Choke Lever

The choke lever on the left handlebar provides a rich mixture for cold starting conditions.

Pull the choke lever all the way to the left to start the engine. Warm the engine up by operating the choke lever and throttle until the idle speed is stable, then push the choke lever all the way back to the right.

NOTE

- If the choke is left on (lever to the left) too long after the engine has warmed up, it will cause spark plug fouling and poor fuel economy.

Brake Lever(s) and Pedal

The lever on the right side of the handlebar operates the front brake.

For KLF220, 300C and 400, the lever on the left side of the handlebar operates the rear brake, and it can be used for a parking brake by using the brake lever lock at the brake lever (see Brake Lever Lock).

The foot pedal on the right side of the engine also operates the rear brakes.
For KLF300B, the foot pedal can be used for a parking brake by using the parking brake lever at the brake pedal (see Parking Brake Lever).
The KLF300C and 400 are 4WD type. On these 4WD ATV's, all wheels (front and rear) are constantly driven by the drive train. This means that applying either the front brake (the right-hand brake lever) or the rear brake (the left-hand brake lever or the brake pedal) brakes both the front and rear wheels. Any brake application will brake the downhill wheels when climbing or descending hills. So, avoid sudden application of either the front or rear brakes. Apply both front and rear brakes gradually.

Refer to the How To Ride and Safe Operation chapters for more instructions on braking.

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**WARNING**

**HAZARD**
Stalling, rolling backwards or improperly dismounting while climbing a hill.

**WHAT CAN HAPPEN**
Could result in ATV overturning.

**HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD**
Use proper gear and maintain steady speed when climbing a hill.
If you lose all forward speed:
- Keep weight uphill.
- Apply the brakes.
- Lock parking brake, after you are stopped.
If you begin rolling backwards:
- Keep weight uphill.
- Never apply the rear brake while rolling backwards.
- Apply the front brake.
- When fully stopped, apply rear brake as well, and then lock parking brake.
- Dismount on uphill side or to a side if pointed straight uphill.
- Turn the ATV around and remount, following the procedure described in the Safe Operation chapter.
Brake Lever Lock (Parking Brake)  
- except KLF300B

If the brake lever lock is used, the rear brake lever can be used as a parking brake.
To lock the brake lever, first pull in the brake lever. Then pull in the lock lever and while holding it against the brake lever, release the brake lever. When applied correctly the lock lever will contact a projection on the brake lever holder and prevent the brake lever from returning to the off position.
To unlock the brake lever, pull in the brake lever further and release it.

CAUTION

The brake light goes on whenever you apply the parking brake. If you leave the brake light on for a long time, the battery may become totally discharged. Whenever you leave the vehicle, turn off the ignition key.