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Product Review

Rubber Down Lift Kit: Grizzly 700

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I received a lift kit for the Grizzly 700 from Rubber Down Customs for Riders Review a few weeks ago. My evaluation begins with the installation:



The kit is very simple and very strong, I would say this design is the best I have seen for this model of ATV. Eight new bolts, four steel plates a few holes, and that is the complete product. The instructions for the install are on www.RubberDownCustom.com web site, no printed instructions came with the kit. I did refer back to the computer as I had the front plates reversed the first time I aligned everything and it didn't quite fit. I would suggest printed instructions and marking the plates for the proper placement before you head to the garage.

The fitment of the kit was perfect on the back of the quad but I have a power steering unit on my bike and the plastic guard was required to be removed for the lift to fit properly at the front shocks. I would suggest to "notch" the plate at the power steering unit in the future so the guard could remain, there should be no reduction in strength. The most difficult part of the install was compressing the shock springs to allow the bolts to align. I found

it easier to compress the shock before removing it from the stock mounting position, then aligning the bolts.

The results, the tape measure never lies, after a quick ride and parking on a level surface, I got just what I bargained for, 1 1/2" additional clearance at the floorboard. The ride of the quad was effectively stiffened a bit as the angle of the shocks was reduced (more straight up and down). The handling characteristics were not affected in the cornering, there is less "nose dive" when applying the front brakes due to shock angle. I give the kit a "DIRT WORTHY" rating for safety, purpose, and price.



Initial Impression: Dirt Worthy			91
	Compliments:	Complaints:	Score
Fitment / Installation:	Quality hardware, fairly direct bolt-on.	Installation required removal of plastic guard for power steering unit. No printed instructions	20/25
Design/Features:	Simple, Durable, works as intended	Not fully tested yet.	24/25
Quality:	Construction quality was top notch		25/25
Price:	Competitive price for the added function		22/25

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