

EM 385-1-1, Interim Change #0013

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All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Requirements

**Note: For ease of placement in your EM 385-1-1, replace current 18.D. in its entirety with the following:**

**18.D ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs)**

18.D.01 For the purposes of this section, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are defined as follows:

a. Class I – vehicles intended for off-road use that have a width of 50 inches (127 cm) or less, a dry weight of 800 pounds (364 kg) or less, have a saddle seat, and travel on three or four low pressure tires, with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator;

b. Class II – vehicles intended for off-road use that have a width of 50 inches (127 cm) or more and a dry weight of more than 800 pounds (364 kg) but less than 10,000 pounds (4545 kg);

c. Class III – vehicles intended for off-road use that travel on two wheels and have a dry weight of less than 600 pounds (273 kg).

**NOTE: Utility Vehicles are designed to perform off-road utility tasks such as passenger and cargo transportation and are described separately in Section 18.F. Examples are Rangers, Rhino, M-Gators, Gators, and Mules.**

18.D.02 Every ATV operator shall have completed a nationally-recognized accredited ATV training course (such as provided by the Specialty Vehicles Institute of America or in-house resources that have been certified as trainers by an accredited organization) prior to operation of the vehicle. The operator must pass an operating skills test prior to being allowed to operate an ATV. Proof

of completion of this training shall be made available to the GDA upon request.

18.D.03 All ATVs shall be equipped with:

- a. An operable audible warning device (horn);
- b. Headlights (if it will be used during hours of darkness);
- c. Taillights; and
- d. Brake lights.

18.D.04 The manufacturer's recommended payload/passenger limitations shall not be exceeded at any time.

18.D.05 Gloves and a DOT-approved motorcycle helmet with full-face shield or goggles shall be worn at all times while operating a Class I or Class III ATV. When required for operators, passengers shall wear an approved motorcycle helmet with full-face shield or goggles.

18.D.06 ATVs will not be driven on public roadways except to cross the roadway, and it will only be driven on a public roadway at designated crossing points or with a road guard. (no paved road use unless allowed by the manufacturer).

18.D.07 Only Class I and Class II ATVs with four or more wheels may be used.

18.D.08 A copy of the operators manual will be kept on the vehicle and protected from the elements (if practicable).

18.D.09 Tires shall be inflated to the pressures recommended by the manufacturer.

18.D.10 ATVs shall be equipped with mufflers.

18.D.11 All ATVs shall be equipped with spark arresters.

18.D.12 All Class II ATVs shall be equipped with ROPS and seatbelts.