

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – All Terrain Vehicles

<http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/buying-or-selling-a-vehicle/off-highway-vehicles>



All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are regulated by state and federal laws.

A vehicle is classified as an ATV if it:

- is equipped with a seat or seats for the use of the rider and a passenger, if the motor vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger,
- has three or more wheels,
- is not more than 50 inches wide,
- is designed for off-highway use, and
- is not designed by the manufacturer for farm or lawn care.

ATVs may not be driven on public roads unless the driver is:

- a farmer or a rancher traveling no more than 25 miles,
- a public utility worker, or
- a law enforcement officer.

ATVs driven on a public road must have a triangular orange flag on top of an eight-foot pole attached to the back of the vehicle.

To be operated on public property, ATVs must have:

- a brake system,
- a muffler system,
- a United States Forest Service qualified spark arrester,
- head and tail light, and
- an Off Highway Vehicle decal issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department