

Golf Carts Need Spring Tune Ups

Bennett Golf Cars offers you a tune-up kit that makes it easy to give your golf cart the care it needs.

For gas carts, the kit includes the correct spark plug matched to your make and model, a gas filter, air filter and oil filter (where applicable). We recommend doing a visual check of the belts for signs of wear and proper tension. Be sure your brake pedal functions smoothly, and locks and unlocks with all tires braking evenly. Visually inspect the other cables throughout the car, use tie wraps to keep them neat and check for loose connections and damage. On the front end of older carts, there are several grease fittings that should be pumped with grease. Clean your battery cables and ensure they are in good condition.

Electric carts must also be tuned up after a dormant winter. The batteries need to be checked for cracks and swelling. Sometimes a battery may freeze and crack if not properly charged during the colder months. These must be replaced. Inspect the battery cables for corrosion. Using an old toothbrush, apply a mild baking soda/water solution and gently clean the terminals. Sprinkle on dry baking soda to thoroughly neutralize the acid. Rinse with clean water. Replace any cables that have deteriorated ends. Damaged terminals may cause arcing, which may lead to electrical problems. Apply battery terminal protector after the terminals have been cleaned and dried.

Check the water levels by removing the watering cap(s). The water should be visible through the ports, just covering the plates. If the water level is low, charge the batteries first then top up with distilled water. If you fill first then charge, the water will expand and bubble over the battery bank.

Be sure your brake pedal functions smoothly and locks and unlocks with all tires braking evenly. The charger should turn on momentarily after being plugged in. If it does not, there may be a loose connection, a defective battery, or the whole bank may have discharged to the point where the charger will not turn on (in which case they might need a quick boost). Always check for the obvious first. Is there power to the charger? If there is, then there is likely a problem with the battery bank or connections. We can supply you with all of the components you'll need to replace, repair or upgrade your electric cart.

It is a good idea to bring your car up to good working condition now, at the beginning of spring, to ensure you get full use and enjoyment out of it throughout the season. Feel free to call and we can guide you through some troubleshooting procedures and discuss which parts you may need to do the job yourself. Or you can visit our service bay and we can do it for you.

Aside from tune-up kits, Bennett can also provide you with belts, brake parts, engine parts, body parts, batteries, custom cart kits, accessories, and much more. Consider us your one-stop shop for all your golf cart and utility vehicle needs.



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