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Models: BG4-2518F-01-00, BG4-2518F-00-00, 519-KCA2417X

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

This manual provides essential information for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your NICHE Front CV Axle Drive Shaft. These axles are designed for specific Yamaha Wolverine models, offering a high-strength, heavy-duty replacement solution.



Image 1.1: Two NICHE Front CV Axle Drive Shafts, showcasing their robust construction and ready-to-install design.

The NICHE Front CV Axle Drive Shafts are engineered to meet or exceed original equipment quality, ensuring reliable performance for your powersports vehicle. They are compatible with the following Yamaha models:

- Yamaha 2018-2022 Wolverine X4
- Yamaha 2020-2023 Wolverine X4 850 R-Spec/XT-R
- Yamaha 2019-2020 Wolverine X2
- Yamaha 2019-2023 Wolverine X2 R-Spec
- Yamaha 2020-2023 Wolverine X2 850 XTR

These axles are a direct replacement for OEM Part Numbers BG4-2518F-01-00 and BG4-2518F-00-00.



Video 1.1: An official video from NICHE, highlighting the brand's commitment to quality aftermarket powersports replacement parts. This video provides an overview of the brand's philosophy and product range.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when working with vehicle components. Improper installation or handling can lead to serious injury or damage to your vehicle.

- **Professional Installation Recommended:** Installation of CV axles requires specialized tools and knowledge. If you are not experienced with automotive repairs, it is highly recommended to seek professional assistance.
- **Personal Protective Equipment:** Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, gloves, and sturdy footwear, during installation.
- **Vehicle Stability:** Ensure the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands or a lift before beginning any work. Never rely solely on a jack.
- **Brake System:** Be aware that working on axles may involve components of the braking system. Exercise caution and ensure proper reassembly.
- **California Proposition 65 Warning:** This product may contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.
- **DOT Certified:** This product is DOT Certified, indicating compliance with Department of Transportation safety standards.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The NICHE Front CV Axles are designed for "Plug-and-Play Installation," meaning they are manufactured to fit directly into your compatible Yamaha Wolverine model without modifications. However, proper installation procedures are crucial for optimal performance and safety.



Image 3.1: NICHE CV Axle in its packaging, emphasizing its readiness for installation.

General Installation Steps (Consult Service Manual for Specifics):

1. **Prepare Vehicle:** Park the vehicle on a level surface, engage the parking brake, and block the wheels. Raise the vehicle and support it securely with jack stands.
2. **Remove Wheel and Brake Components:** Remove the front wheel. Depending on your vehicle model, you may need to remove brake caliper, rotor, and other components to access the axle nut.
3. **Loosen Axle Nut:** Loosen and remove the large axle nut at the center of the wheel hub.
4. **Separate Suspension Components:** Disconnect necessary suspension components (e.g., tie rod end, ball joint) to allow the steering knuckle to swing out, providing clearance for axle removal.
5. **Remove Old Axle:** Carefully pull the old CV axle out of the hub assembly. Then, gently pry the inner joint out of the differential/transaxle, being careful not to damage the differential seal.
6. **Inspect and Clean:** Inspect the differential seal for damage and replace if necessary. Clean the mating surfaces.
7. **Install New Axle:** Insert the new NICHE CV axle's inner joint into the differential/transaxle, ensuring it seats fully. Then, guide the outer joint through the steering knuckle and into the wheel hub.
8. **Reassemble Components:** Reconnect all suspension components, tighten the axle nut to the manufacturer's specified torque, and reassemble brake components and the wheel.
9. **Final Checks:** Lower the vehicle. Check fluid levels (if applicable) and perform a test drive to ensure proper function.

and no abnormal noises.



Image 3.2: Detailed view of the outer joint, highlighting the splines and boot for proper fitment.



Image 3.3: Detailed view of the inner joint, showing the boot and splines designed for secure connection to the differential.

4. OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

Once properly installed, your NICHE Front CV Axle Drive Shafts are designed to provide smooth and efficient power transfer from your vehicle's differential to the wheels. While CV axles are largely maintenance-free during operation, understanding their function can help identify potential issues early.

- **Smooth Power Transfer:** The constant velocity joints allow the axle to transmit torque at a constant rotational speed, regardless of the angle of the joint, which is crucial for front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive vehicles with independent suspension.
- **Flexibility:** The boots protect the internal components of the joints from dirt, water, and debris while retaining grease, allowing for the necessary flexibility as the suspension moves.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular inspection of your CV axles can extend their lifespan and prevent more significant issues. While the axles themselves require little maintenance, the protective boots are critical.

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically inspect the rubber boots on both the inner and outer joints for any signs of cracks, tears, or punctures. Damage to the boots can lead to grease leakage and contamination of the joints, causing premature wear.
- **Listen for Noises:** Pay attention to any unusual noises, especially when turning or accelerating. Clicking, popping, or clunking sounds can indicate a worn or damaged CV joint.
- **Check for Vibrations:** Excessive vibration, particularly during acceleration, might suggest an issue with the axle.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the area around the axles clean to easily spot any grease leaks.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience any of the following symptoms, your CV axle may require attention. Always consult a qualified mechanic if you are unsure about diagnosis or repair.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Action
Clicking or popping noise when turning	Worn outer CV joint	Inspect outer joint and boot. Replacement may be necessary.
Clunking noise during acceleration or deceleration	Worn inner CV joint or loose axle nut	Inspect inner joint and boot. Check axle nut torque.
Vibration during acceleration	Damaged inner CV joint or unbalanced axle	Inspect inner joint. Consider professional diagnosis.
Grease leaking from axle boot	Damaged or cracked CV boot	Replace the boot immediately to prevent joint failure.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the NICHE Front CV Axle Drive Shaft (Model 519-KCA2417X):

- **OEM Part Numbers:** BG4-2518F-00-00, BG4-2518F-01-00
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 18.8 pounds (for the pair)
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 29 x 8 x 4 inches
- **Compressed Length:** 27.97 inches
- **Outer Joint Splines:** 27T
- **Outer Joint Compressed Length:** 5.07 inches
- **Inner Joint Splines:** 27T
- **Inner Joint Compressed Length:** 2.54 inches
- **Exterior Finish:** Polished
- **Safety Rating:** DOT Certified

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

NICHE stands behind the quality of its products. Your NICHE Front CV Axle Drive Shafts come with a comprehensive warranty.



Image 8.1: NICHE 2 Year Warranty badge, indicating the product's warranty period.

For specific warranty details, claims, or technical support, please visit the official NICHE Store or contact their customer service. You can find more information and contact details by visiting the [NICHE Store on Amazon](#).

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