

The Right ATV Tires

There is nothing quite so much fun as owning an ATV. Still, many ATV owners don't realize the importance of the type of ATV tires that are on their fun toy. On top of this, ATV tires can enhance outdoor experiences or ruin them.

For example, where do you plan to take your ATV? Do you want to ride in the desert or the mud? There is a difference between various ATV tires, which are made for many different types of off-roading. Believe it or not, they are not the same. Many popular tire companies make ATV tires, including Goodyear, Firestone, and Bridgestone, among many others. Some are cheap while others can take a big chunk out of your entertainment budget. Finding the right tires to suit your needs takes a little time and research.

Goodyear makes a good ATV tire called the Goodyear Tracker Mud Runner for ATV fun in the mud, while Maxxis tires produces iRazr tires for racing. For clearance space under your fun-mobile, especially if you're off-roading in rocky environments, High Lifter has a tire that's right up your alley, called the Outlaw.

Having fun with your ATV means equip-

ping it for your needs, and while most ATV tires will hold up fairly well in most environments, if you're serious about off-roading, it will pay to purchase appropriate tires for different types of terrain.

Most ATV owners start converting their machines almost before they can park them in the garage after purchase, and while many people start revving up engine parts and components, the smart ATV owner will start with the tires. After all, if your tires aren't appropriate for the particular terrain you're going to be riding in, it won't matter how much horsepower you've got.

Safety is also an important issue when considering ATV tires. It's vital to understand the type of surface you're intending to ride on and

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who's going to be riding the machine. Will you be riding on soft dirt, mud, or even snow? Will you be keeping to flat ground, or are you going to participate in hill climbing or competitions that require multi-terrain obstacles?

Make sure that no matter which type of tires, or set of tires, that you purchase for your machine fit the rims properly. Make sure the width of the tire you're interested in will fit the



rim, because if your tire is too narrow, it will come off the rim and prove dangerous for riders. Considering the type of ground clearance you need is also something to watch for, as is the tread pattern.

Riding your ATV can be fun, but it's also serious business. Safety and protection for riders should be your first priority. If you're not familiar with your ATV, find someone who can offer pointers and tips that will help you purchase what you need. Before you start souping up the engine, make sure that the ATV tires on your machine are adequate for your needs.

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