



The Used-ATV Checklist¹

- **Check the Body**
 - Any broken plastic
 - Seat
 - Bent handle bars
 - Wear on the tires
 - Broken clutch and brake levers
 - Wheels and rims
 - Frame cracks and old repair jobs
 - Bearings and Ball Joints
 - Lights
 - Modifications
 - Odometer
 - winch
- **Test Drive**
 - Starter
 - Unusual tapping or other engine sounds
 - Test all gears
 - Comfort
 - Power
 - Smoke
 - Slippage
 - Stability
 - Stopping
 - Alignment
- **Make sure it's not stolen**
 - Check VIN and engine # for damage
 - Run VIN through NICB
 - Check with police department
 - Check for VIN fraud
 - Ask for Title
- **Check the Engine/Inside**
 - Engine or Chassis number not scratched off
 - Grooves on disc brakes where pads touch
 - Thickness of brake pads
 - Caliper leaks
 - Bent cooling fins or cracks on radiator
 - Is radiator topped off and not leaking
 - Inspect shocks for leaks
 - CV Boots
 - Check head gasket and valve cover for leaks
 - Air filter and air intake area
 - Check the fluids
 - Radiator and Coolant
 - Gasoline
 - Driveline
 - Compression
 - Spark Arrestor
 - Cables
 - Chain
 - Motor Mounts
- **Other**
 - Seller's property condition
 - Ask for service history and documentation
 - Reason for selling
 - History of use
 - Check where it was stored

¹ See <https://atvman.com/used-atv-buying-guide/> for your complete guide to buying a used ATV