

OFF HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION INFORMATION BULLETIN



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Polaris RZR Pro R is NOT a Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV)

The purpose of this Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Information Bulletin is to ensure that land managers and their law enforcement staff understand that while the Polaris RZR Pro R looks very much like the other Polaris RZR models, it is not an ROV and not subject to enforcement under Section 38600 (Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles) of the California Vehicle Code.

Clarification: The Polaris RZR Pro R <u>does not</u> meet all of the specifications needed to define it as an ROV. Per CVC 500 (e) an ROV's engine must be 1000cc or less. The RZR Pro R has an engine displacement of 1997cc. Because it has a steering wheel, non-straddle seating and is listed by the manufacturer as a RZR model, it is very easy to mistake it as an ROV. The RZR Pro R is larger than previous 2-seat RZRs. It is over a foot longer (104.5 in. vs 90 in.) and nearly a foot wider (74 in. vs 64 in) than other RZR two-seat models.

While contacting drivers of the RZR Pro R is likely to occur as they are very similar in appearance to ROVs, they are not ROVs. The California Air Resources Board has evaluated the vehicle and designated it as a "sand car" and it has been certified to receive a Green Sticker Identification. As is the case for all "sand cars" (dune buggies, sand rails etc.), no ROV helmet, seat belt, grab bar or seating laws are applicable for the RZR Pro R.

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