



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

## MOPED SAFETY ALERT

To help make moped riding fun and safe, you, the operator, must know the following rules including:

- Wearing a protective helmet with the chin strap properly fastened, if you are under 18;
- Driving a moped equipped with a rear view mirror;
- Operating the moped, when practicable, within three feet of the right edge of the roadway;
- Never carrying another person on the moped.

Many of the licensing and registration procedures required for automobiles and motorcycles are the same for mopeds.

- To become licensed to operate a moped, 14 and 15 year-olds must pass the usual vision and written tests, as well as a road test. This rule also applies to persons not currently holding a valid operator's license, regardless of age.
- Probationary motorized bicycle licenses are required for 14 and 15 year-old operators.
- The probationary license can be revoked until the age of 16; if **EVEN ONE TIME**, the operator violates state laws regulating moped operation or state or local traffic laws.
- Operators are required to obtain and display a rear license plate.

**REMEMBER:** A moped operator must obey the same traffic laws that apply to operators of bicycles and motor vehicles. This includes obeying all traffic signs and signals, traveling in the same direction as the rest of the traffic, signaling turns, and yielding the right of way.

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### WHAT IS A MOPED?

Just because something looks like a moped, that doesn't guarantee it is one in the eyes of the law. Only the Ohio Department of Public Safety can certify which vehicles meet state standards. You should not accept anyone else's statement that a vehicle is a moped.

The Ohio Revised Code defines a moped, or motorized bicycle, as any vehicle with two tandem wheels or one front and two rear wheels which is capable of being pedaled and is also equipped with a helper motor. The helper motor may not:

- Have a piston displacement of more than 50 cubic centimeters;
- Produce more than one brake horsepower; and
- Propel the vehicle at a maximum speed greater than 20 mph on a level surface.

If a vehicle exceeds any one of these criteria, it is legally a motorcycle. Be certain **BEFORE** you buy. Contact your local deputy registrar or the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Registration Section, P.O. Box 16520, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6520, (614) 752-7800 or (800) 589-TAGS (8247), if you have questions. See reverse side for the list of vehicles that may legally be operated as "mopeds" in Ohio.

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### MOST COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON OHIO'S MOPED LAW

- Q. What kind of helmet should I wear?**  
**A.** As provided in Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Section 4511.521 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4501.17, a motorcycle helmet meeting state and federal standards.
- Q. I have a two-seater moped. Is it legal to carry a passenger?**  
**A.** No. As provided in R.C. Section 4511.521, no person operating a moped can carry another person on the vehicle.
- Q. Do I always have to operate my moped so close to the curb?**  
**A.** As provided in R.C. Section 4511.521, you must stay within three feet of the right edge of the roadway, unless it is not possible to ride there. So if you have to turn left, you may do so from a left-turn lane. And if you see an obstacle or road hazard up ahead, you are certainly permitted to steer around it. But use your rear view mirror to make sure you don't drive into the path of an oncoming car.
- Q. I already have a valid driver license. Does this law affect me in any way?**  
**A.** Under R.C. Section 4511.521, if you are under 18, you must wear a helmet. Older drivers don't have to do anything special to operate a moped if they're already licensed, but wearing a helmet would be an extra safety measure.

## APPROVED MODELS

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**In the case of manufacturers who market more than one model, only models listed below are approved by the State of Ohio. Only vehicles on this list may legally be operated as "mopeds" in Ohio.**

AMF "Roadmaster"	Intramotor "Pinto"	Puch "Maxi N"
Aspes	Intramotor "Scout"	Puch "Maxi Plus"
Balboa (Sach's)	Italvelo	Puch "Maxi S"
Baretta Model 49cc	J.C. Penney "Pinto"	Puch "Maxi Sport"
Batavus	J.C. Penney "Swinger"	Puch "Maxi Sport LS"
Benelli "Blazar"	Jagar Model EB-1Z4-BA	Puch "Maxi Sport LS 2-speed"
Bermuda 147F	Jawa "Automatic 120"	Puch "Mini Maxi"
Bermuda 147FA	Jawa "120"	Puch "Newport"
Califfo	Jawa "210"	Puch "Newport II"
Carabella "Motomatic" 49cc only	Jawa "210 Sport"	Puch "Newport L"
Cimatti "City-Bike"	Jawa "Supreme 2"	Puch "Nostalgia"
Clinton 50-A	Jawa Transistor 40	Puch "Sport I"
Columbia "Commuter"	Jawa "X20"	Puch "Sport MKII"
Columbia "Imperial"	Jawa "X25"	Sach "Carrier I"
Columbia "Medallion 2271"	KKM Interprises, Inc. "Mopet"	Sach "Carrier II"
Columbia "Medallion 2281"	Kreidler MP-9 (Flory)	Sach "Feugo"
Columbia "Model 57062"	Kreidler MP-19	Sach "G-3"
Columbia "Model 2251"	Lambretta Eagle	Sach "G-4"
Columbia "Model 2241"	Lazer Sport 50	Sach "Minor"
Columbia "Motrek"	Lem	Sach "Mopet"
Columbia "Western Flyer"	Majestic Auto LTD. "Ankur"	Sach "Saxy"
Com Ute	Majestic Auto LTD. "Pacer"	Sears "Free Spirit Moped Nos. 80800, 80810, 80840
Concord "XKE"	Majestic Auto LTD. "Panther"	Seville (Sach's)
Cosmo "Blazar I"	Malagutti "Commuter 20"	Solex
Cosmo "Blazar II"	Malanca "Roxi"	Suburban (Sach's)
Cosmo "Colt I"	Malanca "Tiger"	Sundancer (Sach's)
Cosmo "Colt II"	Marina Mobilia "Motomarina"	Tomos "A3SL"
Derbi "C-5 Diablo"	Monto "Autopower"	Tomos "A-3 Bullet"
Derbi "Laguna Sport"	Monto "Kobra"	Tomos "A-3 Bullet TT"
Derbi "RD-50"	Monto "Mont"	Tomos "A-3 Golden Bullet"
Derbi "S/L"	Monto "Super Sport"	Tomos "A-3 Golden Bullet TT-LX"
Derbi "S/L/E"	Motobecane	Tomos "Silver Bullet SL"
Derbi "T/T"	Moto Guzzi "Robin"	Trac "Blitz"
Eagle "1"	Motron "Medalist"	Trac "Clipper"
Eagle "3"	Negrini "Gazelle"	Trac "Eagle"
F. Morini	Negrini "Harvard"	Trac "Hawk"
Flandria 101	Negrini "MX Sport"	Trac "Olympic"
Flandria 102	Odyssey	Trac "Sprint"
Gadabout	Peugeot 103L2U1	V-27 E Bikes
Garelli "Basic"	Peugeot 103LSU1	Vespa "Bravo"
Garelli "Rally SL"	Prima (Sach's)	Vespa "Ciao"
Garelli "Rally Sport"	Puch "Astro Daimler"	Vespa "Grande"
Garelli "Sport"	Puch "Astro Daimler Two-Speed"	Vespa "SI"
Garelli "Super Sport"	Puch "Beta"	Wards Model 57008
General 5-Star	Puch "Cobra"	Westlake (Sach's)
General 5-Star (Ltd. Ed)	Puch "Dart"	Wildfire WF-26MB
General 5-Star ST (Min. Eng.)	Puch Magnum "II"	Wildfire WF-24MB
General 5-Star ST (Sach's Eng.)	Puch Magnum "Limited LTD"	Wildfire WF-20MB
Hercules "P-1"	Puch Magnum "MK II"	
Hercules "M-4"	Puch Magnum "XK"	
Honda "Hobbit"	Puch "Maxi"	
Honda PA 50	Puch "Maxi II"	
Indian AM 1-50	Puch "Maxi GN"	
Intramotor "Blanco"	Puch "Maxi Luxe"	