installation when team AnyTing Goes put one on a Just-Add-Dirt sponsored Polaris RZR, and the quality of the parts looked good.

Upon receipt of the snorkel kit, I immediately noticed that the components of this kit are NOT just a bunch of PVC fittings, the upper tube was similar to a radiator hose and will likely remain in the event of a roll over. There is also a

solid mounting U clamp and steel

bracket that mounts to the rack will help keep the system in place to avoid damage and leaks due trail abuse.

After reading the instructions a couple of times, I decided to install the kit myself as the installation appeared to be well within my grasp. I recommend to take your time or it will look like a rush job and you could make a big mistake. I should, however, note that Submarine Snorkels recommends that installation only be accomplished by a full time ATV repair shop, and states that they will not provide technical assistance to anybody else.

I took off the body plastic they suggested and a little more to make it easier to work on. To continue on, after taking the old air breather out and installing the new PVC line I

realized the factory clamp was too small, a larger hose clamp was required for the right fit and was not provided. To make it easier to cut the hole in the plastic fender, I took the front tire off. Once you cut the hole in the inner fender and put the second section of the kit, you will know where the hole in the top fender should be (step two). If you followed the instructions you could be off the mark due to variables in the fit of the parts and you will have to make the hole bigger. Step two of the factory instructions should be the last step. I used some aluminum diamond plate to cover this mistake and the fit still looks factory.

All in all, it was not too tough to install, but it should be noted that the final fender cut should be completed after the majority of the kit is installed. The submarine kit is more than simply the sum of its components as I expect it to dramatically increase the fun factor of my ride. Stay tuned for an on trail evaluation to follow some seat time.



Initial Impression: dirt worthy

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	Compliments:	Complaints:	Score
Fitment / Installation:	Quality hardware, fairly direct bolt-on.	Installation instructions slightly misleading. Oversized clamp not included	16/25
Design/Features:	Made to seal up that air intake	Not fully tested yet.	20/25
Quality:	Construction quality was top notch		25/25
Price:	Competitive price for the added function		20/25

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