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Tips For Buying Your First All-Terrain Vehicle

(NAPSA)—More than a quarter of a million Americans buy all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) a year. If you plan—or just dream—to be among them this year, you should know that, as with any major purchase, a little knowledge can go a long way toward helping you get the best possible deal. These seven suggestions can help:

•**Are you prepared to play safely?** Safety is always an important consideration when purchasing an ATV. Enrolling in a safety training course will get you acclimated to riding an ATV. The ATV Safety Institute offers courses that help you become a more safe and aware rider.

•**Consider the age and experience of the primary rider.** ATVs come in all shapes and sizes. It's important to match the right features with the rider for a more enjoyable ATV experience. Is the rider a youth, beginner adult or adult with other power sports equipment experience? There are vehicles available for children as young as 6, and adult-only vehicles in different power options. Don't overdo it on your first purchase. You can always upgrade power and performance down the line.

•**How many riders will your ATV need to carry and how?** In addition to the typical straddle ATV for one person, there are also ATVs specifically designed to carry a driver and passenger for double the fun. Known as "2-Up" ATVs, they feature a longer chassis with a second seat behind the driver.

•**Determine the terrain where you'll be riding.** Will it be hard-packed trails, fields, mud, sand or steep hills? If mostly deep mud or steep hills, a four-wheel drive ATV, with its enhanced traction, would probably make for a more enjoyable experience. For regular trails and field riding, a two-wheel drive vehicle should



With a variety of options available, ATVs are great for leisure riders or families to enjoy the great outdoors together.

suffice. If riding in highly rutted or rocky terrain, an ATV with electronic power steering might be the best bet to help reduce handlebar feedback and rider fatigue.

•**Weigh how the ATV will be used.** ATVs, generally, are either for sport or utility. Sport quads are made for recreational or high-performance riding. Utility ATVs, such as the Polaris Sportsman, from Polaris Industries, a leading manufacturer of ATVs, offer four-wheel drive and can carry loads, tow, plow and perform many other tasks.

•**Do you prefer a steering wheel and pedal controls?** The new "style" of ATV introduced as the Polaris ACE is a single-seat, sit-in ATV with a steering wheel and a cage for more comfort, confidence and capability. It offers a unique way for both novice and experienced riders to hit the trail.

•**Finally, how much do you want to spend?** Research the various features to find a machine that fits your budget, riding style, work expectation and experience.

Keeping in mind these considerations and doing your research will ensure a smooth purchase and even smoother ATV riding experience.

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