

How to Pick the Perfect ATV

If you're a first-time purchaser, you may be wondering what kind of ATV to choose. These recreational vehicles, which are also often referred to as "quads" or "4 wheelers," are immensely popular. In fact, there are hundreds of groups in North America dedicated to the ATV hobbyist. Owners love them because they're fast, and they provide a sense of freedom, convenience, and closeness to nature.

If you've ever purchased a car (new or used), then you should apply the same types of rules to buying a 4-wheeler as you would to purchasing a car. Some tips when looking for the right one:

- Look for safe handling. 4-wheelers are safer than their 3-wheeled predecessors, which became obsolete in the 80s due to their high rate of rollovers. However, ATVs are still prone to tipping over. Look for a vehicle that has its weight evenly distributed and a good center of gravity, which will minimize this risk.

- Good tires are important. ATV riding is all about speed and fast cornering. Therefore, quality tires with deep treads are crucial, both to safety and to performance. If you're sold on a particular brand, but not impressed with the tires, consider custom ordering better tires.



- Don't overlook performance. Like cars, 4-wheelers perform differently from model to model. Consider qualities like fuel efficiency, ease of maintenance, and how a specific model will handle under the conditions that you plan to drive it in. If you're concerned about your carbon footprint, look for an ATV with low emissions and other green features.

- Size matters. It can be dangerous when someone operates a vehicle that is too big or small for them. Buy yours according to the size of the principle driver. Quads are made in various sizes for riders from child to adult. Make sure to heed the advice of the manufacturer

regarding weight restrictions and distribution.

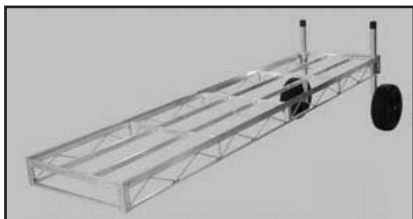
- Consider how you plan to use your vehicle. There are two types of quads. Sports models are manufactured with racers and hobbyists in mind. They're built with lighter-weight components and good suspension, since they tend to be ridden heavily and fast. Utility models are bigger, heavier, and don't have the same capacity for speed as sport models. Utility models are designed for carrying small loads and towing trailers. They are popular with farmers and industrial workers.

- Price doesn't necessarily reflect quality. Like regular vehicles, quads vary in price by brand and model. High price doesn't necessarily mean better quality. A low price doesn't necessarily mean poorer quality. Instead, evaluate a brand or model based on the qualities already listed.

- Examine the warranty. Make sure you know what type of warranty comes with your potential purchase. Many companies offer very similar warranties, but the subtle differences could end up being the deciding factor in your final choice.

Article provided courtesy of Content for Reprint at www.content4reprint.com.

Mille Lacs Marine
38627 US Highway 169
Onamia, MN 56359
320-532-7100 • Fax 320-532-7102
www.millelacsmarine.com



We sell, service, and install Dock Rite lifts and docks.



**Gel Coat,
 Fiberglass,
 and Metal Flake
 Repair!**



Before



After

**Electronics
 Rigging and
 Mechanical
 Work Too!**



**We are Ranger and
 Stratus warranty repair
 approved!**