

How to pick the right ATV mud tires

Many reasons can come to mind as to why you have or want an ATV. There are many all terrain vehicle owners who simply want to have a recreational off-road vehicle for adventurous weekends with their friends. There are also those who are interested in a work horse vehicle to move around a big farm or ranch, hauling loads and moving snow.

The Other Breed

Then there is the other breed of owner: competitors. ATV riders have several kinds of races they can participate in. This begs the question: when do you need to go out and get those ATV mud tires? There is a vast assortment of ATV tire types. Each individual kind satisfies the requirement of both the terrain and the rider.

Determining the Tire for You

If you intend to utilize your ATV on similar terrain for the majority of the time and there is not much climate change in the area of use, it is possible for you to continue the use of your stock ATV tires.

Nevertheless, if you intend to use your all terrain vehicle on various other types of terrains – hilly terrain as well as flat terrain – and in various types of climates, you can benefit from the numerous kinds of tires that are available so your ATV will be more flexible to meet your needs.

Why ATV Mud Tires?

Locating the proper type of tires for your all terrain vehicle can increase both the safety and comfort of your riding experience. What is the best way to determine when you need to purchase ATV mud tires?

Well, you will certainly require them if you intend to use your ATV in the mud. Figuring out what ATV mud tires to buy

also means determining the right kind of tread you need.

Learning About ATV Mud Tires

ATV mud tires typically have deeper treads that are constructed to hold and adhere to the ground surface. If you are thinking of traveling along a hard, flat type of surface, the treads of ATV mud tires will usually be more of a hindrance.

When looking to purchase brand new tires for your all terrain vehicle, be certain that you get the width down right for your particular rims. If the tires are too wide for the rims, they will fly off at some point.

ATV Mud Tire Options

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You have the option of picking anything from a flat type of tire to a round one. If the tire you are looking at is a round one, it has the ability to cause the ATV to roll when you are in hard cornering.

You also have the option to pick between a short type of tire and a tall one. You will have to evaluate your personal driving style and the terrain you plan to drive on to determine this choice.

You will get a softer type of ride, as well as additional ground clearance with a taller tire. You will get additional stability for hard cornering and driving at higher speeds with a shorter tire.

Final Considerations

Lastly comes the determination in regards to the tread itself. If you're looking to stay with a single set of tires, pick a tread that has been designed primarily for general conditions.

If you wish to drive in numerous, very different kinds of terrains, and if you have the money to indulge, then an assortment of tires may be your choice. Available types of tires include trail tires, sand tires, and, of course, ATV mud tires.

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that the spark arrestor is still there. Almost every state and national forest requires that you have one. If it has been removed, make sure they replace it before you buy.

8. Check the engine oil to make sure it's clean and at an optimum level. This should give you a quick idea of how well the engine has been maintained by the current or previous owner.

9. Check the gas tank for rust (use a flashlight). Yes, a gas tank can rust, and rust can cause problems for the carburetor.

10. Now, pick up the front of the quad and stand it up on the rear grab bar so you can check the undercarriage for damage.

11. While it's in this position, look at the frame. Make sure it isn't bent, cracked, or rusted.

12. Inspect the CV joint boots (4x4).

If there are any cracks or tears, they could contain water or dirt, and that's costly to repair.

13. If it's possible, remove the front and rear differential inspection plugs (4x4). If the lube looks dirty, the oil is probably contaminated and there could be bearing damage.

14. Look closely at the front or rear sprockets. Each point should be uniform. If they are worn more on one side or have a hooked appearance, a new chain and sprocket set is in order.

15. Try to move each front wheel in and out from top to bottom and side to side to check for worn wheel bearings and ball joints. Do the same for the rear.

As always, the rule is simple: Buyer Beware! If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Good luck!

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