

All-Terrain Vehicles

The newest arrivals in the list of vehicles currently in use are all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

Official legislation knows these new vehicles by the designations

- four-wheeler (vehicle class L7e) and
- light four-wheeler (vehicle class L6e)

Originally planned for off-road use only, these vehicles can be equipped and registered also for road traffic use.

Growing popularity

The number of ATVs in road traffic and off-road has increased quite dramatically over the past years. Both the numbers of light four-wheelers and road traffic registered four-wheelers have doubled since 2005. Also the number of accidents has increased in recent years.

ATV types

All-terrain vehicles can be divided into three groups depending on purpose and size:

- off-road four-wheelers,
- street four-wheelers and
- moped four-wheelers.

Off-road four-wheeler is meant to be used in terrain only.

Street four-wheeler is an engine-powered vehicle meant for road traffic use.

Moped four-wheeler's greatest allowed speed is 45 km/h.

Common denominator for all four-wheelers is that they must have traffic insurance when driving, both on and off the road.



Driving an off-road four-wheeler

At least a B class driving license is required even to cross a road.

An off-road vehicle which has been equipped with a motor sled and wheels can be used to cross a road or bridge.

Exercising due caution, they can be temporarily driven on roads if:

- driving off road is unreasonably difficult
- or driving on the road is viewed necessary from the point of view of crossing a road safely.

Temporary driving on the road is allowed also when one needs to move to general traffic area in the vicinity of terrain in order to acquire fuel; or the four-wheeler is on such an area and must be moved from a road traffic vehicle to terrain; or four-wheeler is kept in the parking lot of such an area.

Driving a street four-wheeler

The driver must have at least a B class license.

Street four-wheeler is meant for road traffic and is registered for this purpose. It is an engine-powered vehicle that must be inspected annually just like an automobile.

In December, January and February all vehicles of this type must use rough tread pattern tyres that are suitable for winter use.

Driving moped four-wheelers

A moped four-wheeler driver must have at least an M class license.

This type of a four-wheeler can have a 50 cm³ engine at the most. Its structural speed and greatest allowed speed on the road is 45 km/h.

Moped four-wheeler can not be driven on light traffic lanes, even if moped driving is permitted.

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Regulations

OFF-ROAD FOUR-WHEELER All-Terrain Vehicle

Driving license:

Off-road at least 15 years of age and at least B class license on-road

Driving on road: Special circumstances only

Vehicles own mass: -

Registration: No

Vehicle inspection: No

Traffic insurance: Yes

Greatest allowed speed:

- on road: 40 km/h
- off-road on land terrain: 60 km/h
- on ice-covered water area: 80 km/h

Mandatory helmet use: No

Carrying a passenger: -

Trailer: Allowed

Tyres: Air

MOPED FOUR-WHEELER aka light four-wheeler L6e

Driving license:

Off-road 15 years of age and on-road at least M class license

Driving on road:

On road lane, not on cycle path or shoulder

Vehicles own mass: Max. 350 kg

Registration: Yes

Vehicle inspection: Yes

Traffic insurance: Yes

Greatest allowed speed:

- on road: 45 km/h
- off-road on land terrain: 60 km/h
- on ice-covered water area: 80 km/h

Mandatory helmet use: Yes

Carrying a passenger: As per registration certificate

Trailer: Allowed

Tyres: Track depth minimum 1.0 mm



STREET FOUR-WHEELER aka four-wheeler L7e

Driving license:

Off-road 15 years of age and on-road at least B class license

Driving on road: on road lane

Vehicles own mass: Max 550 kg

Registration: Yes

Vehicle inspection: Yes

Traffic insurance: Yes

Greatest allowed speed:

- on road: no vehicle-specific limitations
- off-road on land terrain: 60 km/h
- on ice-covered water area: 80 km/h

Mandatory helmet use: Yes

Carrying a passenger:

As per registration certificate

Trailer: Allowed

Tyres: Track depth minimum 1.0 mm



**For your own safety
- please be sure to always
use a helmet!**

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