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The Empire: Diamond Stitched Seat Covers



In the world of golf cart accessories, A2Z Golf Supplies is driving innovation with their exclusive product – A2Z Diamond Stitched Seat Covers. Imagine a blend of style, durability, and ingenious design, and you’ve got yourself the perfect accessory for your golf cart. From the timeless diamond pattern, marine-grade vinyl, and the newest release (staple-less!), these seat covers are redefining style and ease of use.

At the core of A2Z’s innovation is the striking diamond-stitched seat covers, turning your cart into a canvas of sophistication. The diamond pattern, carefully chosen for its versatility and timeless appeal, sets these seat covers apart from the ordinary. While the diamond pattern is a visual

treat, it’s also a testament to meticulous craftsmanship. The A2Z Golf Supplies team recognized the need for more than just functional seat covers – they wanted to offer an accessory that adds a touch of elegance. Creating a visual impact that goes beyond the fairway, the diamond-stitched pattern achieves just that.

But it’s not only about patterns; it’s about personalization. The team at A2Z Golf Supplies understands the importance of you being able to customize your golf cart. That’s why every year, they introduce a new color to the lineup of seat covers as well as expanding the brands of carts these covers will fit. This is an opportunity for everyone to protect the seats but also make a statement – a vibrant, personalized statement. As of right now, you can select from 28 varying colorways, ensuring there’s something that fits your style perfectly.

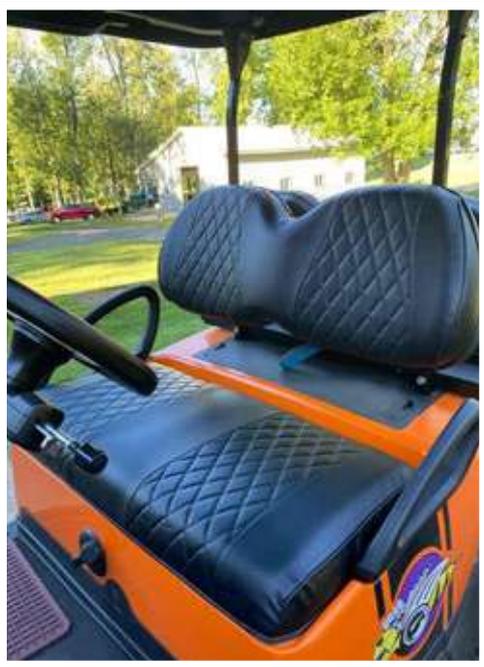
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Testing to Perfection

The owner, David Dreher, has been in the industry since 2006: choosing this design took time and consideration. David started by ordering half a container of seat covers back in 2019, a bold move that allowed them to test the fit on various cart models. The goal was clear: provide a product that not only looks good but fits seamlessly on different types of golf carts. As a result, the diamond pattern emerged as the clear winner, showcasing the versatility and workmanship that defines A2Z's commitment to quality.

Marine Grade

The very fabric ensures these seat covers stand the test of time: marine-grade vinyl. David's team chose this material for its ability to withstand various weather conditions. Golf carts face a myriad of environmental challenges, from unexpected rain showers to harsh sunlight. Recognizing the need for a material that could

“With the customization options available for golf carts we wanted to offer an option for the seats unique to our company. We took what customers described and turned it into a reality.” – Synthia Beauvais

withstand these conditions while still looking as good as new; enter marine-grade vinyl, a robust material that stands up to the elements, ensuring your golf cart seats remain protected and stylish. Durability is the key factor to any good cart accessory. This material was engineered to resist wear and tear. But it isn't just tough, it's also easy to clean. Just give it a quick

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wipe-down and you'll keep your seats looking pristine even after a day on the dusty fairway. These aren't just seat covers, they are investments in the longevity of your golf cart seats.

Scrapping Staples

The crown jewel of the A2Z Diamond Stitched Seat Cover Empire is the brand-new staple-less design. This innovative approach not only simplifies the installation process but also enhances the overall user experience, making these seat covers accessible and convenient for both dealers and everyday consumers, like you.

Struggling with staplers and potential hazards of sharp edges are a thing of the past. A2Z invested over a year designing, altering, and testing to bring this staple-less design to everyone and making sure it seamlessly fits on your golf cart seats. The result? A hassle-free installation process that doesn't compromise on the snug fit that's essential for a quality seat cover. The journey from concept to execution wasn't rushed. Taking the time to test and refine their staple-less design ensured it met the high standards they set for themselves.

While the initial cover design catered more to dealers, the introduction of the staple-less design marks a shift. Now, these covers are not only for industry experts;

they're for everyone. If you are a golf cart enthusiast looking to upgrade your ride or a dealer seeking a hassle-free, quality product for your customers, the brand-new staple-less design ensures accessibility without sacrificing excellence.

In the dynamic world of golf cart accessories, A2Z Diamond Stitched Seat Covers stand out as a beacon of innovation. From the timeless diamond pattern to the marine-grade durability, the new game-changing staple-less design, these seat covers aren't just an addition to your golf cart – they're an upgrade. A2Z Golf Supplies has seamlessly blended style, durability, and convenience, offering a product that elevates your golf cart experience. So, why settle for ordinary when you can ride in style with A2Z?

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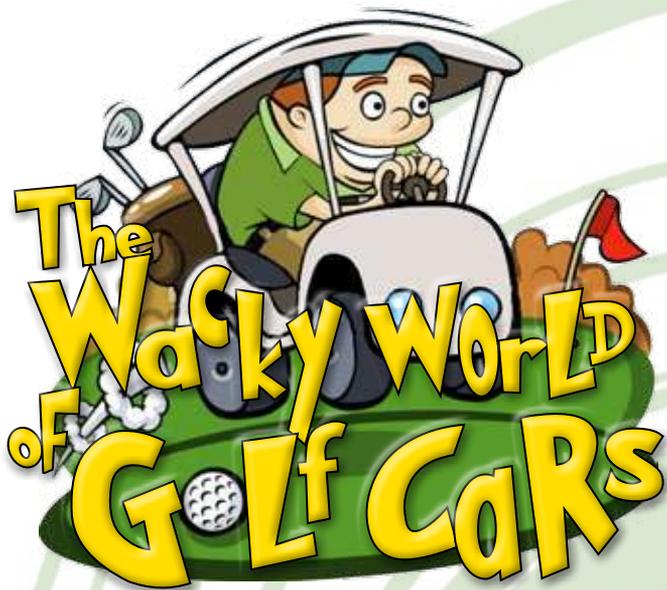
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What is Your Main Objective?

Before you purchase a golf car rear seat kit, think about your primary need and ask yourself these questions:

- Do I need more cargo space? If so, what kind of space?
- Do I need more passenger room?
- Do I need both?
- Am I also a golfer and need to carry my golf bag?
- How much weight does the rear seat kit need to support?

Once you think about these questions, continue to select the perfect rear seat kit. Keep in mind that it is recommended that every golf car with an aftermarket rear seat kit be upgraded to heavy duty leaf springs. Not only will it make for a smoother passenger ride, but it will also prevent the golf car from rubbing and causing possible damage.

I Need Cargo Space

If you use your golf car for gardening, hauling cargo, hunting, or carrying any type of cargo on a regular basis, you will want to purchase a rear seat kit that accommodates cargo and heavy weight. The average rear seat kit

has a fold down cargo bed that is perfect for supporting a large cooler, beach equipment, or any other cargo of average weight. Since the bed is flat, keep a set of bungee cords handy to strap the cargo down.

If you are transporting mulch, rock, or using the rear seat to carry hunting game, you will want to consider a rear seat kit with contained cargo space and a higher weight capacity. Rear seat kits with spring loaded tailgates and composite board cargo platforms will carry far more cargo and remain durable project after project.

I Need Passenger Space

Cruising your golf car around with your children or friends comfortably seated on the rear seat is so much fun, especially for those who live in a community where golf cars are a primary means of transportation. If you will not be using the cargo space of the seat kit very often, opt for a less expensive seat kit with a 400lb weight capacity and upgrade with comfy seat cushions and cup holders. Your passengers will be riding in style and will appreciate you for it.

Don't forget to keep your rear passengers safe with seat belts, especially if they are children.

I Need Both Cargo Space and Additional Seating

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The beautiful thing about golf cars is that they can be easily customized to suit your individual needs.



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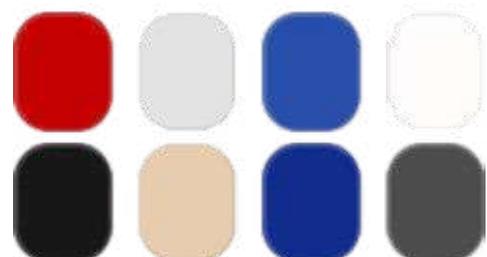
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The high-speed pursuit began after a car was stolen in Plymouth, Minnesota, police told reporters. While swerving to avoid tire deflation devices, the stolen SUV crossed into the northbound lanes of Port Washington Road in Wisconsin hitting two cars and nearly slamming into oncoming traffic.

All four individuals split up running out of the car, attempting to bolt to freedom. One was immediately detained while two others made it all the way to the nearby Lincoln Park Golf Course. Whitefish Bay neighbors Ilissa Boland and Adam Westermayer were on the course as the suspects sprinted past with one heading to a nearby clearing in the woods

and the other attempting to hide in a port-a-potty on the course.

"We're looking at each other like, 'Are you serious?'" Boland told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "That's where he's gonna hide?"

The quick-thinking Westermayer snuck up to the portable toilet from the back and shoved it over, trapping the man in the smelly and "sloshing" port-a-potty. He said "Good luck, man" and then let the police take it from there, eventually arresting the suspect in the port-a-potty pleading to be let out.

"It was a fantastic opportunity to be in the right place at the right time, even though it was a really crappy situation for the kid," Boland added.

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The Howard County Sheriff's Office says a plane crashed into a golf cart at Glendale Airport just after 1:30. They believe it was an experimental aircraft was coming to land at the airport while a woman was filming in a golf cart next to the runway.

Investigators say the plane drifted off course and hit the golf cart, which caused it to roll over and knock the woman unconscious.

The woman was taken to a hospital. The pilot of the plane is okay.

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ADA vice-chairman Charchit Gaur admitted that there was a requirement for more golf carts and assured their number would be doubled within a fortnight.

With tourist season peaking, the Agra Development Authority (ADA) is feeling the need for more golf carts that are provided to tourists to reach the gates of the Taj Mahal from assigned parking spaces. The ADA currently manages 40 golf carts, 20 each for eastern and western gates.

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Golf carts are provided for free to foreign tourists who pay more for a ticket to see the glorious Taj Mahal. A domestic tourist must pay ₹20 to avail of the facility. The carts run on batteries since no diesel or petrol vehicle is allowed within the 500-meter radius of the Taj in compliance with the orders of the Supreme Court. A battery-operated cart can carry 13 passengers at a time.

“As no tonga (horse cart) or rickshaw is allowed to ply near the Taj Mahal now, a tourist alighting at either eastern or western gate parking has to rely on a golf cart to cover a distance of about a kilometre to the Taj gates. While the ADA claims that about 40 golf carts are functioning, in reality only half of them are operative,” stated Deepak Dan, president of the Tourist Guide Welfare Association of Agra.

“Once fully charged, a golf cart can run for about 3 to 4 hours. It is now the peak season and the number of tourists is increasing. So is the number of tourists who have to wait for long for golf carts,” complained Dan.

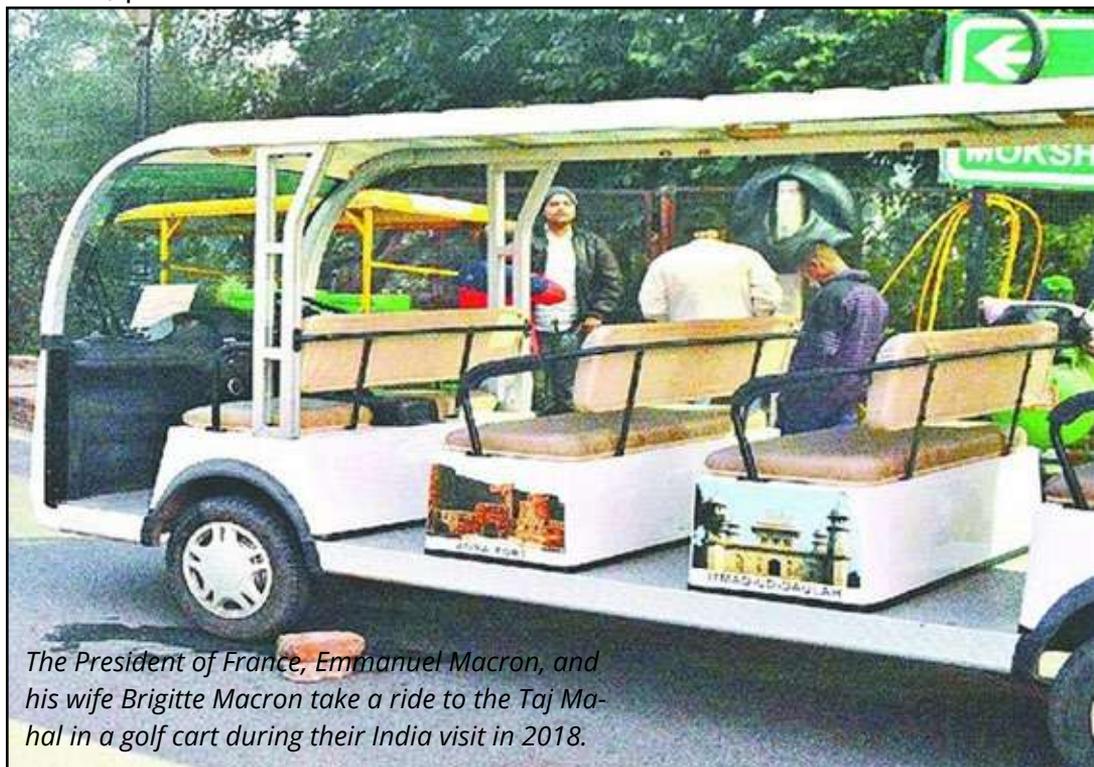
Gaur, meanwhile, said tenders for new battery-run carts had been floated.

“We plan to double the number of golf carts

available within a fortnight. Presently, we have 40 golf carts operating for both gates of the Taj Mahal, and all efforts are being made to have most of them run throughout the day,” Gaur added.

Following the UN recommendations on facilitating easy access to historic monuments to the disabled, the Archaeological Survey of India and Agra Development Authority (ADA) have now decided to provide a golf cart at the entrance of Agra Fort, which could ferry disabled tourists to the Fort’s Diwan-e-Aam from the gate.

According to Agra Divisional Commissioner Pradeep Bhatnagar, who is also the chairman of the ADA, the distance between the booking window at the gate to the Diwan-e-Aam was considerable and included a steep climb on a long passage. So far, wheelchairs were being provided to the disabled and differently abled tourists, but due to the steep climb, even wheelchairs proved to be inadequate and unsafe.



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A Grand Island golf cart shop is having a soft opening to welcome a new service. Tab Golf has added a service called Swing 18.

There are two projection screens that will simulate play on up to 140 golf courses. Co-Owner Brenda Friesen said they had to completely renovate the building to make this possible, and the business is an idea that just came to her husband.

"It worked perfectly with the carts," Brenda said. "Once we found out we could get these inside this size of a building and we had the TruGolf rep stop by and I tell you what they really helped convince him."

Brenda Friesen said prices will depend on when you book your session. She said during the winter an one hour session will be \$40. Co-Owner Todd Friesen said this will be perfect for those who want to keep golfing in the winter.

"There's a lot of true golfers," Todd said. "In the winter time when it gets cold a lot of golf courses close. Well this is the second best thing; and a lot of them have been down here hitting the ball. They said it's just like being on the course, except for the putting part."

Todd Friesen said swinging the club is relaxing, and along with 140 courses, there's also a driving range available. The couple also has a certain vision for the facility.

"The community gets a lot of use out of it," Brenda said. "You know the schools, we've had some school interest that the Grand Island golf teams and also surrounding areas are interest in doing some practicing here through the off season."

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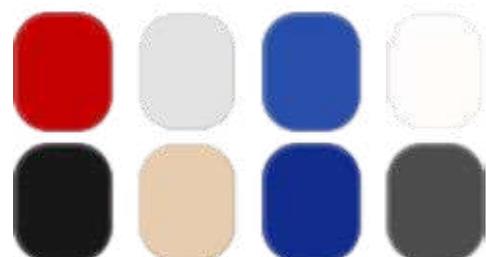
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Bintelli Evolves From Scooters to Golf Carts, Seeing Extensive Growth

Justin Jackrel's first product was a gas scooter that he constructed from a weed trimmer engine and a skateboard. He was still in high school when he embarked on the journey that would take him from his homemade gas scooters to producing tens of thousands of low-speed electric vehicles (LSVs) with his company Bintelli LLC.

This year, Bintelli was ranked No. 6 on Integrated Media Publishing's list of the 50 Fastest Growing Companies in South Carolina, chalking up a 106.6 percent rate of growth. The percentage growth is a weighted average of full-time employees

and annual income growth over three years.

But Jackrel couldn't have imagined where his career would take him the day he attended a home products trade show in his native Florida in 2000. At that trade show, he met a man who made electric scooters for kids, and the man asked Jackrel, then 17, if he would be interested in setting up a website to sell the scooters.

He soon realized that the children's scooters, which cost \$900, were not selling well because of the price, so he built his own.

"I found a factory online that made weed-whacker motors, gas motors, and a skateboard factory, so I put the weed-whacker motor on the skateboard and then added a handle and a brake, and that was the first gas scooter ever imported from China to America," Jackrel said.

He largely sold the products on eBay, and he spent his college years at University of Florida building his business. He was selling 100 to 150 scooters a week, while attending school during the day.

His senior year, Jackel opened his first storefront, "and after that, we got into the manufacturing and distribution side, and we grew it after I graduated from college. Now, we still sell scooters, we still sell electric bikes, but the street-legal golf cart side is about 95 percent of the company at this point, and it's really been our focus for the last four or five years."

Bintelli still sells scooters, but these days, the company's primary focus is the LSV market, which consists mainly of street-legal golf carts which have a top speed of 35 mph. He says he would like to move into the medium speed vehicles, which can travel at up to 45 mph, but very few states allow them, so he will continue to focus on LSVs.

According to the company website, Bintelli, headquartered in Ladson, has the largest stand-alone LSV manufacturing facility in the United States, at 176,000 square feet, with another 150,000 square feet coming online next year. Bintelli is No. 4 in the U.S. for production volume, Jackrel said.

For several years, the primary customer of a Bintelli golf cart was a high-income business executive, but the market changed during the pandemic when families were looking for ways to have fun without being stuck in the house. The average customer in 2023, he said, is a family of four.

Jackrel said it was exciting to be ranked No. 6 on the 50 Fastest Growing Companies list. Bintelli was also recognized by Inc. 5000 as the No. 7

fastest-growing South Carolina company.

"Last year was a really exciting year for us," he said. "We could have been even higher (on the 50 Fastest Growing Companies list) if we could have gotten the supply, but our suppliers just couldn't keep up with the growth we had. There was a month or two in the middle of the year, especially during the pandemic, where we had no inventory



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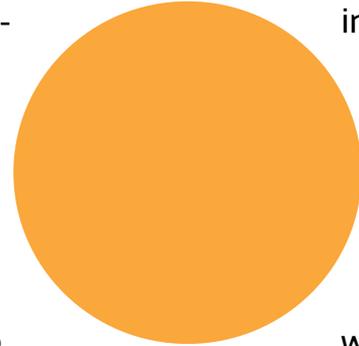
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Looking To Buy A Golf Car? Here's Some Important Factors to Consider

The gentle breeze rustles through the towering trees lining the golf course as you contemplate the idea of owning a golf cart. Whether you're an avid golfer seeking a more comfortable way to traverse the fairways or a leisure enthusiast looking to explore the neighborhood, choosing the right golf cart requires careful consideration. In this guide, we'll delve into the essential factors to ponder upon before making this investment. From the diverse types of golf carts available to crucial features and maintenance tips, this comprehensive exploration will equip you with the knowledge needed to cruise the greens with confidence.



Types of Golf Carts

Before diving into the nitty-gritty details, let's explore the various types of golf carts to understand which one aligns with your preferences and needs. Electric golf carts, gas-powered models, and solar-powered alternatives each come with their own set of advantages and drawbacks.

Electric golf carts have gained popularity for their eco-friendly nature and quiet operation. These rechargeable carts provide a cost-effective and sustainable option for those who frequent the golf course. On the flip side, gas-powered golf carts offer a longer range and quicker refueling, making them ideal for extended rounds or off-course adventures. Meanwhile, solar-powered golf carts harness the power of the sun, minimizing environmental impact while ensuring a steady power source. Experts at Cart Mart in Aiken suggest that some golf carts offer economy and lux-

ury together. Each type caters to different lifestyles and preferences, so carefully consider your usage patterns before making a decision.

Key Features to Consider

When pondering the purchase of a golf cart, it's imperative to weigh the features that align with your specific needs. Consider factors such as seating capacity, storage options, and terrain compatibility. If you plan on using your golf cart for more than just golfing, opt for a model with ample storage space for groceries or other essentials. Additionally, scrutinize the terrain of your local golf course or neighborhood, as this will influence your choice between a cart with standard wheels or all-terrain capabilities.

Battery Life and Charging

For electric and solar-powered golf carts, battery life is a critical consideration. The last

thing you want is to find yourself stranded midway through the back nine due to a drained battery. Evaluate the battery capacity and charging time of potential models to ensure they align with your usage patterns. Additionally, explore the availability of charging stations in your area if you opt for an electric or solar-powered cart. A reliable charging infrastructure is vital for uninterrupted enjoyment of your golf cart.

Customization Options

Injecting a personal touch into your golf cart can enhance both its aesthetic appeal and functionality. Many manufacturers offer customization options, allowing you to choose colors, seating materials, and additional accessories. Whether you prefer a classic look or a more contemporary design, selecting a golf cart that resonates with your style adds a touch of individuality to your driving experience. Consider practical additions like cup holders, rain covers, or even a built-in GPS for added convenience on the course.

Legal Considerations

Navigating the greens with your golf cart requires more than just a keen eye for the perfect swing; it demands an understanding of the legal landscape governing these compact vehicles. Before embarking on your golf cart journey, take the time to acquaint yourself with local regulations. Specific areas may impose restrictions on when and where you can operate a golf cart, and these rules can vary significantly. Some locales may even require

registration and insurance for your golf cart, akin to standard automobiles. Ignoring these legal nuances can result in fines and complications, putting a damper on your joyrides. A proactive approach to legal considerations ensures a seamless and trouble-free experience, allowing you to enjoy the open roads or golf course fairways without running afoul of the law. Always check with local authorities or municipalities to stay abreast of the latest regulations, ensuring that your golf cart escapades remain within the bounds of the law.

Maintenance and Longevity

Ensuring the longevity of your golf cart is synonymous with a commitment to regular maintenance. Think of your golf cart as a faithful companion, deserving of the care needed to keep it running smoothly for years to come. Begin with routine inspections of tire pressure and tread wear to guarantee optimal traction and maneuverability. Regularly check the brakes to address any signs of wear or malfunction promptly. The heart of an electric or solar-powered cart lies in its battery, and diligent attention to its health is paramount. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for charging cycles and storage conditions to maximize battery life. Beyond these basics, consult the owner's manual for a comprehensive maintenance schedule, covering everything from lubricating moving parts to inspecting the electrical system. By adhering to a proactive maintenance routine and promptly addressing any issues, you not only enhance the longevity of your golf cart but also ensure a

reliable and enjoyable driving experience every time you hit the greens or venture into the neighborhood.

Environmental Impact

In our quest for modern conveniences, it is paramount to acknowledge the environmental impact of our choices, and owning a golf cart is no exception. As conscientious consumers, opting for electric or solar-powered golf carts significantly reduces our carbon footprint. Unlike their gas-powered counterparts, these eco-friendly alternatives produce zero emissions during operation, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier environment. By embracing sustainability in our recreational choices, we not only enjoy the perks of a quiet and efficient ride but also actively participate in the collective effort to preserve our planet. It's a small yet meaningful step toward a greener future, aligning our leisurely pursuits with the principles of environmental responsibility.

The decision to own a golf cart should not be taken lightly. By considering the types of golf carts available, key features, battery life, customization options, legal considerations, maintenance requirements, and environmental impact, you'll be well-equipped to make an informed choice. Whether you're envisioning leisurely rides through the neighborhood or convenient rounds on the golf course, the perfect golf cart awaits – a reliable companion for your adventures on and off the green.

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Organized by the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce (PDACC), the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade is a treasured local tradition. This year's theme is "Take me to '73" where you will see golf carts decorated as if they were coming out of 1973, or golf carts that look like they are from 2073, or any time in between!





Next up was the annual Halloween golf cart parade that took place at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground on October 30th. For this event, guests rent golf carts and decorate them with their own Halloween "costumes," often inspired by Disney Parks attractions.

Guests take their decorating very seriously and Halloween is their biggest event. It's held in the Meadow area where the longest stretch of road is located, and has been going on for 13 years. Folks are judged on creativity and finalists are later displayed at the Beach Bash, judges folks choose the winner.





Around two dozen Laguna Woods residents went all out for their communities Halloween 'scarade'. decorated golf carts and riders made their way through Village streets.

In addition to carts belonging to residents, at least two clubs participated in the parade. Riding beneath a scary and hairy grouping of huge black spiders were California Club board members Leon and Carol St.Hilaire and Dave and Sharon Peavy. The Light Volleyball Club sported a cart as well.



Nobody Does Halloween Like Manhattan Beach! From "trunk or treat," to the Pumpkin Race, to the golf cart parade, one does Halloween like

to walk street madness: No Manhattan Beach does Halloween. This year, the Halloween festivities were spread out over a whopping six days, from Thursday to Tuesday. Sunday, of course, was one of the town's biggest days, with the Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk, followed by the Pumpkin Race and a golf cart parade through downtown Manhattan Beach.

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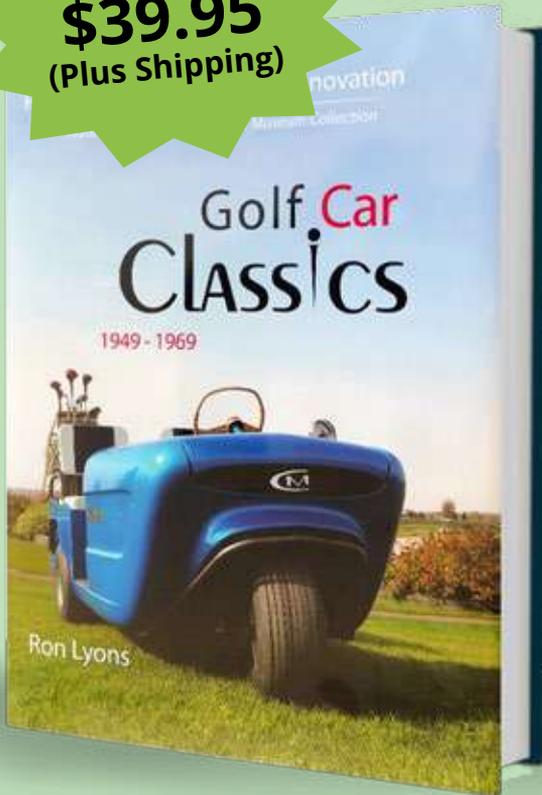
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Washington Golf **CART** Laws & Regulations (What You Need To Know)

Washington's unique northwest location gives it access to some stunning scenery and landscape.

Those who visit or travel here often get the chance to see many beautiful parts of the world and can travel through many of these roads on golf carts and low-speed vehicles.

Therefore, you must understand the rules and regulations that dictate their use to keep your operation fully legal.

The Federal Laws for Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles

Anybody who wants to ride golf carts or low-speed vehicles in Washington must first thoroughly understand the federal rules. These guidelines help to make it easier for you to avoid any legal complications while you drive.

All states must follow federal regulations and cannot change them to meet their needs. However, they can add new laws and can control cart use on their roads, as well.

First of all, you must understand that the federal government does not legally consider golf carts to be motor vehicles.

That's because they are incapable of reaching speeds over 20 miles per hour.

Therefore, they do not set safety standards that all states must follow.

Instead, they let states set their own rules.

Make sure that you read through the rules, as defined below, to avoid any complications.

However, the moment that your cart is capable of speeds between 20 miles per hour and 25 miles per hour, the federal government considers it a low-speed vehicle.

At this point, they must follow all federal guidelines for motor vehicles to keep them legal and safe.

These rules include adding a variety of safety upgrades that make them capable of enhanced protection on the road.

These upgrades include headlights, stop lights, taillights, turn signals, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and a vehicle identification number or VIN.

The last item is necessary for when you register your low-speed vehicle.

Typically, they either come with a VIN after manufacture or can be granted one later by your state's local DMV groups.

Golf Cart Laws in Washington

As defined by Washington state law, a golf cart is a "...gas-powered or electric-powered four-wheeled vehicle originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting purposes and has a speed attainable in one mile of not more than twenty miles per hour."

Current law states that they are not a non-highway or off-road vehicle, which means you do not need a driver's license to take one out.

However, you must be at least 16 years old and have completed a driver's education course or have previous experience as a licensed driver.

And all golf cart use can only be done on roads with a speed limit of up to 25 miles per hour or less and has to be done in an area defined as a golf cart zone.

These zones are created by cities and counties and are strictly limited in a variety of ways.

First of all, each zone must have signage at the beginning and end of the region on the street or road that is part of the territory.

This signage helps to make cart use legal and safe within this defined area. Often, these areas are defined very specifically around golf courses but may extend throughout a whole city.

Therefore, you must pay attention to your local rules to ensure full legality.

Other prohibitions include limiting your usage between sunrise and sunset.

You may ride a half-hour before sunrise or a half-hour after sunset, though, so pay attention to these times when riding.

You also cannot ride on bicycle lanes within a golf cart zone and must display decals identifying your cart correctly. And you also need reflectors, seat belts, and rearview mirrors on your carts as well.

State Rules for Low-Speed Vehicles

Washington follows all rules and regulations set forth by the federal government.

They also define a low-speed vehicle as having four wheels – three-wheel versions do exist in some states – and electrically-powered. Currently, they do not allow gas-powered low-speed vehicles within their limits.

They also ask that all drivers have a license and valid license plates on the cart as well. Remember: your cart is now considered a low-speed vehicle and not a golf cart anymore.

So you must register it at a local DMV to keep it legal and licensed. You also can only travel on roads of up to 35 miles per hour in speed.

These regulations will vary on a city-by-city basis, as some may restrict your use of low-speed vehicles or make it impossible to drive them at all on their roads.

Washington also has rules for medium-speed vehicles, stating that they are allowed on roads with speed limits of up to 35 miles per hour – though some counties do enable faster speeds in this state.

They must also possess every upgrade necessary for a low-speed vehicle and a roll cage or crush-proof body.

Like with low-speed vehicles, use may be restricted by some cities, do talk to your local officials before driving.

Federal Golf Cart Laws [Click Here](#)

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Market Entry Strategies and Opportunities

Suppose you are interested in investing in a golf car dealership. Why, because over the past year or so, you have noticed a fair number of golf car-type vehicles moving about your community, parked at convenient stores, and ... In addition, strictly from a personal perspective, in opportunistically inspecting some of these vehicles close at hand, you are surprised to see all the automotive attributes that have been integrated into these machines.

Well-documented research reveals a positive outlook for the market

Casual browsing on the internet turns up a market analysis of GCT (golf car-type) vehicles from Small Vehicle Resource, LLC. The study contains two key factors that influence your decision to start a dealership:

- Outlook for the industry is quite positive over the long run, as GCT vehicles become a viable alternative to conventional automobiles for short distance driving;
- Industry structure is rapidly changing, with many new OEM

entrants, and thus becoming much more competitive.

The first consideration inspires confidence the business has a good chance to grow. The second suggests that there will be a wide selection of OEMs anxious to be your primary product supplier. These are two major pluses regarding a dealership decision, but an additional critical factor in making the decision is an assessment of the local market. A detailed analysis of the market is covered in can be ordered from Small Vehicle Resource by contacting the author of this article. (See the insert for further details.)

Assessing the local market

Local market assessment is likely to be critical in determining profitability and sustainability of the prospective dealership:

- Competitor assessment—How many dealers are there within, say, a 75 mile radius of what you consider to be the center of your market? For which brands are they authorized?

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- Demographics of the market territory—Age distribution can be an important factor. Golf car use is likely to be more apparent in communities of older folks. This is certainly true of 55+ communities and communities where there are a large number of retirees, although not necessarily age-restricted. All age, relatively self-contained communities—self-contained meaning inclusive schools, grocery stores, entertainment venues, etc.—provide a rich prospect for business growth, and may be underserved at the moment.
- Current predominant use of golf cars—Where are golf car-type vehicles being used for the most part? Golf courses? short distance driving? recreation? A combination uses?

The roots of the evolutionary changes in the GCT vehicle industry include work-from-home, remotely controlled manufacturing (more localized office locations and work-from-home), the revolution in distribution systems, which allow overnight, home-delivery of essentials for work and sustenance, and rise of the neighborhood cohort of families sharing experiences and lifestyles.

The rise of neighborhood, localized communities is clearly evident from studies of population movement in the United States coming from staff research at the Federal Reserve Banking system, particularly from the Cleveland

Federal Reserve Bank. Exodus from densely populated urban centers is quite pronounced. The outflow preceded the COVID outbreak, but the pandemic precipitated an even wider, more rapid population movement.

Cities, which demographers and economists suggest, arose as centers of trade and evolved in modern times into commercial centers for all manner of commercial activities and supporting businesses. They became hubs for employment, growth of technology, and systems of commutation. Now, it appears that cities are losing their *raison d'être*.

Metropolitan transportation crisis: Implications and possible opportunities

Included in the locational/demographic analysis cited above should be a broader review of systemic changes in transit systems, which serve the area. These changes are now, and very likely to be on-going in future periods, a key opportunity to develop for a much broader and sustainable market for a new dealership.

A recent article in Smart Cities Dive focuses on the financial decline of major mass transit systems across the country. Clearly, this decline is part and parcel of changes noted above that pose problems for major metropolitan areas.

To understand just how critical the issues are, the following are excerpts from the Smart Cities

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Lonely rider on the BART in San Francisco

Dive article.

From Smart Cities Dive:

- Two major credit ratings firms recently restated their negative views on mass transit agencies, citing ongoing subpar ridership and the looming end of federal rescue funds for some operators. S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Investors Service previously **downgraded their view of the public transit sector** to negative.
- Moody's Investors Service stat[ed] that transit systems "will need to secure long-term funding sources or cut services and make other operational adjustments — or some combination thereof — to stabilize finances."
- S&P Global Ratings noted in a Sept. 28 ratings outlook that transit systems traditionally reliant on farebox revenues will "struggle to balance operating funds" while those supported by significant tax revenues, such as a dedicated sales tax, have been given more positive ratings.

The article further notes that, "Transit ridership in the U.S. plummeted with the onset of the

COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 and remain at less than 80% of the pre-pandemic norm nationally, according to the most recent data published by the American Public Transportation Association."

Despite supplemental funding by the federal government, a May 2023 APTA survey revealed that more than half of the 122 responding agencies said that their operating expenses exceeded revenues currently and would exceed funding from other sources in the next five years. Among large agencies — those with operating budgets over \$200 million — the APTA survey indicated that more than two-thirds anticipate hitting a fiscal cliff by 2026.

Among the major transit agencies experiencing major financial problems are:

- The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District;
- The Chicago Transit Authority;
- The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority got an upgrade, but only because returns to revenue bonds were guaranteed by dedicated state tax revenues and anticipated increased ridership.

S&P Global Ratings said recently in September that, "However, for most other transit agencies, identifying a sustainable tax and revenue model to meet operating and long-term capital needs remains an ongoing topic of debate, setting up key decisions in the coming months that will pit service levels against available resources for 2024 and beyond,"

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Mass transit problems equal GCT vehicle opportunities?

SVR contends (and predicts) that the combination of technologies which enable work-from-home resulting in declining ridership for most transit agencies, will inevitably undermine and finally do away with metropolitan transit systems as they exist today. Taxpayer indulgence which sustains these systems will eventually evaporate.

Rather than suburbs being appendages to cities and metropolitan areas, current trends foretell the opposite: The (former) densely-populated environments called cities will become “suburbs” in their own right. Plans to convert empty office buildings into residential apartments are a precursor to this historic transformation.

In the developing vacuum of disappearing traditional transit systems and the transformation of cities, SVR sees significant opportunities for GCT vehicle dealerships:

- Collaboration with government agencies to offer on demand GCT vehicle fleet services for inner city residents, as an alternative to conventional vehicles and subways for meeting all short distance driving needs;
- Offer of similar services to residents of nearby suburbs (long-established and dependent in the past to thriving metropolitan areas.

Distant hope or current reality? Further raises the need for a GCT vehicle dealer association

Many reading these last paragraphs may wonder, is opportunity a current reality or a something that might emerge years away? Given the growing competition in the GCT vehicle market, the continuing upgrades and improving performance

attributes of the vehicles themselves, and the on-going outflow from densely-populated urban areas, SVR would contend this is a here-and-now opportunity.

Opening up and fulfilling this potential opportunity, however, demands recognition of the need to collaborate in the process of metro-transformations. Realistically, this adds another burden to an existing and new dealership. What is needed is an agency that can undertake the collaborative function on behalf of dealers and do so on a nationwide basis. SVR encourages you as a dealer or dealer wannabe to check out the Low Speed Vehicle Dealer Association at www.LSVDA.com and sign up.

Small Vehicle Resource (SVR) publishes new market analysis

SVR announces new analysis of the small, task-orient vehicle (STV) market, with outstanding growth potential, and covering:

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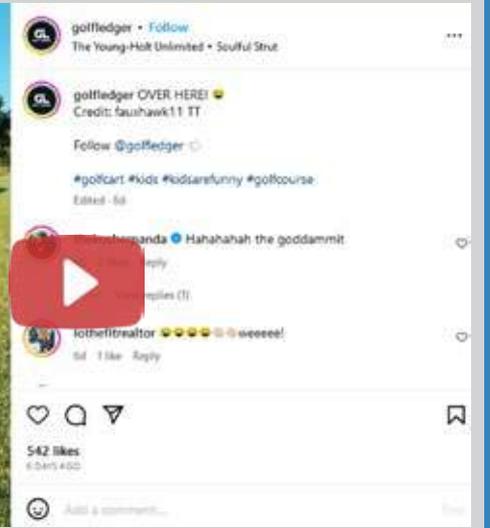
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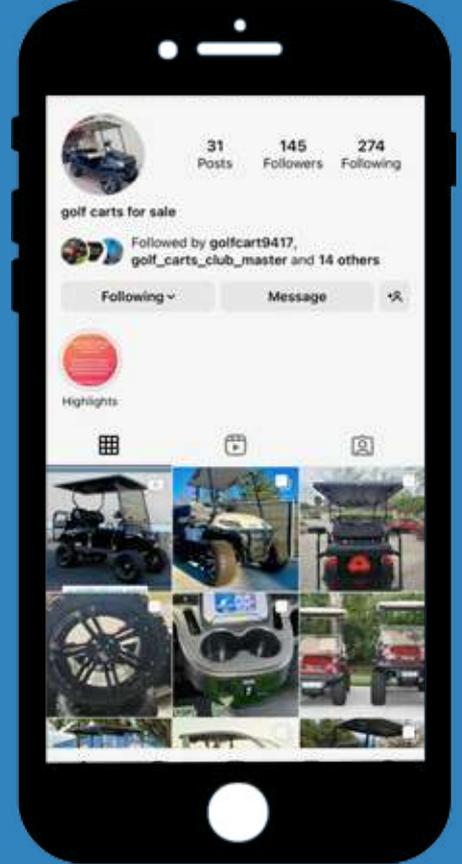
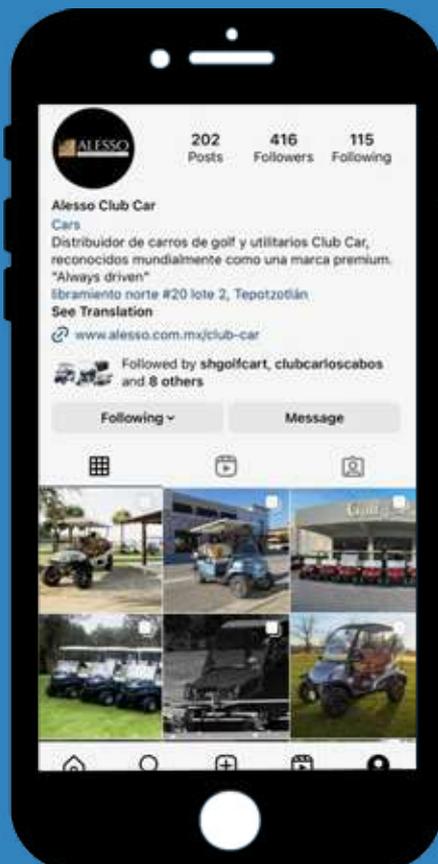
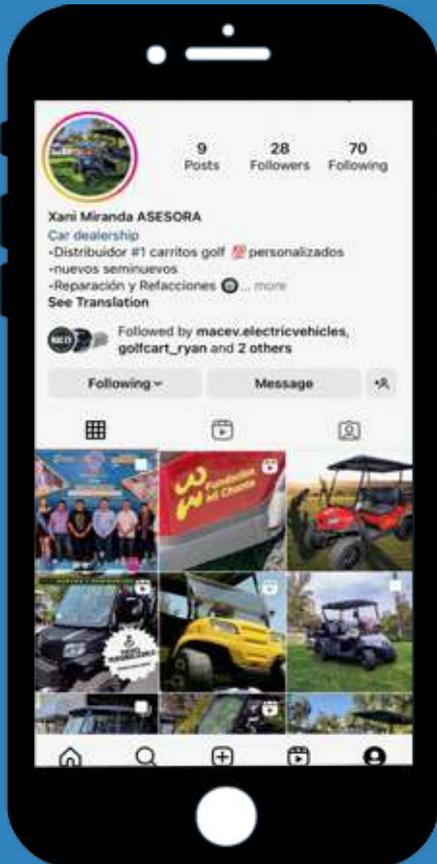
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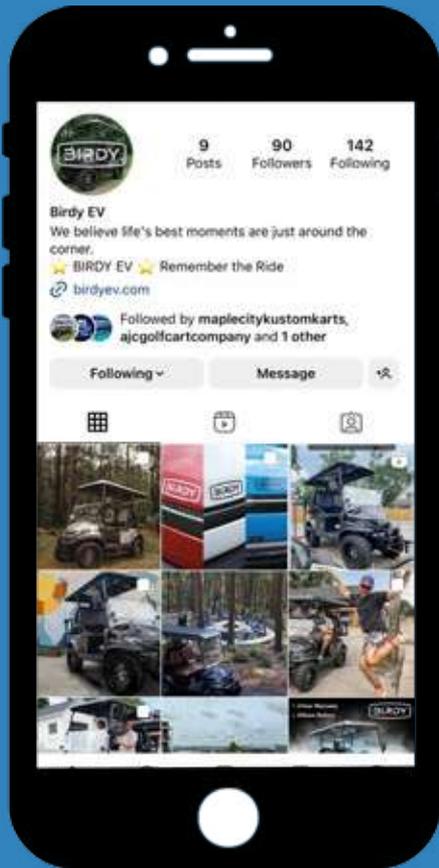
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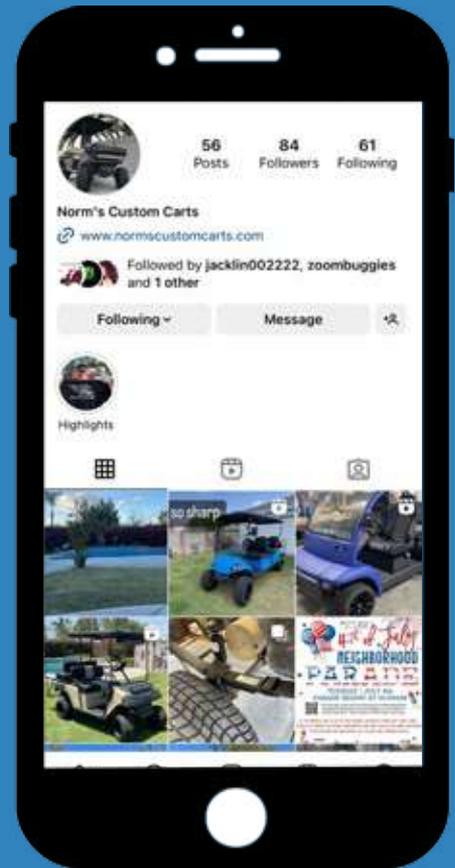
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How To Remove Speed Limiter On Electric Golf Cart In 5 Steps

Electric golf carts are cool, right? They're eco-friendly and super easy to use on the golf course and elsewhere. But some of us crave more speed! So today, we'll discuss how to remove the speed limiter on electric golf carts and get zooming!

But before we dive into the process, remember that safety comes first. Also, you should follow local laws and regulations when driving your golf cart.

How Fast Can An Electric Golf Cart Go?

Electric golf carts usually have a speed limit ranging from 15 to 20 miles per hour, making them suitable for leisurely rides and golfing activities.

While they may not be the fastest vehicles around, they serve their purpose well, providing a convenient means of getting around.

Most electric golf carts cruise around at a leisurely 15 mph, with their motors and speed limiters typically dictating their top speed.



But, when equipped with a high-powered motor, these carts can break free from their speed shackles and hit exhilarating speeds of up to 25 miles per hour!

How do electric golf cart speed limiters work?

Speed limiters are safety features integrated into electric golf carts to limit their maximum speed. It's for a reason, you know – to keep golfers and pedestrians safe on the course.

Then again, some of us are thrill-seekers, so we're considering tossing that limiter to the wind. But wait! Safety, remember?

Well, we'll weigh the pros and cons later in this blog post.

What do you need to Remove Speed Limiter On Electric Golf Cart?

You might need different tools depending on your golf cart's make and model. Commonly required tools include –

- Screwdrivers
- Pliers
- Wire cutters
- A golf cart diagnostic tool (Optional)

Additionally, ensure you have the necessary safety equipment, such as –

- Gloves
- Eye protection Glass

How to remove speed limiter on electric golf cart?

Let's get to the exciting part – removing that speed limiter! Follow this step-by-step method to remove the speed limiter on your electric golf cart.

Okay, disclaimer time: be careful! If you're unsure or uncomfortable, call in an expert.

After successfully disabling the speed limiter on your golf cart, you can drive as fast as you want – just remember to keep your eyes peeled for cops!

1. Read the Manufacturer's Manual

Review the manufacturer's manual for your golf cart. This may help you understand the specific instructions for the speed limiter.

Because certain golf cart models may have varying methods of removing them. So check your cart's make and model.

Some golf cart manufacturers may offer guidance on how to safely remove or adjust the speed limiter. Additionally, make sure that disabling the speed limiter won't void your golf cart's warranty.

Different carts, different tricks!

2. Unplug the battery

Make sure you unplug that battery from your fancy electric golf cart before you start tinkering around. Because electricity can be a dangerous thing if you don't know what you're doing.

We don't want any shocking surprises, do we? Therefore, unplugging the battery is the best way to make sure you don't get shocked or cause any other damage.





So, get your trusty spanner set, find that battery, and gently disconnect those cables. First things first!

3. Locate the Speed Controller

Now you need to find the speed controller. Usually, it is in the engine compartment or under the seat. Refer to the manufacturer's manual if you can't find the exact location.

Even though they're rare, front engines are available on some carts. Alternatively, some models conceal their engines under the cushions of the back seats.

In case you've got one of those back-seat engines, gently remove those cozy cushions. If they are screwed down, remove the screws first with a screwdriver. The speed controller is a small box that has wires running through it.

4. Identify and remove the speed limiter

Take the cover off the speed controller. You can now access the speed limiter. It can be labeled or color-coded according to the cart's make and model.

The most common type is a plastic plate that is wrapped with a rubber band. You need to take the rubber band off the speed limiter. Use pliers or a small screwdriver to gently loosen it.

Now, carefully remove the speed limiter from your speed controller. Finally, put the speed controller cover back on.

5. Perform a Test Run

Time to test your golf cart's newfound freedom! Reconnect the batteries, and conduct a controlled test run in a safe environment, such as an empty parking lot or private property.

Gradually increase the speed to ensure the adjustments succeed and the golf cart operates safely.

Benefits of removing the speed limiter from an electric golf cart

As you know, golf carts are designed for specific purposes, including recreational use and transportation within golf courses or designated areas.

What if you take the speed limiter off a golf cart?

Well, here are some perceived benefits of removing the speed limiter. But it's essential to consider the risks and potential consequences before making such modifications.

Increased Speed: Removing the speed limiter can potentially allow the golf cart to achieve higher speeds than the manufacturer's intended limits. This may appeal to some users looking for a faster mode of transportation.

Faster Commute: With the speed limiter removed, the golf cart can cover distances more quickly, making it convenient for short-distance commutes within a restricted area.

Thrill and Excitement: For recreational users, increased speed might add a sense of excitement and fun, especially when driving the golf cart around private properties.

Improved Efficiency: In some cases, removing the speed limiter may lead to a slight increase in efficiency as the golf cart reaches its desired speed more quickly.

Enhanced Performance: Golf carts with the speed limiter removed may exhibit better acceleration and hill-climbing capabilities, which could be beneficial in certain off-road scenarios.



Drawbacks Of Removing The Speed Limiter From An Electric Golf Cart

Taking the speed limiter off a golf cart can pose substantial risks and downsides. Let's take a look at some of the main drawbacks associated with removing the speed limiter:

Safety Concerns: Electric golf carts are not designed for high-speed operation. So, removing the speed limiter could increase accident and injury risk. The cart's original design considers its maximum safe speed, and exceeding that could lead to loss of control, rollovers, or collisions.

Increased Risk of Flipping: Golf carts are typically lightweight vehicles with a high center of gravity. Driving at high speeds can make them more prone to tipping over. This can happen when making sharp turns or navigating uneven terrain.

Limited Braking Performance: Removing the speed limiter may result in the golf cart reaching speeds beyond what its brakes are designed to handle. Inadequate braking performance can lead to longer stopping distances and potential accidents.

Shortening Battery Life: Higher speeds put a strain on the electric golf cart's batteries, leading to faster battery depletion and reduced overall battery life.

This means you'll need to recharge more frequently, reducing the cart's usability and increasing operating costs.

Voided Warranty: Modifying the golf cart by removing the speed limiter will likely void the manufacturer's warranty.

So if something goes wrong, you're responsible for repairs and maintenance.

Legal Consequences: Operating a golf cart beyond its original speed limit is illegal in many jurisdictions. It can lead to fines, penalties, and even the impounding of the modified cart.

Loss of Insurance Coverage: Some insurance policies may become void if the golf cart has been altered from its original specifications. There may be no insurance coverage in the event of an accident or damage.

Restricted Access: Certain golf courses, private properties, and public areas may have specific speed limits for golf carts. By removing the speed limiter, you may lose access to these places, limiting the cart's usability.

As you can see, every modification you make to your golf cart, such as removing the speed limiter or lifting a golf cart, has both advantages and disadvantages. Think carefully before you move forward.

How to remove speed limiter on E-Z-GO golf cart?

- Firstly, refer to the E-Z-GO user manual.
- Then, disconnect your battery.
- Find the speed controller and open it.
- Now, remove the speed limiter.
- Lastly, reconnect the battery and give it a test run

But if you are interested in enhancing your golf cart's performance, we recommend seeking advice from a professional.

You can go to a certified mechanic or E-Z-GO dealer. They can guide you on any legal and safe options available for improving your golf cart's speed or performance.

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GOLF CARTS HAVE COME A LONG WAY PART 2

VACATIONS- A few weeks ago I went to “THE GET AWAY PLACE” a popular vacation resort for some sun, fun, leisure, play, rest and relaxation. Multipurpose golf carts are the most effective and safest way to move people around the complex. They are modified to serve as useful vehicles for customer hospitality; taking them to places that attract and offer entertainment, food, recreation, privacy retreats, and all sorts of visiting sites.

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i prefer renting a beach touring golf cart when going to the ocean for a dip. Unfortunately, before returning home I took a brief swim and ran into some trouble. My swimming trunks went missing after taking a hard dive into the water. I survived embarrassment by rolling my entire wet body in the sand and quickly slithered like a snake over to the nearby golf cart (unnoticed by the crowd) to retrieve a beach towel hanging over the seat. My skin felt like it just got a sandpaper rub down. Renting a life-saving golf cart kept me from becoming a prohibited nudist.

INDUSTRIAL- Our world's widespread golf car industrial activities are awesome. Rent complete usage is a popular option for companies large and small. Renting an assortment of heavy-duty or passenger golf carts for business can shrink downtime. Continuing repair work costs are reduced, which in turn speeds-up investment profits for owners of golf carts. Let me tell you about a business success story. My neighbor Josie produces and sells custom-made ornamental fuzzy ball thingy's (Pom Pom's). Her fleet of

company-owned golf carts are tastefully decked out with a display of showy tiny balls for other to see. It works. Business is blooming.

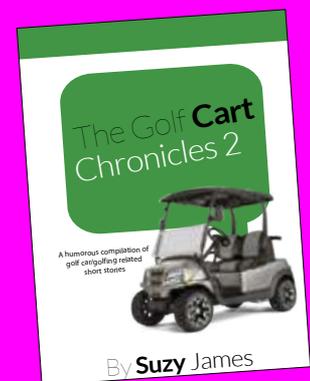
It all began when Josie handcrafted colorful tiny balls of yarn for Bella, her playful puppy who loved to shred then into fuzzy things just for the fun of it. Before too long, after some rough handling, Bella shredded hundreds of newly made balls. Josie trimmed, embellished and strung them together. Word got around with help of her first spiffy show-and-tell golf cart. Orders began to come in non-stop, and that is how "The Fuzzy Ball Thingy Company" got started. P.S. Josie, Bella, and several like-minded dog partners still craft each fuzzy ball things manually.

A Note From The Writer

It has been so much fun playing with words to bring about amusing and entertaining stories portraying people and other living things as out of the ordinary.

So, I wrote, and wrote, and wrote for over sixty-five years. Each article was stored away in a box never to see the light of day until now.

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ULTIMATE CARTS NOW OPEN IN WINTER GARDEN

The golf cart dealer is located in Westside Station, a new retail and medical office development.

Ultimate Carts is Central Florida's premier Electric Vehicle dealer that offers a huge selection of the top EV brands.



The shop features ICON EV and EPIC Carts, as well as offers service for the vehicles.

The Winter Garden store joins the other Orlando location at Mills 50, as well as one in New Smyrna Beach.

Ultimate Carts in Winter Garden is housed in Westside Station, a new retail and medical office development, at 12623 W. Colonial Dr., Winter Garden.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Fri-

day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment only on Sunday.

For more information on Ultimate Carts, [CLICK HERE](#), or call (407) 554-5266.

KANDI TECHNOLOGY GROUP

KANDI'S FIRST 500 FULLY ELECTRIC MINI GOLF CARTS TO LAUNCH IN US MARKET

Kandi Technologies Group, Inc. announced that its first batch of 500 all-electric mini golf carts has arrived in the United States and will be gradually released in the market starting this month. Designed by American professionals, the carts were meticulously developed and manufactured by Kandi. Among other features, these models boast electric telescopic functionality, enhancing convenience for travel and portability. These golf carts are not only compact, versatile, and practical but also showcase a distinctive exterior design, all offered at a reasonable price. Kandi is confident that the electric mini golf carts will be favored by consumers and become another popular product of the Company.



KANDI TECHNOLOGY GROUP - CONTINUED

About Kandi Technologies Group, Inc.

Kandi Technologies Group, Inc. (KNDI), headquartered in Jinhua Economic Development Zone, Zhejiang Province, is engaged in the research, development, manufacturing, and sales of various vehicular products. Kandi conducts its primary business operations through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Zhejiang Kandi Technologies Group Co., Ltd. ("Zhejiang Kandi Technologies"), formerly, Zhejiang Kandi Vehicles Co., Ltd. and its subsidiaries including Zhejiang Kandi

Smart Battery Swap Technology Co., Ltd, and SC Autosports, LLC (d/b/a Kandi America), the wholly-owned subsidiary of Kandi in the United States, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Kandi America Investment, LLC. Zhejiang Kandi Technologies has established itself as one of China's leading manufacturers of pure electric vehicle parts and off-road vehicles.

MARTIN WHEEL, A DIVISION OF KENDA TIRE

TIRE MANUFACTURER BREAKS GROUND ON \$10 MILLION BUILDING IN BRIMFIELD

Martin Wheel, a division of Kenda Tire, recently broke ground on its manufacturing plant, warehouse and office space. The company hopes to have the plant up and running by the end of 2024.

The construction site is on International Drive, just behind the Meijer and Menards stores in Brimfield, across from Hamrick Packaging. The property is located in Brimfield's Joint Economic Development District with Tallmadge.

The company got a 60%, 10-year tax abatement from the county in 2021. At that time, the company announced plans to invest \$13 million to \$18 million in the new loca-

tion, including \$10 million in the building itself. Those details have not changed, nor have employment projections to maintain 101 jobs and add at least 24 new employees, said Brad Ehrhart, president of the Portage Development Board. The company has an annual payroll of \$5.6 million.

"This groundbreaking is an important milestone in Martin Wheel's history which has been a part of the NE Ohio community for over 65 years," Darrell Ruthrauff, general manager of Martin Wheel, stated in a press release. "Supporting our customers in the outdoor power equipment, golf cart and trailer industries is paramount, and this added space gives us the ability to expand our service and capabilities."

Campbell Construction in

Wooster is building the 198,000-square-foot facility.

In 2021, a company controller told commissioners that the plant has been in the area since 1960. The company makes more than 12,000 products, including wheels for lawn mowers, yard tractors and tires for the majority of golf carts. Their existing building, on West Avenue in Tallmadge, cannot be expanded, which limited the company's growth.

"Kenda is a longtime resident in the state of Ohio and is happy to expand further in NE Ohio," Jimmy Yang, Kenda chairman, stated in a press release. "Our continued growth will bring new opportunities and jobs in the manufacturing and distribution sector."

YAMAHA GOLF-CAR COMPANY

FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH YAMAHA GOLF APPROVED BY RAWLINS CITY COUNCIL

The Rawlins City Council voted to approve and enter into a Yamaha Golf sales conditional five-year lease agreement.

The annual payment is \$29,025.00 and has a balloon payment of \$160,138.15 that is due after the fifth year of the lease. The lease includes the option to purchase the golf carts.

"After the five years, we have two options. One of the options is to pay the \$160,138.15 as a balloon payment to purchase them outright," city manager Tom

Sarvey said. "The other option is to not exercise that and end the lease. Then, all of the golf carts would reverse back."

The Rawlins City Council awarded the bid for gas golf carts to Masek Golf Car Company (Masek) in the amount of \$29,000, during the meeting on Feb. 7, 2023.

"The bid award was for Masek to provide 45 used golf carts as a temporary solution for the 2023 golf season due to the national shortage and availability of new golf carts," according to the agenda. "These used golf carts were only made available to the city for the 2023 golf season and are to be returned to Masek prior to the 2024 golf season."

The bid award that was approved on Feb. 7 also included that work would be done with Masek in order to seek other options for new golf carts for the 2024 season.

According to the agenda, "Staff has worked with Masek to develop a lease agreement for 45 new gas golf carts to be made available for the 2024 golf season. Staff has met with the city manager and has concluded that a five-year lease with an option to purchase at the end of the lease is the best solution to replacing our golf cart fleet for Rochelle Ranch Golf Course.

"\$48,000 has been budgeted for the FY 2024 budget and the remaining \$18,975 will be carried forwarded for FY 2025."

WAEV - GEM

WAEV SECURES FINANCING TO ADVANCE CLEAN MOBILITY MOVEMENT

ABL facility from J.P. Morgan will support Waev's GEM LSVs, Tiger ground support EV tractors and Taylor-Dunn industrial EVs

Anaheim, Calif., October 30, 2023 – Waev Inc. has secured a new Asset-Based Lending (ABL) facility from J.P. Morgan to fund the growth of GEM, Tiger and Taylor-Dunn electric vehicles (EVs) into the future. The working capital will further energize Waev's forward momentum and allow for new products to be brought to market at scale to meet growing customer demands for the company's EV solutions.

Waev has established EV brands, a mission to develop more sustainable, future-focused solutions and a continued commitment to overcoming barriers in EV adoption. The company offers a portfolio of personal, business and industrial-use EV solutions, such as Taylor-Dunn Bigfoot utility vehicles, GEM low-speed vehicles (LSVs) and Tiger Tractors, as well as new innovations like Tiger Repower EV conversion kits, GEM Solar Panels and the Bigfoot Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) burden carrier. With its foundation of proven mobility offerings and continuous innovation, Waev is solidifying a sustainable future through awareness, accessibility and availability.

WAEV - GEM - CONTNED

"J.P. Morgan is working to provide capital to grow key industries across the green economy," said Julia Grinshpun, Executive Director, J.P. Morgan Green Economy Banking. "We're proud to support Waev and the work they are doing to deploy a range of EVs, which will help advance decarbonization and grow local economies."

"As a leading global bank with a division driven to advance the clean mobility movement, J.P. Morgan is the right part-

ner for Waev," said Keith Simon, CEO, Waev Inc. "Being a part of their Green Economy portfolio aligns strongly with who Waev is and where we're going. The capital will allow us to continue to advance innovative technologies, while meeting the increasing demand for our products."

J.P. Morgan Commercial Banking launched the Green Economy Banking team in 2021 to provide capital solutions and expertise to clients that are advancing decarbonization across renewable energy, sustainable finance and climate tech.

The deal between Waev and

J.P. Morgan was facilitated by Chartwell Financial Advisory, Waev's exclusive financial advisor. Chartwell provided strategic counsel to Waev as it evaluated its numerous financing opportunities in pursuit of sustainable growth and significant operating flexibility. The ABL partnership provides working capital from J.P. Morgan without equity into the company, allowing for growth that fully aligns with Waev's strategic objectives and company mission.

To learn more about Waev and how the company is energizing forward motion, visit www.waevinc.com.

TEXTRON SPECIALIZED VEHICLES INC

JINHUA SUNCART SETTLES WITH TEXTRON SPECIALIZED VEHICLES INC. AND ITS COMPLAINT FOR INFRINGEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RELATED TO E-Z-GO® RXV GOLF-CAR PLATFORM

Jinhua Suncart and three other defendants have settled a legal complaint filed by Textron Specialized Vehicles Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, for infringement of patents related to TSV's E-Z-GO® RXV® golf-car platform.

Under the terms of the agreement, Jinhua Suncart and the other defendants - Vitacci Motorcycles Inc., Cougar International Inc., and TPSP LLC, doing business as Turbo Powersports - will stop sales of all products within the scope of the complaint filed by TSV enforcing patents that protect the unique technology used in the RXV models.

The defendants also will stop using E-Z-GO's registered RXV® and TXT® trademarks and remove all online listings that promote the products named in the complaint.

The settlement resolves a complaint filed by TSV in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

"TSV will vigorously defend its intellectual property, which is the direct result of our investment to generate innovation for our products in the golf-car industry and other industries we serve," said TSV General Counsel Rocco Sica. "These companies were investigated for copying technologies developed through a substantial investment of time and money. Our investments enable TSV to bring our products to market and serve the needs of our customers."

TEXTRON SPECIALIZED VEHICLES INC - CONTINUED

"We warn other parties that are copying our innovations that we are watching, and we will take any appropriate actions necessary to protect the innovations which our employees have dedicated their careers to create."

Founded in Augusta, Ga. in 1954, E-Z-GO is a globally renowned leader in the design and manufacture of golf cars and personal transport vehicles, known for its innovation in sustainable electric-vehicle and powertrain technology. E-Z-GO models include RXV® and TXT® fleet golf cars; Freedom® and Valor personal golf cars, and E-Z-GO Express™ personal utility vehicles. Its latest innovation is the Liberty™, the industry's first vehicle to offer four forward-facing seats in a compact, golf-car-sized footprint. The employees of Textron Specialized Vehicles are committed to a culture of compliance and reduction of emissions. E-Z-GO became part of Textron Inc. in 1960, and today operates as part of the company's Textron Specialized Vehicles division

CLUB CAR

CLUB CAR PARTNERS WITH 59CLUB NORDIC

Already a partner of 59club UK, Club Car has strengthened its relationship with the industry's leading customer service analysts and trainer provider by joining forces with its Nordic arm, which supports clubs across Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Andy Bourke, Club Car's Regional Sales Manager for the UK, Ireland, Scandinavia and Iceland, said: "Club Car al-

ready has a strong presence in the Nordic region, supplying many of the region's top venues and enjoying long-standing relationships with a vast number of clients."

"Club Car and 59club Nordic are well aligned with a shared mission to help golf clubs deliver excellent customer experience for their members, guests and staff," Bourke added.

Sebastian Czyz, General Manager of 59club Nordic, said: "Club Car and 59club UK have

a close relationship. As we, 59club Nordic, embark on the Nordic part of Europe, we are thrilled to join forces with Club Car to strengthen our relationship, and expand our collaboration across borders.

"We have a vision and passion for the game. We want the golf clubs to succeed, excel and create the best possible experiences. We are excited for the journey ahead, and together, I know that we will make a positive impact in the industry."

GOLF CART RENTALS THE VILLAGES

GOLF CART RENTALS THE VILLAGES IS A LEADING GOLF CART DEALERSHIP IN THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA

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GOLF CART RENTALS THE VILLAGES - CONTINUED

your requirements. We can repair all models and makes of golf carts.

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STAR EV

STAR EV AMONG 50 FASTEST GROWING COMPANIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

For the second straight year, STAR EV has earned an SC 50 Fastest Growing Companies Award.

The SC 50 Fastest Growing Companies Award is one of three major statewide awards presented to business and industry leaders by The Capital Corporation and other sponsors.

“The continuing growth of STAR is a testament once again to our outstanding line of products, along with the dedication and hard work of our partners and dealerships all over the world. We look forward to fostering those relationships as we continue to grow.” – Jane Zhang, STAR EV CEO

STAR is truly a homegrown company in South Carolina and is celebrating its 20th year of operation at its manufacturing facility and corporate offices in Simpsonville, just outside of bustling Greenville in the upstate. Over

two decades, STAR has grown from a single EV platform to multiple lines of street-legal, recreation, golf, commercial, and transit vehicles.

ABOUT:

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RECALL

Textron Specialized Vehicles Recalls E-Z-GO PTV And Tracker OX EV Vehicles Due to Crash Hazard

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CONSUMER CONTACT:

Textron Specialized Vehicle toll-free at 888-525-6040 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, email at jcook03@textron.com or online (for E-Z-Go) at <https://ezgo.txtsv.com/resources/recall-information> and (for Tracker) at <https://www.trackeroffroad.com/recalls.html>.

NAME OF PRODUCT: Electric Powered E-Z-GO ELiTE Express L6 and ELiTE Express S6 PTV and Tracker OX EV vehicles

HAZARD: The vehicle's internal motor wiring can become damaged over time. Under certain conditions, this issue can cause the vehicle to move unintentionally. This movement poses a crash hazard.

REMEDY: Repair

RECALL DATE: November 09, 2023
RECALL NUMBER: 24-713

UNITS: About 1,660 (In addition, about 60 were sold in Canada and about 20 were sold in Mexico)

DESCRIPTION: This recall involves E-Z-GO PTV and Tracker OX EV vehicles. These vehicles are also called golf carts. Vehicles with Electric ELiTE Express S6 and L6 models with serial numbers 3591558, 3591568, 3591767-3591769 and 3597204 and 3608440 are included in the recall. Tracker OX EV with serial numbers between 8029703 and 8030650 are also included in the

recall. The serial number is located under the charger receptacle on the E-Z-Go and Tracker vehicles. The model name is located on the side of the vehicles.

REMEDY: Consumers should immediately stop using the E-Z-GO PTV and Tracker OX vehicles and contact their dealership or Textron Specialized Vehicle for a free repair. Textron Specialized Vehicles is contacting all purchasers directly.

INCIDENTS/INJURIES: Textron Specialized Vehicles received one report of the vehicles moving unexpectedly. No injuries have been reported.

SOLD AT: The recalled E-Z-GO models were sold through E-Z-GO authorized dealers nationwide. Tracker models are sold through Tracker authorized dealers, Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's stores nationwide. The recalled vehicles were sold between January 2023 through July 2023 for between \$13,000 and \$18,500.

MANUFACTURER: Textron Specialized Vehicles, of Augusta, Georgia

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Where's the fun in having visions of sugarplums dancing in your head when the reality of a luxury electric golf cart is so much better? Christmas is right around the corner and a electric-powered golf cart with all the bells and whistles deserves a place on your holiday gift list. With The RSM Classic being played at the Sea Island Golf Club, on St. Simons Island, next week (Nov. 13-19), who's not obsessed with golf and all of its accoutrements?



Golf Car Opti
- November 2

Erik Sims, owner of the new Golf Cart Factory retail store, in Brunswick, is pictured with an array of available models.

Even if you're not a golfer, imagine rolling down the street to the community swimming pool or your favorite eatery, or even just going on a pleasant afternoon or evening drive without using one drop of gasoline. It's no longer a pipe dream! It's now possible with the luxury electric golf carts sold at the Golf Cart Factory, in Brunswick.

Owner Erik Sims said the Royal-EV brand that his store carries is amazing because they were purpose-built for the road, not just for the golf course, and they carry a price tag of 30% to 40% less than Club Car, EZGo or Yamaha Golf Carts. Prices start at \$10,900 for lithium four-seaters, and top-of-the-line loaded six-seaters max out at \$16,995.



These golf carts are designed for street use and tagged as low speed vehicles (LSVs), and standard equipment includes grab bars and integrated seatbelts. Royal-EVs are also designed, engineered, and assembled in Georgia and offer the most advanced safety and convenience features.

For example, he said, older carts had only mechanical brakes and no suspension. The Royal-EVs are a result of the evolution of golf carts with full front-end and rear-end suspension and hydraulic disc brakes, he said.

ons Magazine

2023 Traditional carts were designed to travel on the golf course at speeds of 14 mph and some later model carts could travel up to 19 mph.

Sims said the Royal-EVs are available in four-seat and six-seat models, are DOT certified and have a 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN) and a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) which is needed to title a vehicle.

They share a lot of the same options as other street-worthy vehicles, including coming standard with blinkers, headlights, brake lights, seatbelts, and Bluetooth radio. Storage is standard, as is an integrated cooler in some models.

The two top-of-the-line models – the Ambassador and the Crown – also have a rear back up camera and digital dash display.

We may not have flying cars like many of us dreamed of while watching "The Jetsons," but these electric carts are definitely the next step in our mobile society.

"It's like driving a Tesla," said Sims, of the carts, which are powered by 72-volt lithium batteries. "It's got the same kind of technology.

Sims foresees a time when the LSVs are more commonplace than they are now, especially since they have most of the safety features of a regular motor vehicle. They also enable local events and

venues to expand their parking capacity and are quiet and don't pollute.

In fact, there are communities throughout the U.S. where golf carts have become the transportation method of choice. The Atlanta suburb of Peachtree City is probably the most well-known for its cart-centric network of multi-use paths that help residents navigate to school, work and leisure activities.

Of course, regular vehicles are used for commutes outside the confines of the city. Other communities that are golf cart friendly include The Villages, in Central Florida, Catalina Island, California and Bald Head Island, North Carolina. "They keep up with speed," he said. "They're not impeding traffic."

The Royal-EVs will travel 40-45 miles without having to be recharged.

"All you do is plug it in," Sims said. "It doesn't need to be completely depleted before it's recharged; you can top it off and have 100 percent power all the time."

Golf Cart Factory is at 1211 Gloucester St., in Brunswick. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and closed Sundays. Monday hours are by appointment only. The telephone number is 470-929-3023, and the email is info@golfcartfactory.com.

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Villager enters plea in golf cart DUI he feared would 'screw up the rest of my life'

A Villager has entered a plea in connection with a 2022 golf cart crash and subsequent drunk driving arrest he said he feared would "screw up the rest of my life."

Douglas Ray Adams, 73, of the Village of Monarch Grove, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of driving under the influence on Nov. 17 in Sumter County Court, through his attorney, J. Scott Herman. Adams has already paid \$332 in fines for tickets for open container and failure to have vehicle under control.

The Kinston, N.C. was arrested Nov. 10 at his home on a warrant charging him in the incident.

Adams had been driving a black 2017 Yamaha golf cart at about 7 p.m. Dec. 13 when he crashed on the multi-modal path in the area of County Road 466A and Buena Vista Boulevard, according to an arrest report from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. The cart had overturned and landed on top of Adams. A bystander rushed to Adams' aid and helped free him. The bystander yelled for a neighbor to call 911.

Adams had not been wearing a seatbelt and it appeared he had been speeding on the wet surface. Adams insisted he had been traveling at 18 miles per hour. Adams' personal belongings had spilled out from the golf cart, including golf balls, shoes and an open 200ml bottle of Smirnoff vodka. A paramedic at the scene said Adams appeared to be "high-

ly intoxicated." Adams was transported by ambulance to the emergency room clinic at Trailwinds Village.

A deputy investigating the crash went to the medical facility and informed Adams he would be ticketed for driving too fast for conditions and an open container violation.

"Fair enough," Adams told the deputy.

The deputy also wanted a blood sample, due to the "impracticality" of a breath test at the ER. Adams became "very belligerent," the report said.

Eventually, he consented to the blood test.

"Take the damn blood test, because I got to tell you, this is going to screw up the rest of my life," Adams said.

Two vials were taken and sent for testing to the lab at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The results were returned earlier this year and showed that Adams had blood alcohol levels of .239 and .241. He remains free on \$1,000 bond.

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