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Fun Facts about ATV's

Royal Enfield built and sold the first powered quadracycle in 1892. It had many bicycle components including handle bars and resembled a modern ATV quad bike but was designed as a form of "horseless carriage" for road use.

The term "ATV" was originally coined to refer to non-straddle six wheel amphibious vehicles such as the Jiger. With the introduction of straddle ridden ATVs, the term AATV was used for the original amphibious ATV category.

The first straddle ridden three-wheeled ATV was the Sperry-Rand Tricart designed in 1967 as a graduate project by John Plessinger. Honda introduced their first straddle ridden three wheeled ATV in 1969 which was portrayed in the James Bond movie "Diamonds Are Forever" and tv shows "Magnum PI" and "Hart to Hart". It was designed purely for recreation with balloon tires instead of mechanical suspension. In 1982, the Honda Big Red was the first utility three-wheeled ATV with suspension and lower profile tires. When other manufacturers produced their own models, sales of utility machines skyrocketed. Sport and sport/utility models were also developed by Honda which had a virtual monopoly in the market due to effective patents on engine placement.

In 1985 Polaris entered the ATV market with the first

American-made ATV, the Trailboss. Over the next few years, Suzuki, Yamaha, Kawasaki and Tiger also built various three-wheelers until production ceased in 1987 due to safety concerns. These safety issues with three-wheelers caused ATV manufacturers to upgrade to four-wheel models in the late 1980s.

Suzuki was a leader in the development of four-wheeled ATVs with the 1982 QuadRunner which was a recreational vehicle for beginners. In 1985 Suzuki introduced the first high-performance four-wheel ATV, the QuadRacer. Honda responded with the Four Trax and in 1987 Yamaha introduced the Banshee which became popular with sand dune riders. At the same time, development of utility four-wheeled ATVs was escalating.

Models today continue to be divided into the sport and utility markets. In addition, six-wheel utility models have been developed to increase the payload capacity, often with a small dump bed.

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