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# TOY LOADER

Lift assist/back saver

By the staff of Dirt Wheels

Loader is a 1700-pound winch with a 12-foot wired remote switch that is long enough that you can walk next to and steer the ATV you are loading.

Because of how flimsy truck beds are made these days, Toy Loader only recommends lifting ATVs that are 600 pounds or less.

We found that with long ramps, that weight limit could easily be exceeded on our Ford F250.

### BUY IT?

The Toy Loader has already saved us time and again from having to lift or push broken-down quads into the back

**◀ The first chore we performed with the Toy Loader was winching our next project Grizzly into the bed of the Dirt Wheels hauler. We had the Warn winch wired directly to the Ford's battery, and it pulled the dead 4x4 into the bed in about 25 seconds.**



□ It happens on a regular basis: We go to pick up a quad from our storage facility and it has a dead battery. Someone left the key on or time just took its toll on the power supply. Sure, connecting jumper cables from the dead quad to your pickup should get things up and running, but sometimes they don't.

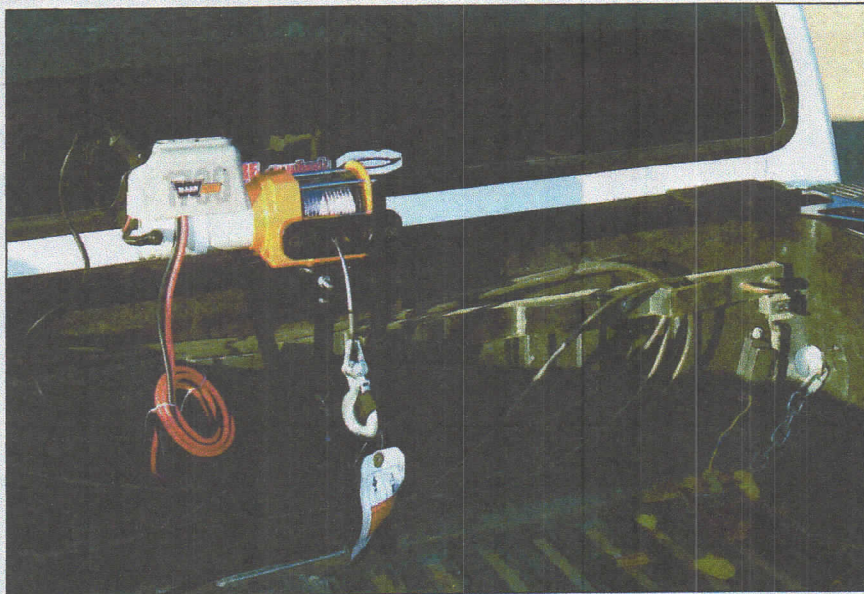
Or, take this scenario: You felt your motor starting to let go on your last ride, and the next time you try to start it, it's seized up.

Either way, you need to get your dead quad into the back of your truck. Pushing a 400- to 800-pound quad up a pair of ramps is no easy task. Try doing that with a 1500-pound UTV that has to be driven over the wheel wells. We have faced this challenge one too many times.

### RESCUE SOLUTION

A small company out of Oregon has invented a helpful product called the Toy Loader. At \$495 (shipping included), the product is basically a winch mount for the top of the front bed rail of your pickup.

The Toy Loader installs in under an hour. The strong 6061 T-6 quality aluminum cross brace bolts to the bedside near the top front pockets. Then a winch mount easily bolts to the center of the cross brace and features a rubber stop to wedge itself against the front of the bed and keeps it from rotat-



**Quality construction and a solid mounting system not only makes the Toy Loader a good winching tool, but it can also double as a bed protector. When not in use, the winch and center bracket remove in seconds.**

ing when there is a load on the winch.

You can quickly remove the winch and mount, and the cross brace doubles as a bed protector.

To power the supplied winch (you can order the product only and supply your own winch and save \$100), you can either use a jumper box or wire the winch directly into the truck's battery.

The winch that comes with the Toy

of the Dirt Wheels hauler. Any time a product makes our life easier, especially in a tough situation, we recommend it.

Contact the folks at Toy Loader to see videos of the unique product in action. The loader brace is adjustable, so one size fits most small, medium and large pickups. Contact (503) 887-9877 or at [www.toyloader.com](http://www.toyloader.com), and tell them *Dirt Wheels* sent ya. □