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EDITORIAL

Woo Hoo, with daylight savings time started we are now one step closer to the full out golf cart season! .Is your cart in tip top shape? Be sure to check this month's Service & Repair Hub where we address How To Get Your Golf Cart Ready To Roll For Spring.

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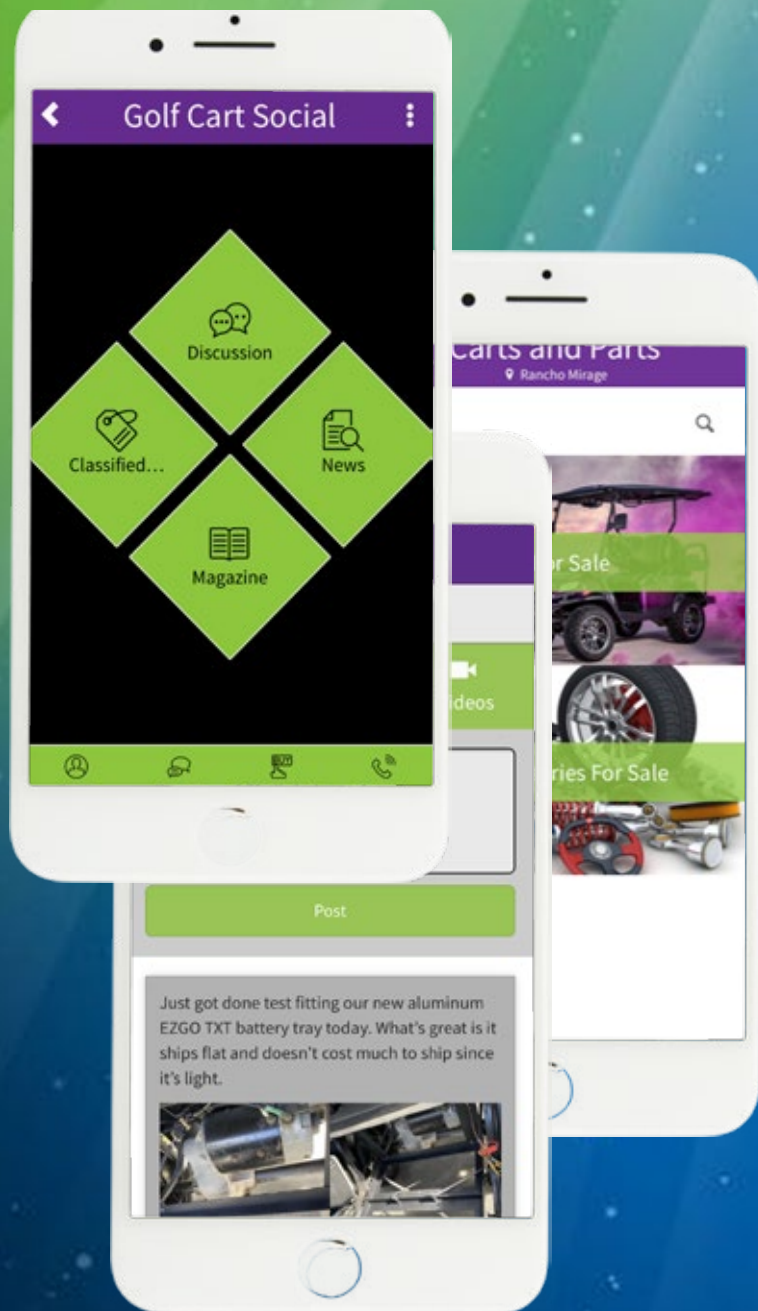
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is a LSV a golf cart?

In 2015 a leading news article boldly claimed that “the future of electric vehicles is golf carts, not Tesla.” While that might sound like a headline from The Onion, it was actually published by none other than the Harvard Business Review.

In the following years we’ve seen street legal golf carts skyrocket in popularity, and subgenres like lifted golf carts have taken off in ways nobody predicted. Except Guy Fieri.

That means Johnny Law is paying more attention to marauding caddies than ever before. It’s generally illegal to drive a golf cart on public roads unless it has a license plate, and before you set about making your golf cart street legal it’s important to understand the legal definition of a golf cart and what distinguishes a golf cart from a Low Speed Vehicle (LSV).

What is a Low Speed Vehicle?

A Low Speed Vehicle is defined by law as a four-wheeled vehicle whose maximum speed falls between 20 and 25 miles per hour on a paved level surface. Its GVWR (total weight of all cargo, fluids, and passengers plus the vehicle itself) is limited to 3,000 pounds.

Typical uses of LSVs include meter maids, campus security, grounds keeping, hunting, and yard work. Find them writing you a ticket even though

you’ve only been parked in that loading zone for like 5 minutes sir, officer, I swear. The most common form of LSV is pictured below and resembles a street legal golf cart with an added dose of flavor.

The low weight limit has promoted use of lightweight materials in the construction of LSVs, allowing them to carry up to six people plus luggage and still weigh under 3,000 pounds. This means Low Speed Vehicles get fantastic gas mileage that would make a small motorcycle look like a 1980’s Cadillac.

How Safe are LSVs?

Not very.

Many LSVs are safer than golf carts, but that’s not saying much. As NHTSA documentation explains, street legal LSVs aren’t required to meet the rigid safety standards that passenger cars must ad-

States with laws allowing low-speed vehicles on public roads



here to. If your neighbor's Escalade T-bones an LSV at an intersection, it's not hard to imagine that the outcome will most likely be in the SUV's favor.

Always drive on heightened alert when operating a Low Speed Vehicle on public roads. While you shouldn't be texting and driving anyway, you definitely shouldn't be doing it with no air bags and no crash protection to speak of.

Why Drive an LSV?

Driving a street legal LSV on public roads offers the same benefits as driving a golf cart: ease, convenience, efficiency, and an undeniable cool factor. Just look at those people in the photo above, all hip and cool with their mom pants and khaki shorts. Those are trendsetters, my friends.

But are they in a golf cart or an LSV?

That brings us to the second part of the topic at hand.

What is a Golf Cart?

Golf carts are defined by law as vehicles designed for use on a golf course and with a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour or less. Their price tends to be lower, and they often lack many of

the fundamental safety features that make LSVs street legal in so many states.

Where are Golf Carts Legal to Drive?

Despite what the retirees at your local golf community might tell you, any street legal golf carts were most likely converted for street use by companies like Dirt Legal; it's rare to find a street legal golf cart from the factory or at a dealership.

Making a golf cart street legal is possible, but outside of retirement communities and college campuses, it's generally illegal to drive an unconverted golf cart on public roads. Local laws may exist which make golf carts street legal during certain hours on certain roads. Even still, chances are those roads aren't too far from a golf course.

To be considered street legal, golf carts must meet the same registration, insurance, and inspection requirements as the other vehicles on the road. A license plate is generally required.

How Safe are Golf Carts?

LSVs (or sometimes UTVs) are generally what you've seen driving around rural towns or national parks, and even though they will sometimes resemble a golf cart, they're substantially better built. If you get into a traffic accident in a golf cart, the results could be far more dramatic than your usual bumper tap. See above.

Fun fact: motorcycle insurance often covers golf carts as well, but an LSV or Street Legal golf cart requires regular automobile insurance such as PDL and PIP.

Why Drive a



Pictured: Olympus LSV

Golf Cart?

We recently explained some of the many reasons why driving a golf cart is actually pretty great. Making a golf cart street legal is easier than you may think, so check out our guide on [How to Make a Golf Cart Street Legal](#).

The Difference Between Golf Carts and LSVs

Physical Differences

- Speed: Golf carts can travel up to 20 mph. LSVs can travel up to 25 mph.
- Safety: LSVs adhere to additional safety standards which golf carts do not.
- Price: Golf carts tend to be a few thousand dollars cheaper than LSVs.

The Letter of the Law

Legal Age: Often, neither LSVs nor golf carts require the driver to be of legal driving age or even possess a valid driver's license. Check your local laws for more information.

Legality: Most states allow street legal LSVs on some public roads. Street legal golf carts are allowed as well, but factory stock golf carts generally are not. Local areas may have their own rules in effect.

Legality 2: Golf carts tend to lack the street legal parts found on LSVs (horn, windshield, lights, mirrors, and so on). You'll need these parts to satisfy Johnny Law. Luckily, we sell them.

How Do I Make My Golf Cart Street Legal?

What do
Ludacris,
Channing
Tatum,
Guy
Fieri,
and

most retirees have in common? They all drive golf carts. And since you're reading this, I suspect you do too. You're in good company.

We all know how frustrating it is that golf carts aren't street legal, but have you ever wondered why you can't drive a golf cart on public roads? What parts are needed to make a golf cart street legal? How do you do it? And should you?

Time to find out.

The Fast and the Fairway

Golf carts aren't just the vehicle of choice for navigating the local par 70. Caddies are an easy and economical way to get around the neighborhood, to run to the grocery store, or to pursue the downtown area without dragging out the family hauler.

What many people don't realize is there's a similar class of vehicle that does the same thing.

Low-Speed Vehicles (LSV) look about the same as a golf kart, but can go much faster. Additionally, they often come with more road-going features. That means most LSVs are already street legal and just need to be registered, whereas golf carts are typically not legal for road use.

So, is it possible to make a golf cart street legal? Yes. It just needs to be converted into an LSV by meeting certain criteria that we will explain later.

Where Can You Drive a Golf Cart or LSV?

For the most part: on a golf course.

A great resource for this information is this page from the gurus at [Golf Cart Resource](#) which lists every state's laws regarding whether golf carts are street legal.

But again, if your golf cart were to be considered an LSV chances are you could drive it legally in way more places than just a golf course.

At the time of this article, 47 states allow LSVs to be driven on public roads. These states are seen in the map below. In addition to that, nearly every state in the Union allows golf carts to be driven in



at least some situations. (see map next page)

Why Aren't Golf Karts Street Legal?

Besides environmental factors like emissions and fuel efficiency, a lack of safety is the main reason golf carts are not street legal.

We've all heard the phrase, "You were so caught up in whether you could that you didn't stop to wonder if you should." So if you want to drive a golf cart or LSV on public roads, it's important to consider the safety implications. These vehicles are far more dangerous than a car, and that's not because the driver is armed with golf clubs.

The most obvious difference between a normal car and a golf cart is collision protection... or the lack thereof. What's more, a cart can't maneuver like a full-fledged automobile – turning, stopping, and accelerating are all slower than a car, drastically reducing your ability to evade emergencies.

Because of this, even those states in which golf carts and LSVs are street legal have laws telling you to steer clear of major thoroughfares and to not drive at night. In most states, it's also the law (and good road etiquette) to hug the shoulder and give right-of-way to more capable vehicles.

Stick to less populated roads and keep a close eye on other drivers. As awesome as your buggy may be, there's no way it will win a fight against a BMW.

Is it Possible to Make a Golf Cart or LSV Street Legal?

If you've made it this far, there's clearly no talking you out of this. You lunatic.

Yes. It is possible.

Just don't do anything in your golf cart that you wouldn't do in your car. That means you shouldn't hop the curb to get over to the McDonald's parking lot after accidentally turning into Walmart because "it's a golf cart, it won't hurt the grass".

Why bother? My local law enforcement doesn't care about golf carts on the road.

Sure, your local Johnny Law might be in the habit of turning a blind eye to golf carts and LSVs. But it's always best to ensure you're completely legal when you're on the road so that you're protected in a worst-case scenario.

If something were to happen and insurance were to get involved, you would want to be as legal as humanly possible to avoid being sued to the moon and back.

That means getting a title, license plate, and insurance whenever possible and outfitting your cart with those basic bolt-on parts listed above. Unless your neighborhood says otherwise, without these basic things it's not legal to drive a golf cart (and possibly an LSV) on the road where you live.

What Parts Make a Golf Cart Street Legal?

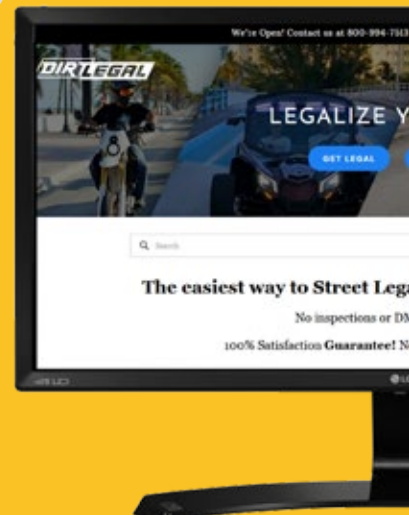
Your local laws may require more, but your golf cart will need at least:

- Headlights
- Tail lights
- Blinkers
- Lap belts
- Mirrors
- Reflectors
- Windshield
- Horn

Most of these parts are standard on today's most popular models. Especially if you have a factory-built LSV you probably have most of those already, but if not you can probably install them quicker than you can play your local back nine.

Taking Things One Step Further

The big-ticket items for legal-



izing a golf cart or low-speed vehicle are a license plate, registration, and a title. There are certain states where you can obtain these for vehicles that don't have a VIN, like most golf carts and LSVs.

Unfortunately, those states and laws are always changing. You'll have to do your own research to determine what's possible in your state. The good news is, as long as you have the parts listed above (plus any other street legal parts your state requires for road-going vehicles) you will be well-prepared to drive your golf kart or LSV wherever the law allows you to.

And to us, that's way more fun than a round of golf.

What do Ludacris, Channing Tatum, Guy Fieri, and most retirees have in common? They all drive golf carts.

How Do I Make My LSV Street Legal?

Street legalizing an LSV means doing three things:

- Understanding the laws and regulations in your jurisdiction
 - Outfitting your LSV with as many street legal parts as possible
 - Getting a title, license plate, and insurance whenever possible

LSVs can be made legal for road use in almost all 50 states, just make sure you're not impeding the flow of traffic wherever you go.

What Parts Make an LSV Street Legal?

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What About a Title, Plate, and Registration?

At Dirt Legal, we're big fans of making strange things street legal, from Humvees to Roxors and ATVs to go karts. Check out our Conversions page to learn how we can make certain vehicles street legal with almost no effort needed on your end.

We sometimes offer packages to make LSVs and golf carts street legal. We only offer this when we're 100% sure we can make it happen based on ever-changing DMV regulations. If you're ever in doubt, give us a call.

Why bother? My local law enforcement doesn't care about golf carts on the road.

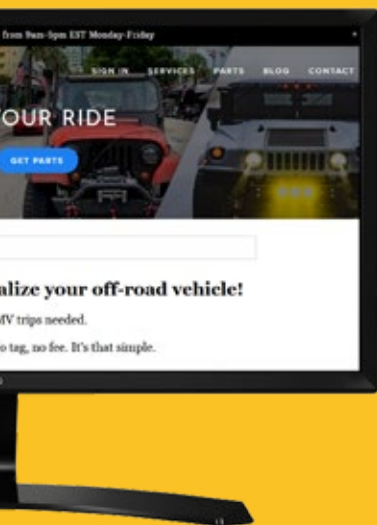
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If something were to happen and insurance were to get involved, you would want to have every T crossed and every loose end tied off.

Any Questions?

We hope this guide to golf carts and LSVs has helped answer your questions. If we left something out, feel free to comment at the link and we'll address it in a future edit.

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HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY, RED HAWK!

*How a Team of Golf Car Veterans
Hatched an Industry Leader*

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The objective for Red Hawk's line of replacement parts was to offer products of original equipment (OE) quality at aftermarket prices. Soon, they were designing, engineering and sourcing parts from manufacturers domestically and across the globe. The company's early success convinced the Red Hawk team that they were poised to become the best supplier in the industry.

Rugged Parts for Your Ride

There have been bumps along Red Hawk's 20-year road, but each one resulted in new opportunities. During the recession of 2007-2008, the used golf car market saw a sharp drop in demand, so the company responded by paring back wholesale golf car distribution and focusing on the parts product line. In 2009, Red Hawk debuted their RHOX line of golf car accessories with the introduction of the Mojave tire. Quickly, the RHOX line grew into a full-on brand to include most of the golf car accessories sold by Red Hawk. The brand icon, the rhinoceros, symbolizes the toughness of RHOX products (hence the tagline, Rugged Parts for Your Ride), and lends itself to some catchy marketing efforts. "It

has been gratifying to watch RHOX take hold in the market," says Vice President of Sales Duffey Pitzer. "In the beginning, dealers would see the cool ads and inquire, 'What is this RHOX line all about?' Now, we have dealers who will carry only RHOX brand accessories in their showrooms and end users who ask for it specifically."

The product line expansion did not end with RHOX. Red Hawk's brand of Admiral electrical parts debuted with motors in 2009 to a strong reception among dealers. Red Hawk is known to be zealous about product development, and Admiral motors are a classic example. Independent testing by one of the industry's leading electrical engineers confirmed that Admiral A4 and B4 motors have the highest torque and speed with the most efficient operational amperage of any motor in the industry. Further product development efforts in subsequent years resulted in the additions of chargers and starter/generators to the Admiral brand portfolio.

Good People, Great Parts

Boyce and Clough, previously from Mid-Atlantic Equipment, knew that customer service was as important as quality products. The company worked hard to develop the inside sales, product support, warehouse, technology and administrative departments into efficient and responsive teams that add value to the dealer-supplier relationship. Then they upped the ante further by focusing on the process itself — the way the parts were offered, sold, assembled and shipped to their customers. The Doing It Better motto inspired a culture of introspection and continuous improvement across every functional area in the company. A particular point of pride for Red Hawk management is the human element that underpins their entire business model. "We don't source and sell products in a vacuum," says owner Gillet Boyce. "We have a committed and talented team, whom our customers like and respect."

We answer the phone quickly. We stand behind what we sell. It sounds like a simple formula, but you have to have the right people in place. They differentiate us as much as our products do."

While COVID-19 has put a temporary hold on most of the social aspects of the Red Hawk culture, it is a company that believes that happy employees are good for business. "Hawks," the company shorthand for its employees, enjoy holiday parties, an annual picnic, anniversary recognition, and the beloved monthly "Cake Days", all of which foster a strong sense of togetherness. Director of Purchasing Rhonda Cadorette, for one, is looking forward to the lifting of social distancing restrictions. "We miss the relationships that we've made," she explains. "And cake makes everybody happy."

The Nest Expands

Over two decades, growth has pushed Red Hawk well past the confines of its Maryland headquarters. A 2012 expansion of the facility to 55,000

square feet proved inadequate within months, so the company quickly hatched plans for Red Hawk in Jacksonville, Florida, which opened its doors in 2016. Two years later, an additional warehouse was added in Dallas, Texas, and last year, Indianapolis became Red Hawk's fourth location. This regional distribution network has significantly increased the company's ability to fulfill orders quickly and accurately.

As the market expands and golf car owners become more discriminating, Red Hawk continues to abide by its Doing It Better motto. The RHOX and Admiral lines have been welcome additions to the product landscape, now enjoying brand recognition and generating demand beyond wholesale customers to end users. Looking forward and imagining new possibilities has fueled Red Hawk's success in its first twenty years. While competitors are flirting with other segments in the industry, Red Hawk remains steadfastly committed to being the very best supplier of golf car parts. Period. There is plenty of excitement right here in this industry. Red Hawk will see to it.



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Low-speed vehicle manufacturer taking it to the NXT level...again!

Vernon, BC Canada: Simolo Customs Ltd. dba SC Carts, a low-speed electric vehicle manufacturer has released a new line of street-legal electric vehicles (low-speed vehicle) for the Canadian market. This coming only 10 months after the company was granted the right to manufacture LSV's in Canada and released their first line of LSV's.

SC Carts CEO, Jeffery Holomis says, "We are excited about our new line of LSV's. They are going to be a game-changer for the Canadian automotive industry. Our customers can sell their secondary gas-powered vehicle they choose and replace it with our NXT-City as a green mode of transportation. Our NXT-City's have all the comforts of full-sized vehicles, such as heat, AC., and Blue-tooth stereo, with the advantage of being much more compact, electric, and virtually maintenance-free."

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SC Carts' low-speed vehicles range from non-street legal golf carts, to resort vehicles and street-legal resort vehicles. And now, with the addition of the City, a viable street-legal vehicle that can be used daily. SC Carts continues to push the envelope for sustainable small vehicle transportation both in Canada and globally.

ABOUT SC CART: SC Carts is a low-speed, electric vehicle manufacturing company based in Vernon, BC Canada. Founded in 2010 SC Carts released its own line of electric vehicles, the NXT, in 2017. SC Carts background is from the aircraft manufacturing industry and holds the highest level in production standards.

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Electric or gasoline-powered golf carts used for on-the-job transport outside of a golf course may be referred to by different names depending on the type of vehicle used and the preference of the organization, including:

- Golf Carts
- Golf Cars (from ANSI Standard Z130.1)
- Golf Buggies
- Powered Carts
- Low-Speed Vehicles (LSV)
- Utility Vehicles

If you intend to drive a golf cart on any public roads, which may be necessary if the streets are adjacent to or connect company properties or job sites, it is important to clearly understand the local area and state laws and additional licensing may be required.

Before driving any golf cart, the operator should conduct a pre-trip safety inspection to check the following:

- Fluids – perform a quick check under

the vehicle to ensure nothing is leaking

- Tires – check all tires for proper air pressure
- Controls – the brakes, accelerator, and steering should all respond properly and move freely
- Lights and Horn – make sure they work properly
- Seatbelts – should be in good working condition

If anything is missing, broken, damaged, or otherwise not working properly, do not use the golf cart. Immediately take action to remove the golf cart from service following your organization's procedures to do so.

To stay safe, golf cart operators must understand the limitations of golf carts and how they differ from motor vehicles and forklifts.

OSHA General Duty Clause 5(a)(1) Each employer shall furnish to each of his employees' employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized



WHEN USED AT WORK FACILITIES

hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees.

A golf cart may seem like it's slow and harmless, but serious injuries can occur because of unsafe golf cart use. Every year OSHA investigates injuries, and sometimes fatalities, that occur because of incidents involving a golf cart. Golf carts moving at speeds as low as 11 miles per hour can easily eject a passenger during a turn.

OSHA Standard 1926.21(b)(2) The employer shall instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions and the regulations applicable to his work environment to control or eliminate any hazards or other exposure to illness or injury.

Most injuries that occur because of a golf cart happen when:

- passengers are ejected
- there is a rollover incident
- a collision occurs with another vehicle, a stationary object, or a pedestrian
- passengers are getting into or out of a moving golf cart
- the driver loses control

Do not put the golf cart in motion until all passengers are safely seated. Stunt driving and horse-

play are not permitted. Never operate a golf cart while under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any medication or other substance that may cause fatigue or affect alertness. Report accidents and damage to a supervisor as soon as possible, regardless of whether property damage or personal injury occurred.

*OSHA General Duty Clause 5(a)(1)
Each employer shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees.*

Golf cart operators have a responsibility to drive safely and follow all safety precautions. Only drive on designated paths and roadways. Operate the golf cart from the driver's side only. Do not drive the golf cart with your left foot hanging outside of the vehicle. Before carefully backing up, turn around and



look behind the golf cart. Golf cart drivers should always drive courteously and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

Avoid distractions while operating a golf cart. Be safe and attentive. Do not use a cell phone while operating a golf cart. Do not drive with an open beverage container or while wearing headphones.

When driving a golf cart, avoid excessive speed, sudden starts or stops, and fast turns. Only tow loads if the golf cart is designed for towing. Drive straight up and down slopes to reduce the risk of passenger ejections or rollover.

The golf cart operator should always slow

down when:

- on a slope
- approaching turns
- at corners or intersections
- while passing through doorways
- in bad weather or poor visibility conditions
 - when pedestrians are in the area

As the operators have specific safety guidelines they must follow when driving a golf cart, passengers also play a vital role in their own safety. There may be times when it is up to the golf cart operator to enforce these rules.

Everyone riding in the golf cart must remain seated while the vehicle is in motion, or about to start moving. Keep all body parts including hands, legs, and feet inside the golf cart while it is in motion. If seatbelts are available, they should be worn. The number of passengers should never exceed the number of seats available. No one is allowed to ride while standing in the golf cart or on the back platform of the vehicle.

When parking, never leave the keys in an unattended golf cart and make sure the parking brake is set.

Do not park the golf cart in a way that blocks or limits access to:

- emergency equipment, like fire extinguishers
- fire lanes
- building entrances or exits
- sidewalks or common walkways
- accessibility options, like ramps

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RED HAWK

ONLINE PRODUCT SUPPORT ADDED TO RED HAWK CUSTOMER SERVICE SUITE



To continue to deliver on Red Hawk's Doing it Better mantra, the company has launched a web-based Product Support request form similar to its Online Return form. On April 1, the new form will be found in the Dealer Resources section of the Red Hawk website at GolfCart.com.

Once submitted, the Product Support form will initiate a direct interaction with the Product Support team so that dealers can obtain quick answers to their installation and product questions. "The new page makes it easy for our dealers to upload all the relevant info relating to their support request, including the cart make and model and a description of the issue they are having," said Gil Sadler, Product Technical Support Manager. "Even better, they can include supporting photos or video from their computer or cell phone to help expedite resolution."

The Product Support team is available to respond to requests weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time. Future plans include

additional technical resources that will be beneficial to dealers during off hours, such as Frequently Asked Questions, tech bulletins and video demonstrations.

In this 20th Anniversary Year, the launch of Online Product Support signals Red Hawk's continuing commitment to providing the best customer service in the industry.

RED HAWK ROLLS OUT FLAT RATE SHIPPING

Beginning April 1, 2021, Red Hawk will convert to a simple and streamlined flat rate shipping program that takes the guesswork out of freight costs for dealers. This much-anticipated program helps customers predict shipping charges according to a tiered structure that factors in the type of item, its size and the order amount.

"We have been working on this for some time, talking to dealers across the country in order to arrive at a shipping scenario that's fair for everyone and helps our customers by giving them a greater ability to anticipate and control freight costs," said Vice President of Sales and Marketing Duffey Pitzer. The April 1 rollout date coincides with the release of Red Hawk's 2021 catalog, in which each item will be tagged with its shipping tier for clarity.

2021 is also Red Hawk's 20th Anniversary year. This shipping policy is the latest example of the company's Doing it Better commitment.

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BUILD OFF



Golf Cart theft- Is your golf cart secured?

Over the last 3 weeks, we have had a total of 9 golf carts stolen from Charlotte County community members.

Securing your golf cart when not in use is extremely important. Removing the key and parking your golf cart in a secure area like a shed, is ideal. If parked in the driveway, block it in with a vehicle. We believe the suspects responsible for these crimes are from outside of our county. They are traveling to golf cart friendly communities and taking advantage of the easily accessible golf carts. Please take extra precautions when securing your property to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

The following options are also available for you to research what might work best for you:

- Install a unique key switch. Most standard golf carts of the same brand use generic common keys.
- Install a manual disconnect switch. They are usually installed in a hard to find location and some have the capability to install a padlock as well.
- Install a security system that can disable your golf cart via key fob.



- Install a pedal lock which prevents the accelerator pedal from being pressed by locking it into the upright position.
- Install a steering wheel club. Just like in the automotive market, there are various products available.
- A wheel lock boot will prevent your wheels from rolling.

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office offers a no cost golf cart registry. The golf cart, bicycle & kayak registry, also known as B.A.T, is a program hosted by the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. Once scheduled, you **MUST** bring each item you would like to register to the event. You then simply fill out a basic information form, a Deputy confirms the serial number and applies a numbered ID sticker to each item. The ID sticker will assist law enforcement in identifying your item if it is ever stolen. Contact the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at 941-613-3227 to schedule this event in your neighborhood!

Technology *meets* Golf Cart

This EV will bring the COVID-19 vaccine to you

The Electric Vaccine Vehicle will take road trips across the US in the coming months to show leaders how it can help.

Make no mistake: Distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to hundreds of millions of people is turning out to be no easy task. But we're seeing some innovation arise from these initial problems. One example of this creative thinking is the Electric Vaccine Vehicle, a small EV launched Monday that will bring the vaccine to you.

The EVV came to life as a collaborative effort between a handful of partners: Ayro, Element, Club Car and Gallery Carts. Ayro and Gallery build the vehicle, while Element handles sales. Club Car, which you may know from the golf cart industry, signed on to support servicing the EVs. It's absolutely a mobile vaccine clinic with every piece of CDC-recommended gear onboard to administer a safe vaccination experience. An ultralow-temperature freezer for vaccine storage, Bluetooth-enabled data loggers to track the vaccines' tempera-

ture, sinks and medical-grade storage -- they're all crammed into this tiny EV to make vaccine distribution easier.



The companies said the vehicle is customizable, too, and offers a street-legal configuration so operators can motor to different parts of a city or community to administer vaccines. The EVV goes 50 miles on a single charge and has enough power to operate for six to eight hours at a time. It also charges on a standard 110-volt outlet, which makes it convenient for the varied places it will likely go. It can even operate indoors since EVs don't produce tailpipe emissions.

Once it arrives at a location, medical personnel open the gull-wing-style doors, drop down a utility table and they can begin vaccinating the public. There are also LED lights built in if needed. Reaching people who don't have access to transportation with mobile vaccination centers will be of paramount importance.

The companies said the EVV is rolling out to a handful of cities across the US this month and into April, including Atlanta, Los Angeles and Boston. At these "EVV Roadshows" -- their phrase, not mine (we dig the name) -- local leaders and governments can check out the EVV to see if they want to add the vehicle to their growing box of tools to vaccinate America against the coronavirus.

WET SOUNDS

ANNOUNCES 2020 SALES AWARDS

Wet Sounds, Inc. is pleased to announce the recipients of their 2020 Independent Rep of the Year and 2020 Direct Rep of the Year awards.



Scott Baughman

Scott Baughman, Principal of Reliable Product Marketing (RPM), has been selected as the Wet Sounds 2020 Independent Rep of the Year. Baughman, who is based in Stockton, California, has shown true com-

mitment to Wet Sounds that has resonated for over 10 years. "Scott's attention to detail, product knowledge, and leadership skills have proven to be valuable assets to Wet Sounds and his dealers," says Richard Prieto, Wet Sounds Western Regional Sales Manager. Baughman persevered through a challenging year to truly excel, especially with the acquisition of new dealers.



Mike Cullers

Mike Cullers has been selected as the Wet Sounds 2020 Direct Rep of the Year. Cullers joined Wet Sounds as a Territory Sales Manager in October 2019 and has made an immediate, last-

ing impact. "Mike is a leader in sales, while focusing on building and nurturing dealer

relationships," shares Ray Woodall, Wet Sounds National Sales Manager. Cullers has developed a reputation of quality service and technical knowledge regarding application and installation and he is continuing this momentum into 2021 and beyond.

Wet Sounds continues its strong sales growth into 2021 across the United States and multiple international territories. "Wet Sounds remains focused and dedicated to deliver a clear, loud, and live audio experience for consumers who want the best solutions in the most demanding environments," states J.R. Stocks, Wet Sounds CEO. "The recent launch of our Venue Series to the outdoor home market confirms our mission to extend the Wet Sounds experience beyond the marine and powersports markets."

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Babcock Ranch: A Look Inside Florida's Sustainable City

Located in SW Florida, Babcock Ranch has coined itself "The City of Tomorrow." In 2005, Syd Kitson had an idea that growth and preservation did not have to be mutually exclusive. One year later, in 2006, he closed on the largest preservation land purchase in Florida history, which is called Babcock Ranch today.

A master planned community that sprawls across nearly 73,000 acres, it is known as America's first solar city and aims to set the standard for sustainable, responsible growth. It boasts the largest solar-plus-storage system in the US and offers free wi-fi to all. Babcock has committed to plant more than 5,493 trees and leave 80% of the land as a nature preserve. **Sustainability** is at the core of the community with these key development strategies in place:

- Solar energy
- Water efficiency
- Native plants and green space
- Sustainable local building materials
- Tree preservation
- Florida Green Building Standards

Babcock Ranch appears to be the utopian community for sustainability.

Are Golf Cars Permitted in Babcock Ranch?

Golf cars are a big part of most master planned communities and Babcock Ranch

is no different. Designed to be a community where you can easily leave your car at home, Babcock Ranch offers battery powered public transportation, expansive trails and bike paths and permits the use of golf cars. One of the benefits of living in Babcock Ranch is the ability to get to stores, schools, church, etc by golf cart. Like most communities, there are a set of **rules and guidelines** for golf car owners that include the following:

- Golf cars may only be operated on designated roads and never sidewalks, bike paths, or nature trails.
- If you operate the golf car after dark, you must have **headlights and taillights**.
- Liability insurance should be obtained and submitted to the residential association.
- Safety standards according to the law will be upheld.
- Periodic golf car inspections will be scheduled.
- Golf car drivers must be 14 years old or older.

If you have been looking for a new place to call home that centers a sustainable lifestyle, Babcock Ranch may be perfect for you. Amenities include restaurants, community gardens, eco-tours, co-working office spaces, a healthy life center, and so much more. Home prices start in the low \$200Ks, making it an affordable option for everyone, even young families.

Our golf cars are an important part of our lifestyle and planned communities, like Babcock Ranch, allow us to enjoy the benefits that come with using our

golf cars as our primary transportation. If you are looking for a golf car friendly in SW Florida, consider Babcock Ranch.



One of two autonomous shuttles at Babcock Ranch, built by EasyMile, that are used to carry potential homebuyers out to view model homes.



About the Author: The Founder/Former Owner of WHEELZ Custom Carts & Accessories, Julie Starr, was one of the industry’s first online retailers of golf car products. The eCommerce store, www.WHEELZLLC.com, has served golf car owners since 2008 and remains a popular online shopping experience for golf car owners who want to take their golf cars to the next level.

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UPDATES ITS AGM BATTERY LINE WITH A NEW AND IMPROVED PERFORMANCE DEEP-CYCLE DESIGN



Corona, Calif.- U.S. Battery Manufacturing has launched its new and improved line of AGM Deep-Cycle batteries specifically designed to provide increased deep-cycling performance. "Our advanced line of AGM Deep-Cycle batteries have features that improve cycling performance and longevity, which makes them a better choice for customers wanting maintenance-free reliable operation," says Zachary Cox, U.S. Battery VP Operations.

The new AGM Deep-Cycle batteries will be available after March 22, 2021, with updated features such as the use of thick positive alloy grids for exceptional corrosion resistance, high-density positive active material, and advanced glass mat separators. These components work together to maintain the battery cell structure during deep-cycling, limit acid stratification, and inhibit internal shorts.

The batteries also feature a carbon-enhanced negative active material that improves charge acceptance and cycling performance. In addition to being resistant to vibration, fully sealed, and maintenance-free, U.S. Battery's new AGM design improves reliability, overall performance, and delivers longer cycle life.

In addition to these design upgrades, U.S. Battery's AGM Deep-Cycle line will also have a new look, featuring a new case and graphics on redesigned labels. On top of the current 6V, 8V, and 12V

models, the product line is also expanding to include new 6V and 12V options. "More of our customers are asking for high-performance deep-cycle batteries that are maintenance-free and cost-effective alternatives to lithium," says Don Wallace, U.S. Battery COO. "We're responding with engineering that delivers the superior performance and reliability needed for modern battery-powered equipment and vehicles."

U.S. Battery's complete line of AGM and Flooded Lead-Acid Deep-Cycle batteries are available for a wide variety of applications such as EV Golf Car & Utility, AWP, RV, Marine, Floor Cleaning Machines, and Renewable Energy. For a complete list of sizes and applications, visit the U.S. Battery website at www.usbattery.com.

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Batteries Plus, is pleased to announce a new agreement with global lithium battery company, RELiON Battery. The company announced today the addition of RELiON's lithium battery products in select stores across the U.S. With increasing consumer demand for lithium batteries, Batteries Plus aims to provide customers with an alternative to conventional lead-acid batteries as lithium batteries are inherently lightweight, have a longer life and charge quickly, among many other benefits.

"As the nation's leading battery retailer, we are always looking for opportunities to build mutually beneficial partnerships and that is exactly what RELiON offers," said Shawn Budiak, VP Category Management for Batteries Plus. "As a leader in manufacturing lithium iron phosphate batteries, RELiON offers a high-quality solution for our customers look-

ing to elevate their battery needs for outdoor recreational vehicles, solar energy systems and commercial applications."

RELiON Battery is leading the industry with innovative power options as many consumers shift to lithium batteries for high power applications such as bass fishing, sailing, recreational vehicles, overland, solar, electric vehicles, and more. RELiON's lithium batteries are built to withstand harsh environmental elements, while being maintenance-free and



highly efficient. They allow those seeking an outdoor lifestyle to do so without worrying if their batteries will last.

“We are thrilled to bring our lithium battery solutions to Batteries Plus customers across the U.S.,” said RELiON Battery CEO Paul Hecimovich. “RELiON and Batteries Plus have the same goal: to provide reliable, long-lasting power so customers can go where they want, when they want with ease. We look forward

to this partnership and continuing to bring industry-leading lithium batteries to the forefront.”

Batteries Plus will offer customers RELiON’s most popular lithium products, including 12V, 24V and 48V batteries that can power all types of equip-

ment. In addition, customers that purchase RELiON Battery products are also supporting the planet, as the company donates 1% of annual revenue to nonprofits fighting for a healthier and more sustainable environment.

To learn more about Batteries Plus and RELiON Battery, visit batteriesplus.com and reliombattery.com.

ABOUT **BATTERIES PLUS**

Batteries Plus Bulbs, founded in 1988 and headquartered in Hartland, WI, is a leading omni channel retailer of batteries, specialty light bulbs and phone repair services for the direct-to-consumer and commercial channels. The retailer also offers key programming, replacement and cutting services.

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For additional information, visit www.batteriesplus.com.

ABOUT **RELiON BATTERY**

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Caddyshack Golf Cars Will Build You a Golf Cart That Looks Like a Real(-ish) Car. You can't get a better looking golf cart than these Shelby Cobra, Mustang, and Porsche lookalikes.

Back in 2008, Tim Martin got a phone call from his friend Carroll Shelby who asked

him what he was up to. "I told him I was thinking about building some golf carts and he said 'let's build some Shelby Cobra golf carts' and we did," Martin tells MotorTrend. And that is the story of how, today, you can buy an officially licensed gas or electric Shelby Cobra golf cart from Caddyshack Golf Cars in any one of six colors

with painted stripes and ultra-suede Shelby logo'd seats. Options include a ball and club washer, dash and roof fan, custom Alpine stereo system with Bluetooth, ice chest, and much more.

Speaking of more, next to the links-ready Shelby Cobra 427, Caddyshack Golf Cars also offers carts in

myriad real-car costumes. There is a Ford Mustang Shelby GT500, regular Mustang Fastback, and Chevrolet Camaro, for example. The Camaro not only sports far more outward visibility than the real thing, it is electric, and includes 14-inch wheels and can reach 19.5 mph.

If you need something tougher to jump those sand traps, check out the company's new Ford F-150 Raptor cart that is quickly



and a rear cargo box for your clubs. The lifted little Ford rolls on sweet looking custom 12-inch aluminum wheels.

Powertrain options include a 48-volt DC electric motor or a 400-cc (0.4-liter!)

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Looking for something more exotic—how about a classic Porsche Speedster? It has a locking frunk, a canopy headliner, 13-inch aluminum wheels, cute

round headlights and teardrop-shaped rear lights.

Martin tells us that Caddyshack Golf Carts company has sold over 8,000 officially licensed golf cars worldwide to date. The golf carts are made in La Quinta, California and start around \$12,000 for a

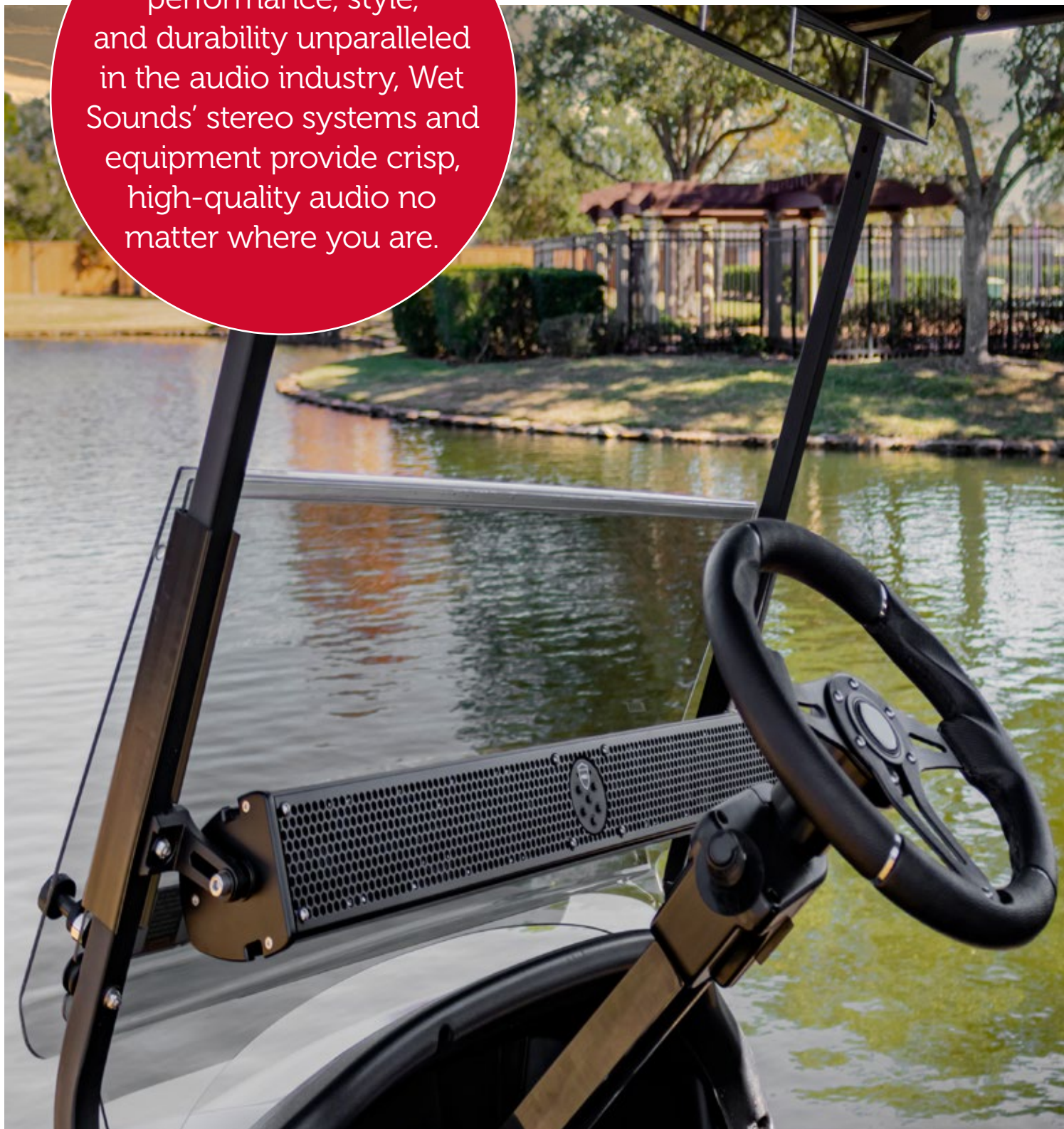
Mustang and go up from there. The company can also build your customized dream machine to attack the greens on—or just to match your street ride.



becoming a favorite garage must-have for Ford lovers. The cart seats two and the mini-Raptor sports a fiberglass body, fold-down windshield, and tailgate, louvers and side vents,

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A conversation with Tim White, President, Wet Sounds

Thank you Tim for sharing this insiders look at Wet Sounds

GOptions: Can you please give us a quick rundown of Wet Sounds history.

TW: Founded In 2005 by a team of highly skilled audio veterans, Wet Sounds is an award-winning, Texas-based marine audio company. Since the beginning, it has been Wet Sounds' mission to be the undisputed leader in high caliber, live, loud and clear audio solutions.

GOptions: What does your company do?

TW: Wet Sounds specializes in marine, powersports, golf cart, and outdoor home audio products. We continue to push the level of performance with every product we bring to market, aspiring not only to meet but to exceed our customers' expectations. Wet Sounds has never followed the crowd, but rather seeks to push the boundaries of what is possible through constant innovation and technological advancement. Our goal will never change – build the highest performance, element-proof audio products.

GOptions: Are there any significant

achievements you'd like to tell us about?

Wet SoundsTWous utility & design patents for our many different sound-bar models. wetsounds.com/patents. We also have a significant number of industry firsts to our credits. Please see the next page for a timeline of achievements.

GOptions: Is there a characteristic or quality that you feel is essential to your success?

TW: Wet Sounds is synonymous with dedication. We continue to push the limits with innovative products that undergo rigorous testing to assure we are bringing the best sound, quality, and performance to the market.

GOptions: Is there anything else you would like our readers to know about We Sounds

TW: Wet Sounds is more than just an audio company; our products deliver emotion.

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DIGITAL MEDIAL PRESENCE MANAGEMENT



Fort Myers, FL - In December 2020 Social Lync LLC was founded as a way to help golf car dealerships better manage their online presence.

In the wake of Covid-19 and the push to online sales, unfortunately, many dealerships were not strategically ready to shift to the world of online shopping.

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Social Lync founder Brett McNeilly has a background in the golf car industry working for both an OEM and managing a dealership so he understands how important a solution like

this can be for a dealer. We hope to be a part of many dealerships' digital media strategy in the future!

ABOUT THE SOCIAL LYNC

Four years ago while working for a major golf car OEM this idea began to form while researching dealer websites during a project. A trend of not seeing searchable inventory and a deeper dive into the social media channels revealed that the Golf Car Industry was not keeping up with the times like the Auto or Powersports industry.

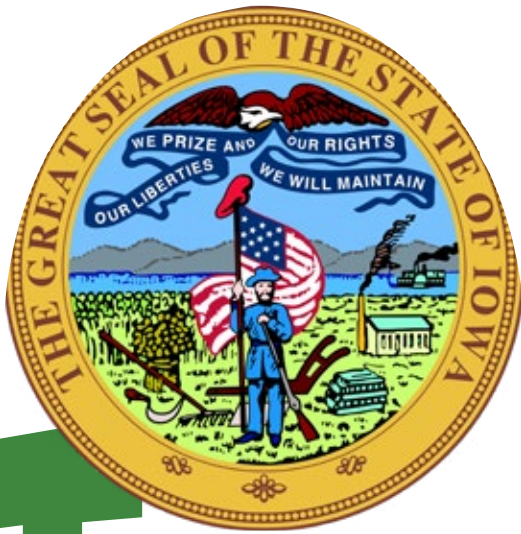
Three years later when I went to manage a golf car dealership I put this idea into action. The result was an updated website that drove traffic into the store and created hundreds of new leads via a way for customers to inquire about a car without leaving their house

In December of 2020 Social Lync was created!

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Iowa Golf **CART** Laws & Regulations (What You Need To Know)

Iowa is an important state that helps provide much food and stability to the country.

The stable and true nature of this state extends to their golf cart and low-speed vehicle laws.

These rules and regulations are sensible, easy to understand, and shouldn't take too much research to fully grasp. Make sure to talk to your local officials, though, as these rules do vary based on municipalities.

Federal Laws for Golf Carts

The federal government currently has no jurisdiction over golf cart travel.

They do not have this control because golf carts are not considered motor vehicles or even low-speed vehicles. As a result, states can set their own laws based on their needs.

However, golf carts in most states must be upgraded to low-speed vehicles so that they can take to the road properly.

That said, the federal government has a distinct definition of what qualifies as a low-speed vehicle.

All states must follow these federal minimums but may tweak them in small ways, depending on their needs.

Later, these guidelines will be discussed in more depth.

Just know that low-speed vehicles are also not allowed on federal or international highways due to their slow transportation rate.

The Nature of Iowa Golf Cart and Low-Speed Vehicle Laws

Currently, Iowa is one of the many cities that allows its municipalities freedom to decide whether they want golf carts and low-speed vehicles on their roads. They do so because they believe that the city can decide what is right for its road needs.

The governing body of the city must decide if they want to follow these laws to ensure that things go as smoothly as possible.

If a city has no laws allowing golf cart use on their roads, then cart use is implicitly not allowed.

This loophole is one that you must be careful of if you live in this state or plan on moving here.

Assuming that a lack of laws does not make an activity illegal is not accurate.

That's because the state typically does not allow golf cart use except in those areas dictated by its many cities.

For example, even if a city allows its residents to use golf carts on a city's streets, any state or federal roads that pass through a city – also known as a primary road extension – are not allowed.

This limitation is true even if the road otherwise qualifies for golf cart travel according to state and federal laws.

Keep this mind because many state roads go straight through a large number of cities.

Golf carts in operation must have a slow-moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag on display at all times.

Those that fail to meet these standards may be ticketed or even fined.

Iowa state law also dictates that golf carts can only operate during daytime hours – these are defined as the times between sunrise and sunset.

The definition of these times may vary based on a city, so pay attention to this facet as well.

Know that golf carts don't need to be registered in the same way as low-speed vehicles.

The latter vehicle type is common in many areas of Iowa and is, again, allowed on a city-by-city basis.

These vehicles must be registered to ensure that they are safe and legal on the road.

Note: golf cart users don't need registration but must have a valid driver's license if they plan on riding.

The Definition of a Low-Speed Vehicle

The federal guidelines for a low-speed vehicle are simple.

They are vehicles that must travel at least 20 miles per hour and must have headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and a vehicle identification number.

Any vehicle that falls under this heading receives state laws to control its actions.

Other guidelines that they must follow include being registered to ride on public streets, roads, and highways.

That's because your cart is now a motor vehicle and must be treated as such.

You are under the legal authorities of any police who may patrol this road.

And you must also follow all traffic laws to ensure that you don't run into any legal issues.

Talk to your local authorities about these to learn more.

Also: make sure that you fully license your vehicle with the DMV after getting your VIN.

A VIN helps to track your vehicle and gives you legal protection in many situations.

You get a VIN if a DMV inspector grants your vehicle low-speed-vehicle status.

You must also make sure to drive on roadways with top

speeds of no more than 35 miles per hour.

Crossing on faster roads may be possible at some intersections, but only if they are defined as such by your city or state and properly indicated with signs.

Federal Golf Cart Laws
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ABOUT IOWA

The estimated population of Iowa is 2,830,000. Among the 50 states, Iowa ranks 30th in population and 23rd in land area.

The word "Iowa" comes from the American Indian tribe of the same name.

Iowa became the 29th state on December 28, 1846.

Iowa is the only state bordered by two navigable rivers; the Missouri River to the west and the Mississippi River to the east.

The capital of Iowa is Des Moines.

Iowa's nickname is the Hawkeye state.

Iowa has 3 state universities: Iowa State University, University of Iowa, and University of Northern Iowa.

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Will Electric UTVs Be the New Kid in Town?

The wave of hype for electrifying the transportation system is probably only surpassed by the reality of it actually happening. For we who are well-ensconced in the electric environment of electric-powered PTVs, it may be a bit ho-hum, so what's new? Most of us are also aware, especially if you read this column, of a wide range of small, versatile PTVs that may give us on road access, such as the Arcimoto, based in Eugene, Oregon (which, so far, has not come under attack by Antifa).

But when the king of the off-road brands announces a move to electric, you know there are serious things in the works. The following is an analysis of Polaris' new strategy by my colleague and associate at Small Vehicle Resource, Marc Cesare. My edits, if any, are to insert a few sub-headings.

2021: A Turning Point for Electrifying UTVs?

Posted on March 3, 2021

An electric Ranger is the first product from the Polaris partnership with Zero Motorcycles.



Polaris' New Push to Electrify UTVs

Polaris' announcement that they will be producing a new electric Ranger in collaboration with Zero Motorcycles is a strong indication that 2021 may be a turning point for the electrifying UTVs. They are the

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leading UTV manufacturer and already produces an electric Ranger but with traditional lead acid battery technology. There was a lithium ion battery equipped option at one time, but the model was prohibitively priced. The Ranger EV with



a lithium battery pack costs approximately \$10,000 more than the lead acid version. This new Ranger EV is another step by Polaris as they increase investment towards electrifying UTVs and other powersports products.

At the end of 2019 the company created a new position, Senior Vice

President of Electrification Strategy. Signaling the initiative's importance, they filled it with the then president of Off Road, the company's largest business division. In September 2020 they announced a 10-year partnership with Zero Motorcycles as a cornerstone to their electrification strategy. Named rEV'd up, the strategy aims to offer electric vehicle options within each of its core product segments

by 2025. Zero Motorcycles is one of the leading electric powertrain technology companies.

Polaris Has Extensive EV Experience

Polaris actually has quite a bit of experience in electric vehicles, but mostly outside of their powersports segments. Through the years the company has acquired GEM, Goupil, Brammo Electric Motorcycles and Taylor-Dunn, all manufacturers of electric vehicles. However, these companies are primarily active in markets that are more tangential to powersports.

Polaris used the Brammo technology in the Ranger EV but not a motorcycle. Goupil produces light-duty commercial vehicles for the European market, GEM produces light-duty utility vehicles and transporters for college/corporate campuses and such, and Taylor-Dunn produces industrial utility vehicles. While these acquisitions were for commercial markets not powersports, Polaris gained a wealth of experience with electric vehicles.

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distribution networks of established players, they are not burdened by cultural legacies of a historical customer base, as well as management incentives tied to ICE based vehicles.

Volcon is a startup looking to electrify powersports.

Moving forward, these product lines can provide manufacturing volume and a broad product development base to further spread the cost of developing new electric powertrain technology. This could become a distinct advantage for Polaris that most of their competitors do not have. Can-Am, their leading powersports rival, is also moving into electrification, but is not active in other electric vehicle segments. Others, like Textron and Yamaha are major players in the golf car market.

Start-up challenger to Polaris?

More interesting and potentially tougher competitors may be new entrants into the market like Texas-based Volcon Motors. This electric vehicle start-up has plans to introduce an all-terrain electric motorcycle in the Spring of 2021, a two-seat electric UTV later in 2021 and a four-seat UTV in 2022.

Although start-ups lack the financial resources, manufacturing expertise and

Thus “lightened”, so to speak, start-ups can forge into new technologies and develop new markets with a nimbleness and alacrity in which the establishment is often sorely lacking.

Electrifying UTVs is Challenging

Electrifying UTVs poses a unique challenge because of their size, performance requirements and usage profile. They need both power and range but still must remain reasonably priced. They need the power because, well, its powersports after all and a vehicle’s horsepower is a defining characteristic. Work-oriented UTVs, especially for heavy duty work applications, need plenty of horsepower as well. Users want to make long trail rides without being stranded in the middle of nowhere, or be productive work throughout the work-day.

There is limited space for a battery pack in these very compact vehicles. In addition, a large sized battery pack will make the vehicles prohibitively expensive. It’s not surprising that they are starting with the

lower priced Ranger. A small but efficient motor and small battery pack could keep prices low enough while still delivering better performance than the existing ICE engine in the Ranger. The new Ranger EV could also fit in nicely on college and corporate campuses or smaller farms/ranches where the range and work requirements would be not as demanding.

High-end, off-road performance vehicles might be the next step. Already a premium market, they may be able to more readily absorb the additional expense of a large battery pack. These higher-end models could also serve to demonstrate the unique performance characteristics of an electric powertrain as well as gauge the interest of a customer base that likes the sound of ICE engines.

An interesting aspect is that the performance customer is likely to wear out the rest of the vehicle before the advanced battery pack. Selling or leasing the battery pack separately from the rest of the vehicle may become an option. Approaching the UTV market from both ends may be the most likely strategy. Moving up the lower priced work-oriented UTVs and moving down from the highest priced, off-road performance UTVs, as electric powertrain technology improves and becomes

more affordable.

Will the electric UTV find a market in gated communities? (Steve Metzger's commentary)

Another way to put this question is, "Will electric UTVs get beyond the powersports/hunting segment? My guess is that they will. Perhaps less aggressively styled, but clearly a potential winner. They will come on the market with extra power that everyone loves and will also offer optional fully-enclosed driver/passenger compartments, a feature much lacking in current model PTVs.

Polaris electrics and competitors already have well-developed interior features, including Bluetooth, climate control, and vehicle interconnectivity. What's not to like. They may not be so friendly on the golf course. This remains to be seen, but, hey not everyone golfs.

My guess is that over the next five years you will see many golf car dealers taking on electric UTV lines.

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NASCAR PARTNERS WITH COMCAST NBCUNIVERSAL SPORTSTECH ACCELERATOR TO STREAMLINE LOGISTICS



Nascar is finding new ways to include startup businesses as part of the preparation for the Next Gen car and business model, which is set to take the green flag in 2022.

As part of the Next Gen, Nascar recently teamed up with Comcast NBCUniversal for the first-ever SportsTech Accelerator, powered by Boomtown Accelerators.

Comcast NBCUniversal, a longtime Nascar partner, introduced the sanctioning body to a startup that can streamline at-track logistics in a brand new way. XiQ, a Georgia-based startup, is starting to work with Nascar to protect golf carts from being stolen at race-tracks across the country.

"It was obvious to work with Nascar because they're on the cutting edge of truly leading in innovation," Jenna Kurath, Comcast NBCUniversal vice president of startup partner development and the head of SportsTech, said. "2020 was a great example of being one of the first to come back safely in sports, pivoting to iRacing in the meantime and bringing on new fans."

"If you look at us as a company, our connection to sports runs deep. This is a unique way for us to stay in the forefront of shaping the future of sports."

Nascar will be using XiQ to replace the conventional key ignition on golf carts that the sanctioning body uses at tracks. XiQ's technology can control golf carts via a mobile application, enabling Nascar to lock and unlock a vehicle when needed without having to worry about other issues that might arise.

Craig Neeb, chief innovation officer of Nascar, believes this is the perfect way to strengthen Nascar's partnership with Comcast NBCUniversal, while also helping a startup grow its platform.

"We're busy day-to-day and looking at our future strategies, and to have this amazing ability to reach into a pipeline of creativity and folks who are thinking about the future with their resources and talent is incredible," Neeb said of the accelerator.

While the issue of hijacking golf carts at tracks might not be one that occurs frequently, XiQ will help Nascar in the long term as part of an overall industry strategy to modernize the way things are done on race weekends.

"I'm so excited that I want to jump around," XiQ co-founder and CEO Karlos Walkes said. "We understand we have a responsibility on two levels. First, we're bringing a quality, American-made product and technology to the table that satisfies their needs."

"More importantly, we're in a position to earn the trust of everyone in the cohort and Nascar especially. We're prepared

to do that and we aim to be a true partner with Nascar. It's rooted in trust and let Nascar know they can rely on us."

The SportsTech Accelerator program began with more than 1,000 applications from startups across the country. At the end of the process, only 10 companies were chosen for the three-month curriculum.

Neeb began mentoring Walkes before the program officially kicked off on Feb. 22. Karuth strategically set up each of the startups with sports leagues that could help them take off, and she also recruited external experts to help these small businesses grow exponentially.

"This accelerator moves us from point A to point Z," Walkes said. "With the rapid growth based on the reputation of these two organizations, we realize we have a responsibility."

The responsibility could extend into a long-term partnership, too. If all goes well, Nascar is on board with giving XiQ more opportunities.

Neeb said that as Nascar moves forward and embraces change more than ever, industry insiders should expect more technological advancements. And since the pandemic began and Nascar has expressed a willingness to adapt, Neeb's phone hasn't stopped ringing.

"The pandemic caused us to think differently and be aggressive, and that's not going to stop," Neeb said. "Innovation opportunities that come through the accelerator program will continue to let us sample new things. We're going to let people know this is a sport that wants to grow, be inclusive and have fans for life."

Nascar will not stop there. Neeb and his team want to explore all types of startups, especially ones that can enhance the fan experience in the future.

Neeb said, "From the fanbase, broadcasters and competitors themselves, we're thinking really creatively about how we augment that car with technology to make it exciting in 2022."

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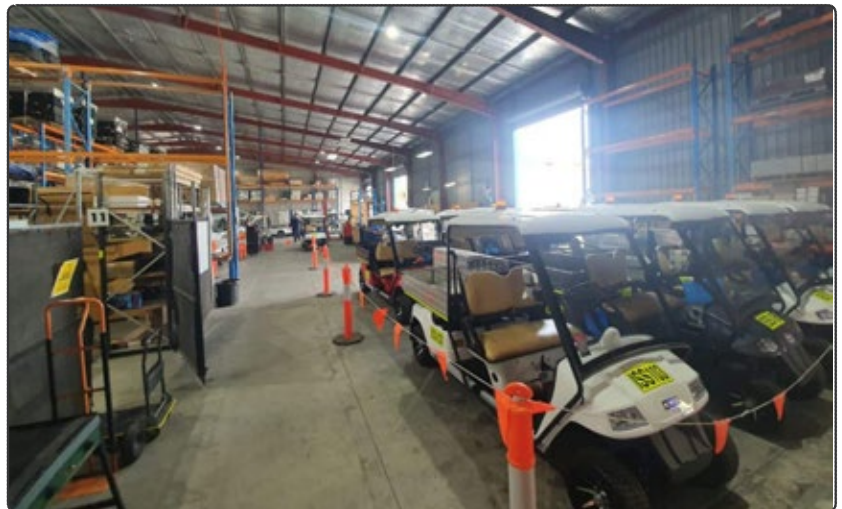
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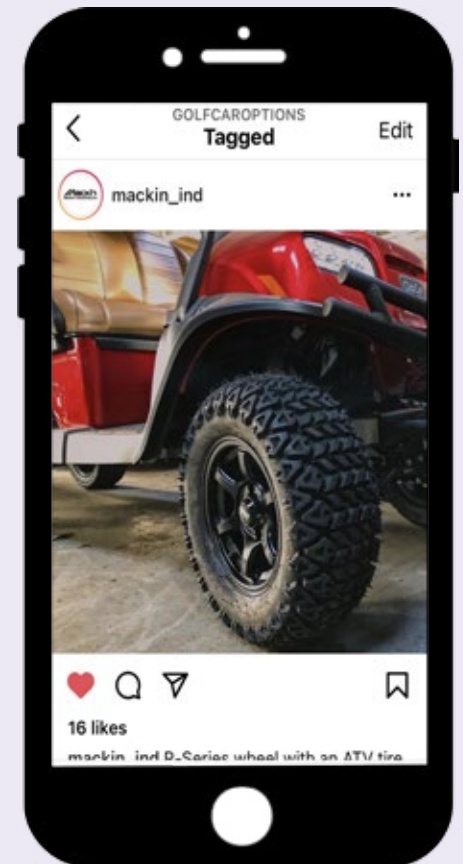
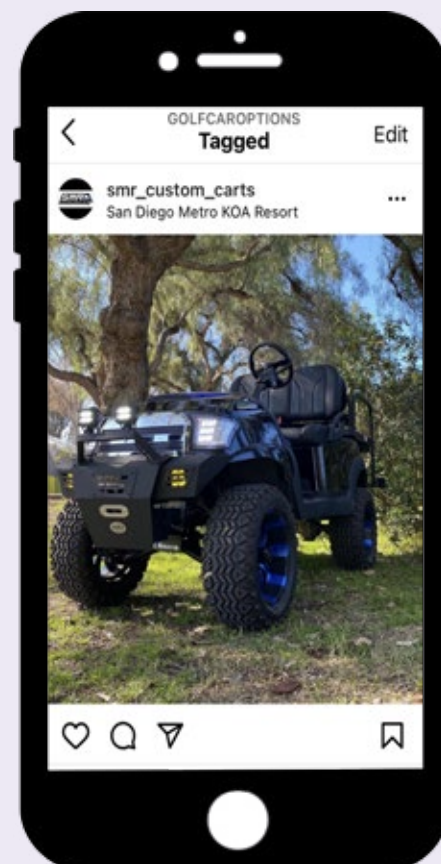
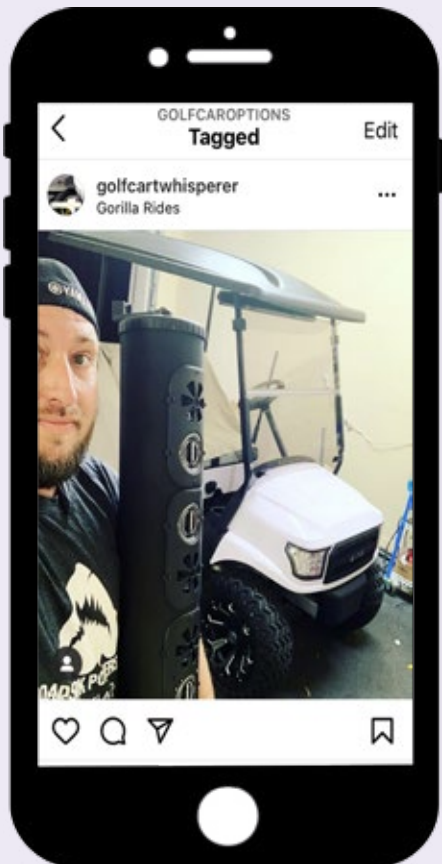
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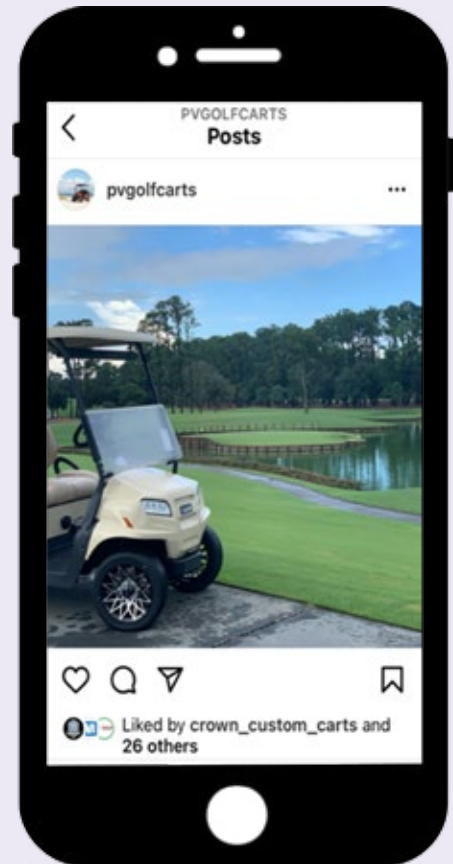
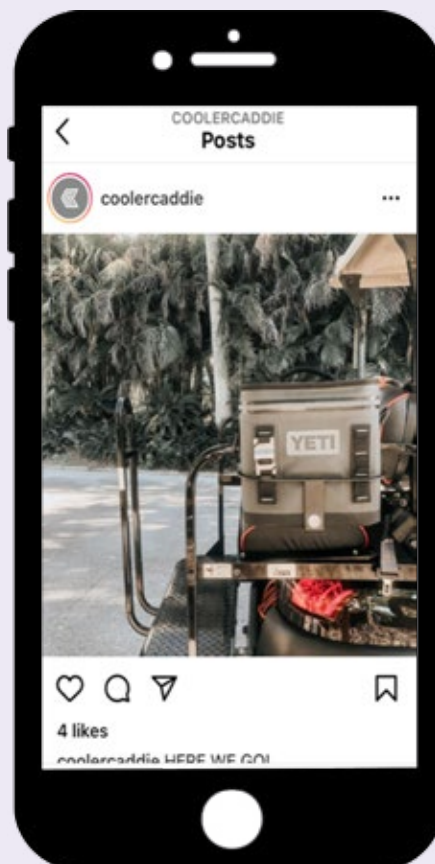
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Fire crews responded to a house fire Monday afternoon on Highway 165 near Meggett Creek.
(Source: Live 5)

Golf cart blamed for fire that destroyed Charleston County home

MEGGETT, S.C. (WCSC) - Fire investigators say a golf cart started a fire that destroyed a three-story home on Highway 165 near Meggett Creek Road Monday afternoon.

St. Paul's Fire Chief Larry Garvin said homeowners tried to start the golf cart, which was parked underneath the house. They said the vehicle would not start. A short time later, the golf cart, which was not on at the time, somehow caught fire.

Garvin said the gas tank was full at the time of the fire.

Fire crews battled the fire for approximately six hours.

Garvin said only the hull of the house re-

mained standing after the fire.

He said everyone was safe and no injuries were reported.

The St. Andrews and Charleston Fire Departments also responded to the fire.

TIP

GARAGE SAFETY

Is it safe to charge a golf cart in the garage?

When charging a golf cart, it is preferable to do so outside, but it is acceptable to charge them in a garage as long as the windows and door are open or it is otherwise well ventilated. Finally, always have a carbon monoxide detector at home.

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How to Get Your Golf Cart Ready to Roll for Spring

Whether you primarily use your cart on the golf course or just to cruise around your community, here are some informative steps to make sure your golf cart is in tip-top shape and good mechanical condition for those spring and summer driving adventures.

One of the fun elements of owning a golf cart is being able to head to the golf course, visit friends or run errands with your golf cart. And since a good proportion of golf cart owners live in climates that they have to store their carts for the winter months keeping them in good running condition is paramount. So for those of you that do have to store it, and for those that want to be sure their golf cart is in tip-top shape, here are some golf cart maintenance tips that you can easily do at home.

Generally, the annual maintenance on electric golf carts is pretty minimal - provided some simple preventative maintenance is completed throughout the season. The most important maintenance of all is battery maintenance. It is very important to keep your cart charged and also keep your battery water at the correct level. HINT: Unlike other battery types, draining your cart battery is very harmful.

These two things alone are the biggest issues that an electric cart owner faces. Ensuring you have clean battery cables and tight connections is also very important, as loose battery connections can lead to melting battery posts. Other than battery maintenance there is greasing of only a couple areas, including the rear differential oil level, an inspection of your brake pads, and self-adjusting brake assembly along with keeping your air pressure correct in the tires and keeping the cart clean. It's quite straight forward is not too hard at all!

DIY Spring Maintenance Tips for Electric Golf Carts

1 CLEAN YOUR CART: Roll that dusty cart out of your garage and give it a good rinse. Don't be afraid to spray the batteries, just be mindful of the electronics.

2 CLEAN BATTERIES: Have a look at your battery terminals and make sure they are clean. If you have corrosion on the terminals, most maintenance/repair shops suggest just getting the terminals wet (if you haven't already with the garden hose) then adding a bit of baking soda to the terminals. Then you can give them a good rinse, a toothbrush may also come in handy.

3 CHECK THE WATER LEVEL: It is important to check the water level on your batteries

before you start charging your batteries. Good advice is to open the caps and if you cannot see any water in your cells, then you must add distilled water until the water just starts to cover the cells. Once you have just a very bit of water covering the cells you can begin to charge your cart.

4 CHARGING THE BATTERIES: Hopefully you have been keeping your batteries charged up over the winter months, as lead-acid batteries need to be stored charged. If you have stored your batteries for a long period of time without charging them you can cause serious damage to them. If the cart won't move and your charging won't turn on, typically this is because your battery packs are so low that it won't turn the charger on. If you have checked to ensure your tow run switch is in the run mode then the next step is to find a friend with the same voltage cart as you and connect their cart to your cart with jumper cables. Once connected you can plug your charger in and it will turn on, as you have fooled it into thinking that your battery pack is charged. **WARNING:** If you do not know how to properly jump a cart, please check with your nearest golf cart maintenance/repair shop, your owner's manual, or someone in your area that can help, as you can do serious damage to your car's electronics.

5 CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE: With the cart charging it is a great time to check the tire pressure and make sure they are all even and at the proper operating pressure.

6 GREASE & CHECK YOUR FLUIDS: You will also want to grease any fittings and check your differential fluids at the same time

7 CHECK YOUR BRAKES: Next, it is a good idea to check your brakes by jacking up the rear of the cart, safely supporting it, and then removing the wheels to access your brakes. It is a great time to take some compressed air and blow out the brake dust. Then you can check the thickness of your pads.



8 CHECK YOUR BRAKE PADS: Also check the play in your brake pedal, you may need to adjust it so that you don't have an excess play.

9 TIGHTEN YOUR SCREWS & BOLTS: Have a look at any visible bolts and screws ensuring that they are tight.

10 CHECK YOUR BATTERY CABLES: Also be sure to check your battery cables and make sure the connections are tight. A loose connection or bad battery cable can burn up a battery post in no time.

If you follow these simple pre-season tips you will be sure to have a great trouble-free season with your cart.

If you're not a "DIYer" - most local dealers or maintenance/repair shops offer a pre-season maintenance package that includes a complete inspection of your cart. Some even offer convenient pick-up and drop-off services.

Most standard maintenance packages include:

- Checking the brake pads and function of the brakes
- Inspecting the battery cables
- Checking the correct function of all front end components
- Ensuring the air pressure in the tires is correct
- Checking all fluid levels
- Complete check on batteries including an electrolyte test, load test, and charger test

On average initial maintenance packages usually run about an hour and their labor rate is \$75/hour. If anything pops up that the mechanic feels needs attention during the maintenance process, they will contact you and provide you with your options. Some places also offer a wide variety of upgrade options, as well as builds custom carts and/or sells used carts.

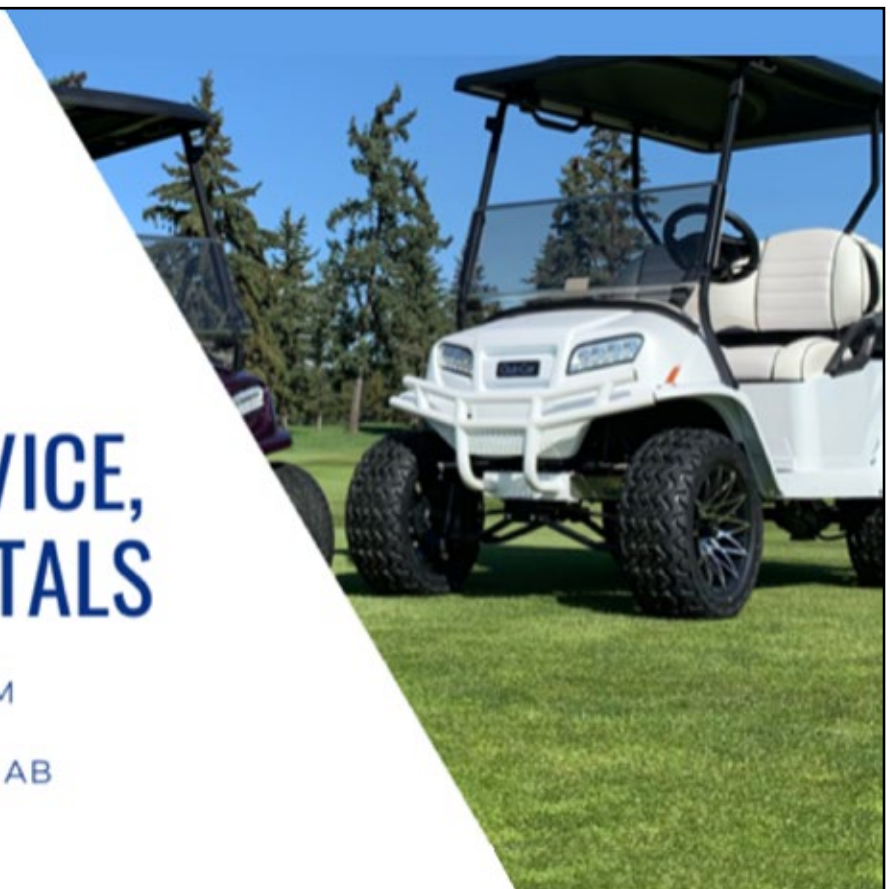
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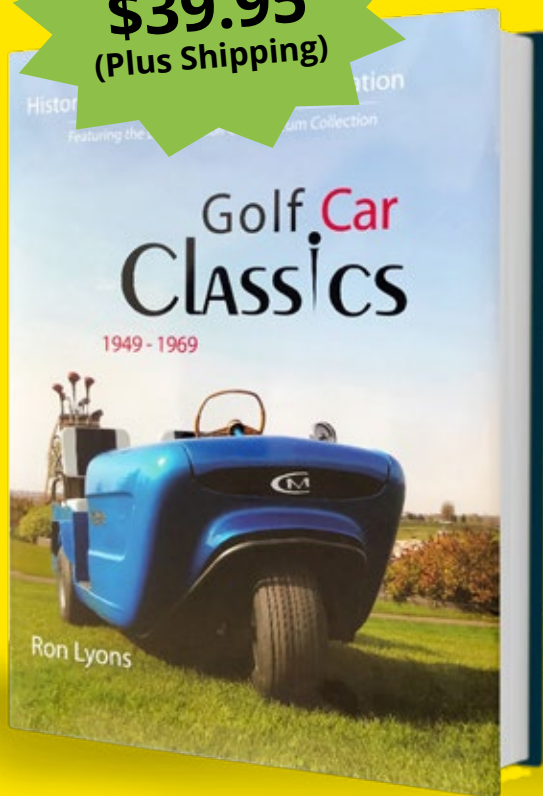
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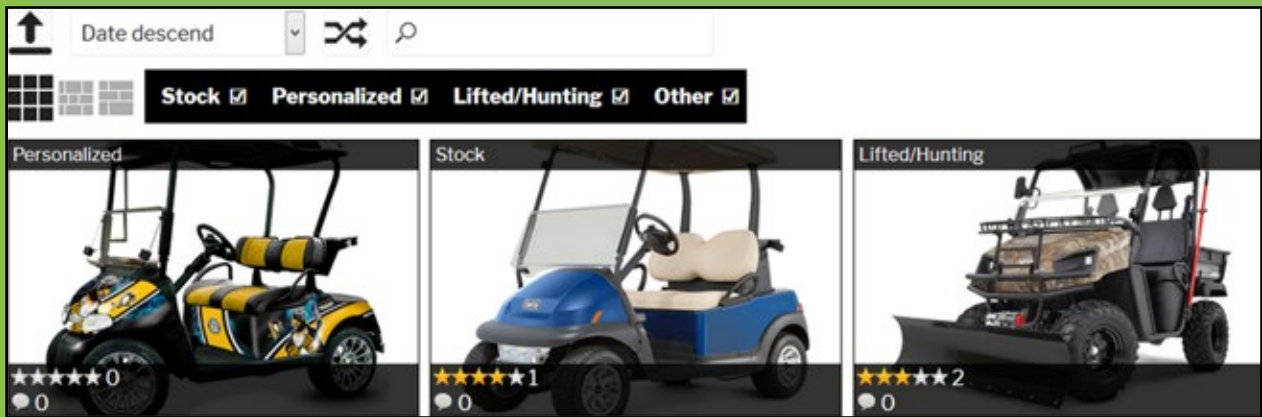
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Golf cart windshields are made from materials that are designed to be easy to clean and maintain.

Overall, taking care of a golf cart windshield is not difficult, but some mistakes can be costly.

In this guide, we will give you all the information you need about cleaning and maintaining your windshield.

Cleaning Instructions For A POLYCARBONATE Golf Cart Windshield

The first thing you must know about cleaning a Polycarbonate golf cart windshield is that this is not the same as your car windshield.

If you think you can just throw some Windex on this wipe it off and be done, you could ruin your windshield.

How To Clean Your Windshield

Polycarbonate needs to be treated with care and a completely different process than regular glass.

- Rinse your golf cart windshield thoroughly, make sure that all of the dirt and mud is off of the windshield
- Using a microfiber cloth clean the windshield with a very mild soap
- The soap you can use include baby shampoo or liquid dish soap
- When you are done cleaning, you must rinse the windshield thoroughly
- If you let the windshield sit and dry you will get water spots
- You can use a chamois and blot the windshield to eliminate water spots

Mistakes Not To Make While Cleaning Polycarbonate Windshields

If you use a dry towel to clean off the windshield before or after washing, you can scratch the windshield. Using strong or abrasive cleaners will also damage the windshield. You do not want to scrub or scratch the windshield with any type of material, as it will cause scratching.

Always clean in a side-to-side motion and not a scrubbing motion. You should pay attention to where you are cleaning your windshield. Try to work in an area where you are not in direct sunlight, and there is no falling debris. If leaves or sticks fall on the cart while you are cleaning, there is a chance one can get stuck in your cloth and scratch the windshield.

Cleaning Instructions For An ACRYLIC Windshield

Remember that when you are working with an Acrylic windshield, it is also referred to as a plexiglass windshield. Therefore if you decide to use a cleaning product of some kind, make sure it is safe

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for plexiglass. Acrylic windshields will damage easily if they are not appropriately treated. Make sure to follow these instructions and do not assume this process will be the same as cleaning your car.

- Rinse your windshield completely
- Make sure that all debris is off of the windshield
- Take a cleaning agent like dishwashing soap and create a soapy lather to put on the windshield
- Use a microfiber cleaning cloth to apply the soap and water to the windshield
- Do not apply pressure, you simply need to blot the windshield with the rag
- When finished, rinse the windshield and use a dry microfiber cloth to blot the windshield dry

Mistakes Not To Make While Cleaning ACRYLIC Windshields

The worst mistake you can make while cleaning an acrylic windshield is to use an abrasive cleaner. If you use something like Windex on acrylic, it will damage the surface of your windshield. Unfortunately, the Windex will leave a cloudy look to the acrylic, and you will not be able to get it off.

The good news is that soap and water will be plenty effective at getting rid of the dirt and filth that is on your windshield. Another mistake you will want to avoid is the use of paper towels. Paper towels are not effective at taking scratches off of acrylic.

If your paper towel is folded the wrong way, and there is a sharp corner, it could cause a scratch.

Cleaning Instructions For A TINTED Golf Cart Windshield

If you have a tinted golf cart windshield, it may leave you wondering if there are additional cleaning precautions. Luckily you can follow the same instructions as you would for the Acrylic or the Polycarbonate windshield. Make sure to use only mild soap and water, and microfiber cloths.

Golf Cart Windshield Cleaning Products

Now that you have a general idea of what it takes to clean a golf cart windshield, you will need the proper products to do so. As we mentioned, a regular non-abrasive mild soap will work, but there are also specific golf cart soaps you can use.

Here are the products you will need to clean your golf cart windshield properly.

- Dawn Dish Washing Soap
- Sun & Earth Unscented Soap
- Microfiber Towels
- Chamois

General Maintenance and Care of A Golf Cart Windshield

Aside from the occasional wash down, there is very little that you will need to do to maintain your windshield. Try and keep it clear of all debris when possible.

One major issue to watch out for is spraying sunscreens or bug spray around your windshield.



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If these products get on the windshield, they can fog the acrylic.

Unfortunately, once they are on there, it is impossible to get them off. Your windshield will likely remain quite foggy. Having an unclear windshield doesn't just look bad; it is also dangerous.

So if you are enjoying a cart ride and it gets a little buggy, get out of the cart and spray when you are standing away from the cart.

What To Do If My Golf Cart Windshield Has A Crack?

Even if you are diligent about maintaining your golf cart windshield, a crack can happen. If you have a minor crack, a windshield polish may do the trick to remove it. The polish can also help to remove the fog that may have accumulated on your windshield as well.

Rolite's 3 Step Scratch Removal System for Plastic & Acrylic is a great product that is specifically designed to work for acrylic. This kit contains the products to clean three different types of scratches. Depending on how bad the scratch is, you may have some luck with a product like this.

Unfortunately, if the scratch is very deep, there is a chance you will not be able to remove it without replacing the windshield.

Protecting A Golf Cart Windshield

If your windshield is not cracked and you would like to keep it that way, there are a few things you can do. One option is to treat your windshield with a protectant.

There are several options available, but basically, it will provide a coating on your windshield that will help it stay clean. Even as rain hits your windshield, the protectant will work as wax and send the rain flowing off.

One option is the E-Z-GO Windshield and Plastic Protector. This is a very easy-to-use spray that works on many other things than just your cart windshield. You can use it to help keep fog down, resist scratches and marks, and it will help to reduce glare as well.

Cleaning your golf cart windshield will still be necessary, but the process may be a bit easier with the use of a product like this.

Another way to protect your golf cart windshield is to be mindful as to where you leave the cart. If you just finish up your round of golf, be careful about where you leave it parked.

Don't leave your windshield exposed to a shot flying over the 18th green. Although some windshields will deflect a golf ball with ease, others will crack or at least scratch.

If you take the cart to the beach, you may want to fold the windshield down and put a towel on the folded windshield while parked. The towel will help protect the windshield from sand, dirt, or people walking by.

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With Yamaha's generous donation, the hospital now has three golf cars in operation. With the recent opening of the new Piedmont Medical Plaza II and the increase in patient volumes, the additional golf car allows the shuttle service to provide rides to more people on the hospital campus without long wait times. Whether a patient or visitor has impaired mobility, health risks that prevent them from walking long distances, are accompanied by small children or are just along for the ride, Piedmont's volunteer car drivers provide shuttle services rain or shine and the hospital has implemented COVID-19 safety measures to keep riders safe.

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"Supporting the local community is something that Yamaha takes seriously and we couldn't think of a better cause than helping the patients, visitors, and staff of Piedmont Newnan Hospital navigate through their parking complex," added Tom McDonald, President of Yamaha Golf-Car Company.

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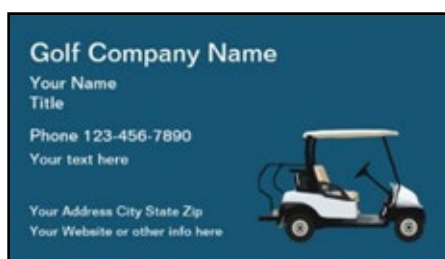
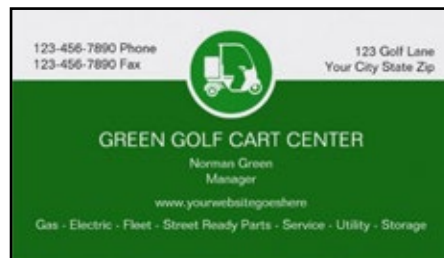
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Pinellas County, Florida: The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a 74-year-old man in Oldsmar

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Hermilo Jazmines, of Lutz, was last seen at 7:37 a.m. on a golf course in East Lake Woodlands. He went off to search for his ball at Hole 3. Deputies later found his golf cart on the path and his putter near the water.

Divers found Jazmines in the pond, not far from the putter. Authorities believe he fell into the water and drowned. His death did not appear suspicious, according to the sher-

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Friends of Jazmines said he liked to search the golf course for lost balls.

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