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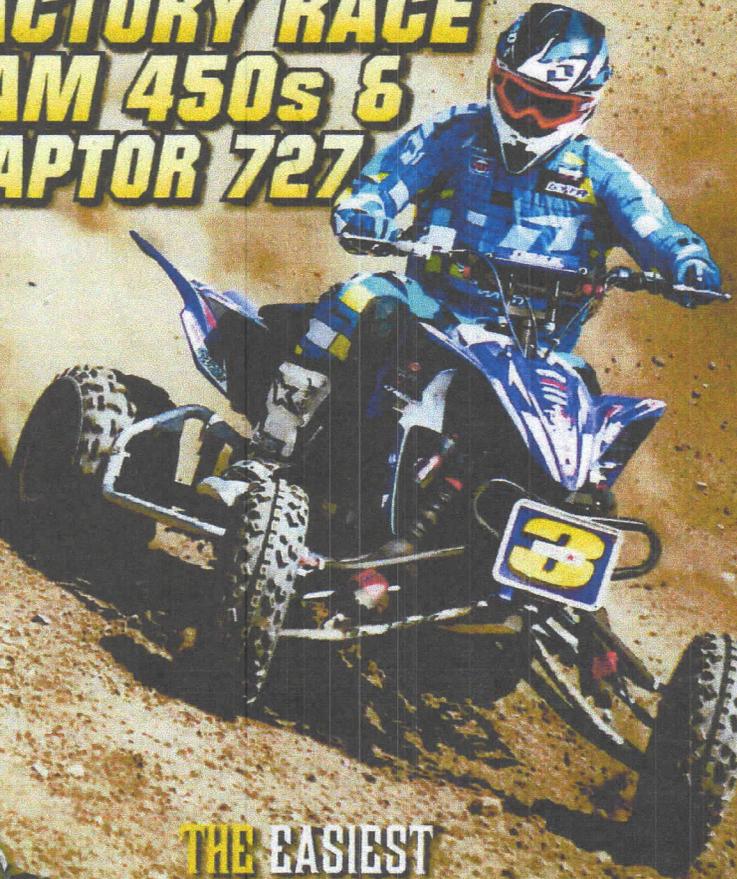
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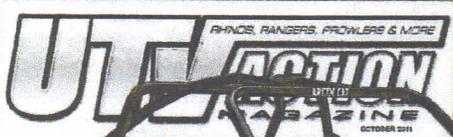


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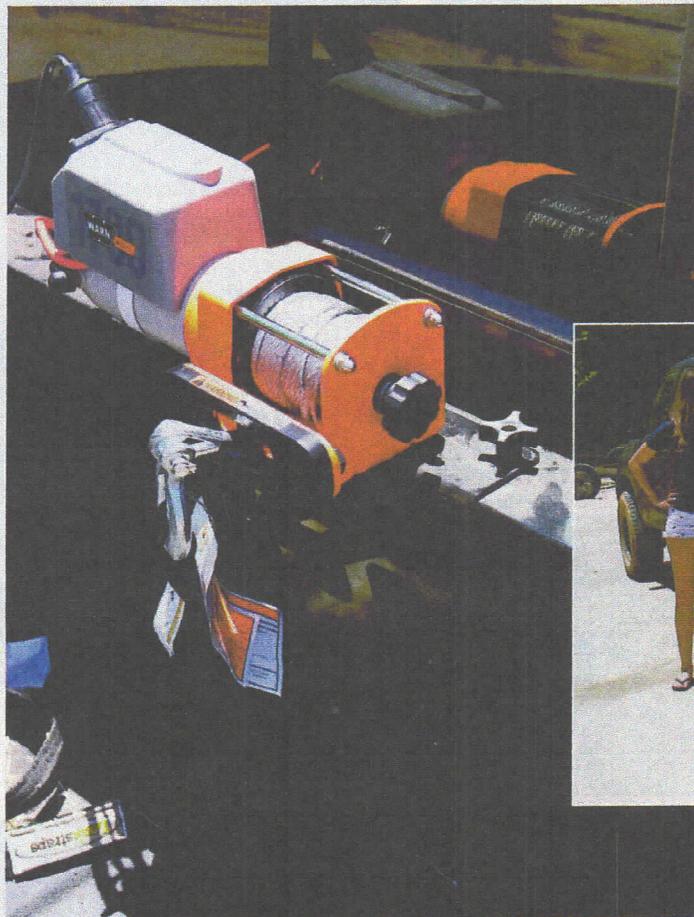
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TOYLOADER

RATING: ★★★★★
 PRICE: \$396-\$495



The Warn 1700-pound winch offers more than enough power to pull your quad into the truck using the Toyloader. It also has a quick disconnect thumbwheel attachment for removing the winch!



The Toyloader makes loading your ATV easy. A remote for the winch allows you to stand outside the truck and winch your quad in without worrying about tumbling off the ramps!

WHAT IT IS:

The Toyloader is an ATV loading system that uses a 6061 aluminum bar spanned across the front of your truck bed to mount a small winch for secure loading. It retails for \$395, or \$495 with a 1700-pound Warn winch. All the necessary mounting hardware is included, and it mounts up in less than an hour with a power drill and some hand tools. Using a winch mounted to the bed, you can pull your ATV up into the bed without worrying about riding it up the ramps. This is especially useful for tall lifted trucks or for ATVs with dead batteries or non-running engines.

MATERIALS:

The entire bed bar is made from high-quality 6061 aluminum and powdercoated black. The Toyloader uses stainless steel hardware in the supplied kit, which we love. No rusting or corrosion means you can remove and reinstall it later (should you need to). The center winch mount has plastic thumb wheels for easy removal, and the winch attaches to the plate with two bolts. You can run power to the winch, use a battery-jumper box or just run jumper cables to the truck's battery—whichever way you prefer. We wired it in for a sleeker look and quicker access to use.

PERFORMANCE:

We tested the Toyloader on sport and 4x4 ATVs, using the winch by itself with no assist from the ATV's engine. The 1700-pound-capacity winch has a remote control with a 12-foot cord, and it runs off 12-volt DC power. The 3-inch-

diameter electric motor produces 1.6 horsepower and is run through a 153:1 gear reduction to produce the 1700 pounds of pulling power. It is backed by a one-year limited warranty. It has a 35-foot cable, and we didn't have any problems pulling our ATVs up into the truck. We tested the Toyloader on a couple of different trucks, and the taller the truck, the more you appreciate the Toyloader. We found ourselves using it more often when the loading angle wasn't straight or flat, like out in the dirt when we were parked on an uneven surface. When the winch is removed, the bar makes a good stop for your ATV so it doesn't hit the back window.

THE VERDICT:

The quality is top notch, and it looks good and functions well. While it isn't a necessity (we still ride our ATVs into the back of the truck), it does provide a safer way to load your quad. If your quad breaks on the trail, the Toyloader becomes even more useful, as pushing a dead quad up ramps into the back of a pickup is on a long list of things we don't really like to do after a hard day of trail riding. If your truck is lifted and the ramp angle is steep, check out the Toyloader. It offers a way to load your ATV that won't have you looping out on the ramps. Lastly, if we could change one thing about the Toyloader, we would add tie-down loops to the bed bar for increased utility performance. Other than that, it's a stout product. □

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