

Top Ranked Power Sports Trailers

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It is the time of year again when motorcycle riders hit the backroads and highways for the scenery and adventure. If you do not want to ride your motorcycle for long journeys, there is always an option to choose to use a motorcycle trailer. With that in mind we decided to survey the market for sport trailers ranking them on their quality and attributes for transporting Motorcycles, ATVs and Watercraft safely to their destinations.

Certainly riders can load up a flatbed trailer and tie down their bikes for a short distance trek and arrive at their destination. But straight axle trailers transfer the bumps of the road and wheels hitting potholes directly to the load their carrying—ouch! Not really the way to transport today's high-end sports cycles costing twenty thousand dollars or more particularly if you're traveling hundreds of miles. So we wanted to find out what state-of-the-art travel carriers were available and specifically designed to tow behind your car or truck when traveling long journeys.

We were pleased to find a handful of companies designing trailers with essential features for hauling motorcycles, ATV's, snowmobiles, and Jet Skis safely at highway speeds. All were hitch-mounted setups but the similarities ended there. Ease of mounting and dismounting, footprint size, storing in offseason and quality of materials were real differentiators. Most companies had base models with optional accessories so we found it important to tally what each company offered on their base models what the final cost was for needed options. The companies we compared were all US based and made in America. The trailers that ranked best were these four:

Our Sport Trailer Picks

TOY DOLLY	WWW.TOYDOLLY.COM	314-570-4278	St Louis, MO
DROPTAIL TRAILERS	WWW.DROPTAILTRAILERS.COM	877-652-9555	Eules, TX
KENDON TRAILERS	WWW.KENDONUSA.COM	800-847-8618	Placentia, CA
STINGER TRAILERS	WWW.STINGERTRAILER.COM	800-577-8809	Cambridge ON

When considering which trailer is right for you safety is the foremost factor followed by ease of loading and unloading, roll & smoothness of travel at highway speeds and storage when not in use. Other factors such as rock guards, tie downs and warranty are other important considerations. We reviewed

customer comments when reaching our rankings. The table that follows summarizes each company's product line, feature set and our assessment of quality.

Product Lines

MANUFACTURER	MOTORCYCLE TRAILER	ATV TRAIER	WATERCRAFT TRAILER	SNOWMOBILE TRAILER
Toy Dolly	Cruiser & Sport Models	PSIG-10 ATV 1,000 lb PSIG-15 ATV 1,500 lb Spyder Dolly 1,500 lb	PS2G-15 PWC 1200 lb. Capcity	PS2G-10 SM 750 lb Capacity
Drop Trail	One –Three Bikes Cruiser & Sport Dirt Bike Trailers	Street Pro 2200 DT Power Sport 2100 (2,100 lb Capacity)	None	None
Kendon	Single Ride Dual Ride Stand Up Trailer	SRL Spyder Ride 2000 lb	None	None
Stinger	1 & 2 Bike Trailer Trailer in Bag	Stinger Can Am	None	None

Another important consideration in buying a sports trailer is the weight of what you will tow. All trailers are rated by their axle or suspension capacity. These limits must be adhered to for safety as well as smoothness of ride. If the stated capacity is 1500 pounds and the trailer weights 400 your towing capacity is 1100 pounds. A fully dressed Harley will weigh about 1,100 pounds so in that case you would need at least a 2000 lb. capacity trailer. The key takeaway is the Toy Dolly trailer is engineered and made to do a good job towing a certain weight capacity. Don't over or undersize for what you will tow long distances. A too large capacity trailer should not be used to haul too light a load over a long trip because the impact of repeated highway bumps and potholes will damage your load.


Prices

MANUFACTURER	MOTORCYCLE TRAILER	ATV TRAILER	WATERCARRIER	SNOW MOBILE
Toy Dolly	\$2,099 - \$2,749	\$2,149 - \$2,349	\$1,249	\$1,995
Drop Tail	\$2,499 - \$3,499	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kendon	\$2,799 - \$3,699	\$3,599 - \$4,149	None	None
Stinger	\$1,999 - \$2,599	\$2,599	None	None

All companies prices are FOB the buyer's city except Drop Tail which had a \$100 Flat rate shipping charge. Likewise all manufacturers boast of being made in the USA except Stinger which is our Canadian cousin.

Features and Quality

The feature list of the trailer makers we surveyed is listed in the next table. While not all companies had full product lines for all recreational vehicles these companies head the list of bets to checkout.

Manufacturer	Features	Pros & Cons
TOY DOLLY 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full Sports Trailer Product Line 2. Innovative Compact Design 3. Patented hitch/chassis to control roll and provide stable, secure towing 4. Independent Suspension 5. Meets all DOT standards 6. Parallel Towing 7. 1 Year Warranty 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High Quality 2. Easy Loading and Unloading 3. Stable and Smooth
DROP TAIL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three Model Line-1 & 2 Bike & Trike 2. Large footprint even Folded up 3. Hollow Tube Chassis. 4. 30-day warranty. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Suspension Straight Axle 2. Large Size & Heavy 600+#
KENDON	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Folding Motorcycle Trailers 2. Utility Trailer 3. Can Am Spyder Trailer 4. 1 Year Warranty 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large Size & Heavy 600+# 2. Ride on Optional 3. Torsion bar suspension
STINGER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motorcycle, Flatbed trailers & Lifts 2. Stand up easy store feature 3. 1 Year Mfg. Warranty 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medium to Low Quality 2. Moderate to Expensive 3. No Suspension

Now the results.

Our survey of Sport Trailer manufacturers identified four companies. As with any search and evaluation there are pros and cons of each, but one company stood out as having the most complete product line with a highly engineered products. That company was Toy Dolly based in St Louis.

Toy Dolly beat out the other manufacturers because in addition to having a sport trailer that will do the job their trailers had other innovative features like a small footprint, unique anti-roll hitch, innovative chassis, foot ramps, rock shields and independent suspension assuring smooth travel on highways and

backroads. Another Feature we appreciated was that Toy Dolly trailers can be towed in parallel allowing two trailers to be towed side-by-side so you can carry two bikes or a bike and a power water sport or ATV. Toy Dolly Trailers do not fold up or stand up, but their removable side ramps offer the smallest footprint of all the other manufacturers except Stinger's Trailer in a Bag. We do not recommend riders consider Stinger's option however because of its straight axle design and minimal heft and quality.

Prices across the board with all companies was similar for a well-designed trailer, but again Toy Dolly was not the most expensive; they seem to know their market and offer an excellent bang for the buck. So if you're considering a sport trailer make a list of features important to you. Then use our list of Top Sport Trailer manufacturers and go shopping. It's really amazing what these companies offer compared to the flatbed trailers we're all accustomed to using.

How we ranked them overall... [Quality, Features, Ease of Use, Price]

Toy Dolly - First Place

Kendon - Second Place

Drop Tail - Third Place

Stinger - Fourth Place