



Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department

Off Highway Vehicle Resource Guide

NOT AN E-BIKE!

CCV §312.5

Or a Pocket Bike

CCV§473



Off-Road Electric Motorcycle (E-Moto) or

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV)

Vehicles without pedals (Sur-Ron and similar electric motorcycles, regardless of having aftermarket pedals) are classified as off-highway vehicles (OHVs (CVC§436)).

These off-highway motorcycles do **NOT** meet the definition of Electric Bicycle (CVC§312.5), Motorized Bicycle or MOPED (CVC§406), or Pocket Bike ("Pocket Bike" does not include an off-highway motorcycle as defined in §436).(CVC§473.(a))

Not street-legal.

"Any motorcycle or vehicle originally manufactured for off-highway use cannot be converted for on-highway use, unless it is manufactured for dual purposes." – California DMV

Frequently Asked Questions...

Q: Can these vehicles be registered for street use?

A: No. They are classified as off-highway vehicles under CVC §436 and cannot be registered or modified for highway use unless originally manufactured as dual-purpose motorcycles.

Q: Where can these vehicles be ridden legally?

A: Only on private property with permission, or on designated OHV trails and parks managed by California State Parks.

Q: Are parents responsible if a juvenile rides illegally?

A: Yes. Parents or guardians may be cited and face liability for collisions, injuries, or property damage.

Q: What safety gear is required?

A: Helmets meeting DOT standards are mandatory. Gloves, boots, and protective clothing are strongly recommended.

Q: What happens if someone is caught riding these vehicles on public roads?

A: Riders may receive citations, fines, and their vehicle may be impounded. Parents or guardians can also be held responsible if a juvenile is involved.





Q: How are these vehicles different from e-bikes?

A: Unlike electric bicycles, which must have pedals and meet specific power and speed limits, these vehicles exceed those limits and are legally classified as off-highway motorcycles under the California Vehicle Code.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN OR OWNER VIOLATIONS	CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE (CVC)
Parent	
Knowingly permit child under the age of 18 to drive a motor vehicle upon the highways	CVC §14607
Owner	
Owner of the motor vehicle knowingly allow another person to drive the vehicle upon a highway not knowing if the person possesses a valid driver's license	CVC §14604(a)

TOW AUTHORITY	CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE (CVC)
No Licensed Driver Present	CVC §22651(p)
Reckless Driving (30-day Impound)	CVC §23109.2(a)(I)
Unregistered off-highway electric motorcycles operated or left upon the highway	CVC §22651(o)(1)

COMMON VIOLATIONS	CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE (CVC)
A person operating a motor vehicle or bicycle may not wear a headset covering, earplugs in, or earphones covering, resting on, or inserted in, both ears	CVC §27400
Disturbing Peace	CVC §415
Driver and/or passenger not wearing a DOT approved helmet	CVC §27803(b)
Driver failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk	CVC §21950(a)
Exhibition of speed (breaking traction, wheelies, stunts)	CVC §23109©
Front white headlamp required during darkness	CVC §221201(d)(1)
M2 Endorsement Required	CVC §12500(b)
No proof of insurance	CVC §160289(a)
Operate or move a motor vehicle upon a sidewalk	CVC §21663
Reckless driving on Hwy. (wheelies endangering others)	CVC §23103(a)
Red reflector/light required during darkness	CVC §21201(d)(2)
Unlicensed Driver (If never have been issued a Driver's License)	CVC §12500(a)
Unregistered E-Moto operated on highway	CVC §4000(a)(1)
Unsafe movement affecting others	CVC §22107

	Manufacturer	Model	Top Speed	Peak Motor Watts
 LBX	 Sur-Ron	Light Bee X	46.6 mph	8,000 W
		Ultra Bee	56 mph	12,500 W
		Storm Bee	68.3 mph	22,500 W
 X3	 Talaria	X3 (xXx)	46 mph	6,000 W
		Sting MX3, MX4, MX5	70 mph	15,800 W
 Pro-S	 E Ride Pro	Pro-S	50 mph	6,00W
		Pro-SS	62 mph	15,800 W
 Falcon Pro	 79BIKE	Falcon Pro	56 mph	10,000 W
		Falcon GT	59 mph	16,000 W
 Mantis X	 Rawrr	Mantis X	50 mph	6,500 W
		72V mantis	54 mph	9,500 W
		Mantis X Pro	65 mph	15,000 W
 XB / XB	 Zero	XB	50 mph	7,500 W
		XE	53 mph	15,500 W
 X260	 Segway	Dirt eBike X260	46.6 mph	5,000 W