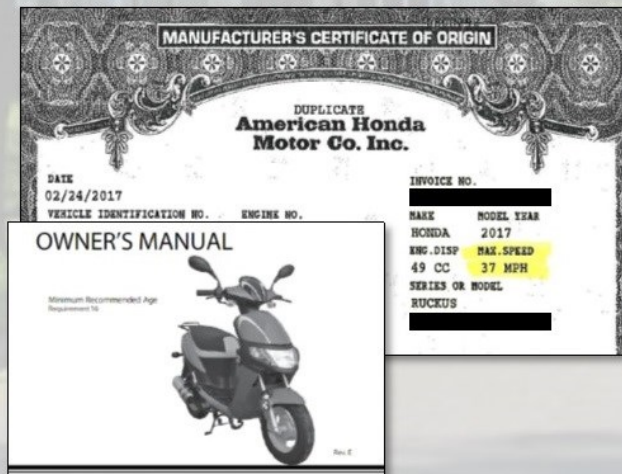


Moped Basics

A moped is defined by Iowa Code as a “motorized bicycle,” and cannot operate at a speed more than **39 miles per hour**. Any other motorized bicycle or motorcycle that exceeds that limit requires a motorcycle license to operate. (*Iowa Code 321.1*)

A certificate of origin or other official documentation from the manufacturer that shows the vehicle’s maximum speed must be presented to the County Treasurer upon registration.

Make sure what you’re buying is actually classified as a moped!



Mopeds must be equipped with a triangular safety flag, Day-Glo in color, that extends no less than 5 feet above the ground. Mopeds must also have a lighted headlamp at all times while operated on a public street or roadway.

Passengers are not allowed on mopeds, and you may not carry any articles that prevent you from keeping both hands on the handlebars.



Helmets are strongly encouraged.



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