

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – Utility Type Vehicles

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

Utility-Type vehicles (UTVs) are defined as Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs), which are generally used for maintenance, hunting or recreation. **They are required to be titled but may not be driven on public roads.**



A ROV is a motor vehicle that is:

- equipped with a seat or seats for the use of the rider and a passenger or passengers, if the vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger or passengers,
- designed to propel itself with four or more tires in contact with the ground,
- designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use and
- not designed by the manufacturer for farm or lawn care.

ROVs may not be driven on public roads unless the:

- vehicle is owned by a state, county or municipality and operated on a public beach or highway to maintain public safety and welfare,
- driver is a farmer or a rancher traveling no more than 25 miles,
- driver is a public utility worker, or
- driver is a law enforcement officer.

To be operated on public property, ROVs 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.