



Commonly referred to as: Pocket Bike, Minimoto, or Super Bike.

You cannot legally ride a pocket bike down the street in the state of New Jersey. Therefore, you may only ride a pocket bike on private property or commercial track designed for this purpose.

These mini-motorcycles or "pocket bikes" are not manufactured with a conforming 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN). This indicates the manufacturers intended they be operated on private property (with owner's permission) and not be used on a highway. Since they are not manufactured with a 17-digit VIN, they cannot get registered as a legal motor vehicle or as an off-highway vehicle, which makes them illegal for use on the highways or as an off-highway vehicle.



Commonly referred to as: motorcycle or hog.

A person operating a motorcycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the laws and regulations applicable to the driver of any other vehicle. The motorcycle must be registered, insured, with a valid license plate, and the driver must have a valid operation license in his/her possession.



Commonly referred to as: an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV). Includes Snowmobiles. ATVs are only permitted on public land and roads that are clearly designated for use by off-highway vehicles. Anyone who operates an ATV on public lands or waters or across a public roadway must have it properly insured and registered in New Jersey. In addition, effective immediately, all operators of such ATVs under the age of 18 **must** complete a New Jersey Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicles Services approved ATV safety education and training course.

The course that has been certified for this purpose is the ATV RiderCourse offered by the ATV Safety Institute, a not-for-profit association which promotes the safe and responsible use of ATVs. 1-800-887-2887. You must carry this certificate with you when operating an ATV. If not, you can be fined from \$100 to \$200 for a first offense and from \$200 to \$500 for a second offense. ***Completion of this course is required by New Jersey law N.J.S.A. 39:3C-16c.**

Anyone under the age of 16 is prohibited from operating an ATV with an engine capacity of greater than 90 cubic centimeters during training or while on public lands or waters or across a public roadway. You are also prohibited from selling a more powerful ATV to a person under 16 years of age. **The minimum age for operating an ATV is 14 years.**



Commonly referred to as: Moped or motorized bicycle.

In New Jersey, a moped is defined by law as a pedal bicycle. mopeds have less power than even the smallest motorcycle. mopeds lack the necessary standard equipment, such as turn signals & rear view mirrors. To operate a moped, you must be 15 years old and pass a eyesight, written & driver test.



Commonly referred to as: Scooter.

Electric scooters are legal although there are strict regulations that govern their use. These regulations will vary from state to state, and city to city. While some states have no regulations whatsoever, most do. A majority of states, like New Jersey do not allow scooters on public streets for safety.

BEFORE YOU BUY



Motorcycles Pocket Bikes ATV's

Moped's and Scooters

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It is important to choose the right product for your skill level and to determine the proper equipment to use while riding. Before purchasing you should contact your local law enforcement agency, DMV and insurance carrier to obtain the most up to date and accurate information for your area.

Other helpful resources include:

Division of Parks & Forestry
1-800-843-6420

NJ Motor Vehicle Commission
<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc>
<http://www.njmvc.gov>

Note: In our area, there is one privately owned off-road ATV location for riding:

NJ Off Road Vehicle Park
PO Box 501
Chatsworth, NJ 08019
(609) 726-0900
<http://www.njorvp.org>

Penalties: If you do not obey all traffic laws, your driver's license could be suspended or revoked. If the operator does not have a certificate to operate the vehicle they can be fined \$100-\$200 for the first offense, and \$200-\$500 for the second time. Young offenders may be prevented from getting their driver's license when they turn 17.

Operation of these vehicles on the roadways, sidewalks or public property of this state could result in the operator being cited for operating an unregistered and uninsured vehicle and the impoundment of the vehicle.

If parents purchase one of these vehicles and allow an unlicensed driver to operate their vehicle they could face a charge under N.J.S. 39:3-37.1, with a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$500, imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both.

What Is It?	How fast can it go?	Can you drive it on public roads?	Can it be registered with Motor Vehicle Services? *The registration allows you to ride on public land & roads.	Do I need a special operator license for this vehicle?	Are there age requirements? Minimum operator age?
Motorcycle *Helmet must be worn by law.	More than 25 mph. Engine size more than 90cc.	Yes	Yes-needs license plates, registration, and insurance.	Yes- Pass a written and operators exam.	Yes- Age 17 and older
Moped Motorized Bicycle *Helmet must be worn by law.	Max speed -no more than 25MPH. Engine size less than 50 cc.	Yes	Yes-needs license plates and registration	Yes, written and driving test required.	Yes-15 yrs old (note:at age 17 you must turn in the moped license)
ATV (Includes Snowmobiles) *Helmet must be worn by law.	Varies	No <u>Note:</u> Burlington County does not have any public areas that have been designated for ATV use.	Yes-registration required by law. Must also carry liability insurance.	Rider education certification required under age 18.	Under age 16 can only operate if 90cc or less - Not allowed on public lands if under age 14. Minimum age to operate an ATV is 14 yrs. old.
Motorized Scooters (Also called Go-Peds)	More than 90cc Engine size	No	No	No- Can only be used on private property	No-Can only be used on private property.
Pocket Bikes	Up to 30-45 MPH- 49cc eng	No	No	No-Can't use on public roads	No-Can't use on public roads/sidewalks