

Roadworthiness requirements

An off-road vehicle is registered in accordance with the established procedure and must bear state registration plates.

This does not apply to off-road vehicles operated by the Estonian Defence Forces and the Estonian Defence League which are operated for the purposes of training and competition only on the territory of the owner or possessor or in designated areas.

Off-road vehicles (MS category) do not have to undergo mandatory periodic roadworthiness tests. A vehicle's roadworthiness is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle or the authorised user. If a vehicle that is used off-road belongs to another vehicle category (e.g. L7e or T), then it may have to undergo mandatory periodic roadworthiness tests.

The vehicle must have at least one but no more than three reflectors on the front, back and sides.

Front reflectors are not required if front reflector lights have been mounted on the vehicle.

Front reflectors must be white. Side reflectors must be amber. Rear side reflectors may be red if there is more than one reflector on one side of the vehicle.

Rear reflectors must be red. The reflectors must not be triangular. The registration plate must be mounted on the two sides of a snowmobile and on the rear of a wheeled off-road vehicle. The registration plate must not be covered.

Places of use



Off-road vehicles are only for driving off-road.

An off-road vehicle may be driven or parked off-road only with the permission of the owner or possessor of the land.



It is prohibited to drive off-road vehicles on roads, except for crossing them.

As the driver of an off-road vehicle you must not damage, pollute or otherwise contaminate the areas used for traffic.



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Reminder
for drivers
of off-road
vehicles

Remember!



Off-road vehicle means a vehicle powered by a motor which is designed to be driven off-road and is not a motor vehicle for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act.

Off-road vehicles include snowmobiles and wheeled off-road vehicles (such as ATVs).



You must have the right to drive a motor vehicle of any category to drive an off-road vehicle.

You must carry a driving licence and the registration certificate of the off-road vehicle.

As the owner or driver of an off-road vehicle you must not permit a person who does not have the right to drive or is intoxicated or in a dangerous state of health to drive the off-road vehicle or entrust the driving of the off-road vehicle to such a person.



Not every vehicle that can drive off-road is an off-road vehicle according to the Road Traffic Act.

Before purchasing a vehicle, make sure you know what category vehicle it is and what laws apply to it. This may determine where you are allowed to drive it and what category driving licence you need.



Both the driver and passengers must wear a strapped motorcycle helmet!

The speed limit for off-road vehicles is 50 km/h.

On a moving off-road vehicle, dipped-beam headlamps or main-beam headlamps and the rear light must be lit.



Dangers



The majority of accidents with off-road vehicles involve veering off the road or rolling over.

As the driver of an off-road vehicle, consider your driving experience, the landscape, the condition of the vehicle and other weather and traffic conditions.

The vehicle may be equipped with main-beam headlights, front position lamps and brake lamps.



The vehicle must be equipped with dipped-beam headlamps, direction indicator lamps (if the vehicle has an enclosed cab), rear light lamps and reflectors.



