



IMMEDIATE Press Release

A NEW TOWING SAFETY COURSE FOR ATV OPERATORS

The European ATV Safety Institute (EASI) has approved a new Generic Loading Towing and Reversing (GLTR) training module which has been developed by Quad Vehicle Consultants (QVC). The QVC GLTR training module is the first in a series of 'bolt-on' specialist ATV courses which can be added to the existing *EASI Rider* programme.

The 3½ hour GLTR module is approved by both EASI and LANTRA and covers information about loading, towing and reversing techniques required to operate an ATV safely.

ATV riders and operators who have completed the *EASI Rider* basic course can book the QVC GLTR module for £65 plus VAT per person. Training is provided at centres across the UK and can, in certain circumstances, be arranged at the customer's premises.

Successful candidates will be issued with a certificate, which may fulfil their HSE compliancy, depending on their individual company's risk assessment.

The QVC GLTR module can either be taken on the same day as the *EASI Rider* course or as a standalone option at a later date, providing they have taken the *EASI Rider* course first.

The GLTR module is conducted by an EASI qualified instructor and includes:

Introduction and legalities Discussion about the structure, aims and objectives of the module including an explanation and discussion about the legislation and regulations that apply to employers and employees in their everyday working environment (HASAW and PUWER).

Reversing Appropriate riding techniques are demonstrated and then practised in the ability to reverse an ATV.

Loading Your ATV This session involves sourcing and identifying individual machine-recommended front, rear and combined loading weights. Information and demonstrations show how to calculate maximum load weights as well as how to distribute and secure carrying loads. Candidates can then load their individual machine and practise different riding techniques to experience the effects and different handling characteristics.

Towing Trailers

Load, tow and tongue weights are all identified, discussed and calculated during this session. The distribution and security of loads in the trailer as well as the safe hitching and effect on different handling techniques are all employed and practised. Reversing with a trailer techniques are also demonstrated and practised.

Trail Ride – Slope Assessment

Risk assessment, rider ability, machine capability, loads and additional machine equipment are some of the factors which may affect an operator's decision on where, when and how they choose to operate their equipment.

During this important session candidates will be taken to different and altering terrains, where they will be able to establish the recommended hill riding techniques as prescribed for their individual machine, and see how these techniques can be put into practice, as illustrated by their instructor.

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About EASI

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EASI®, the European All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute, is a 'not for profit' organisation which is sponsored by leading ATV manufacturers Honda, Kawasaki, Polaris, Suzuki and Yamaha, supported by their authorised dealers. EASI provides specialist educational training courses including one called *EASI Rider* which is designed to improve rider skills and safety levels as well as raise awareness of the capabilities of the ATV they operate.

About *EASI Rider* ATV safety training courses

The basic *EASI Rider* course takes 4½ hours, normally costs £180 plus VAT and caters for ATV riders of all ages and levels of ability. Purchasers of a new or used ATV may be eligible for free or subsidised *EASI Rider* training and can find out more about this from an EASI authorised dealer or by calling EASI on 01903 816286. The programme includes advice about pre-ride machine checks, the correct clothing & equipment and 15 practical lessons covering safe riding techniques. Riders who need to know how to operate a load, tow a trailer and reverse their ATV can then book the QVC GLTR module for an extra cost of £65 plus VAT; either on the same day as the *EASI Rider* course or on a later date afterwards.

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