

# Is Your ATV Ready to Ride?

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If you are carrying cargo, also check the following:

*Loading Limits*                      Make sure you do not exceed the load limits ([page 59](#)).

*Cargo*                                      Check that all cargo is secure.

Check these items after you get on the ATV:

*Throttle*                                  Check the freeplay and adjust if needed. Press the throttle to make sure it moves smoothly without sticking, and snaps shut automatically when it is released, in all steering positions ([page 143](#)).

*Brakes*                                      Squeeze the front and rear brake levers and step on the rear brake pedal to check that the controls operate normally. Check for proper freeplay ([pages 160, 162](#)). Make sure there is no brake fluid leakage ([page 157](#)).

*Headlight and  
Headlight Dimmer Switch*              Check for proper function ([page 35](#)).

*Engine Stop Switch*                      Check for proper function ([page 34](#)).

*Steering*                                      Check that the wheels turn properly as you steer the handlebar. Move the handlebar right and left and check that there is no excessive backlash.

Remember, be sure to take care of any problem you find, or have your dealer correct it before you ride.