

Meta Description: Every outdoor enthusiast knows the prestigious name of the Polaris Ranger line of UTVs. Learn more about what's new in the latest lineup in this comprehensive yet concise breakdown.

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The 2021 Polaris Ranger lineup has been reimagined this year with new features to increase comfort and durability. Polaris released details on the new lineup of 2021 Ranger models late in 2020, and though few major changes occurred, numerous quality of life improvements make these some of the most user-friendly models to date.

From improved ride quality to new ride command integration, the new 2021 Polaris Ranger lineup brings off-road capability suited for riders of every skill level. Let's take a look at what the new lineup has to offer.

Switching Up the Colors on the 2021 Polaris Ranger

Let's start with perhaps the most visual change in the lineup. The look of some of the 2021 Polaris Rangers will be different due to some color changes. There will be a diverse selection of colors available, including Ghost White, Camo, Matte Navy, and Burgundy Metallic.

However, Metallic Sand and Sage Green will no longer be available. However, the High Lifter edition will still have orange and gray options. Also, the Trail Boss Edition will have the additional option of white body panels.

Changes in the New Lineup

The selection of models remained nearly the same this year, except for a new special edition model for 2021. However, in addition to a special edition, Polaris has introduced purpose-driven models for the needs of specific types of drivers.

Also, several general improvements occurred across the model lineup, including an increase in front-drive strength and suspension of 30% and 15%, respectively, in the 2021 Ranger 1000 and XP 1000 models. Engine power did not change significantly.

However, additions to comfort and driver-friendly features did not lack in the 2021 updates. The Northstar Ultimate received newly improved door fitments and sealing to protect the driver from the elements better.

Also, new embroidered seating in the Premium and Ultimate trims as well as striking new LED headlights will show your style and help you enjoy your time riding your new Ranger.

Let's take a more detailed look at changes to certain Ranger models.

The 2021 Polaris General

In addition to the color changes, there are several other cosmetic differences. However, there is one non-cosmetic difference in the 2021 Polaris Ranger models many Polaris General enthusiasts may be thankful for.

This change is in the belts. Previous models of Polaris Rangers had problems with belt slapping, which affected the clutches on some of the previous model years of the Polaris General.

The 2021 Polaris Ranger High Lifter

A noticeable change in the 2021 Polaris Ranger High Lifter from the previous year's Ranger is the change in tire size. The new Ranger comes with 30" Outlaw tires. Whereas, the 2020 Polaris Ranger High Lifter came with 28" tires. This means better traction, corner stability, and ground clearance.

The headlights are different on the 2021 High Lifter, even though the wheelbase is the same. But, the travel has dropped one inch to 10 inches on the 2021 High Lifter from 11 inches on the 2020 Polaris High Lifter.

The 2021 Polaris Ranger XP Series

2021 Rangers have made a nice change to deal with past turf mode issues. They have replaced the reverse chains used in past models with a more durable geared reverse. Also, in the 2021 Polaris Ranger XP, there is a tougher front end and a 50% sturdier rear frame, as well as a bigger rear box. Also, the clutch has been upgraded to be twice as durable.

This means less maintenance with significantly greater service intervals. In fact, the service interval for the clutch is now 6,000 miles. This is a big improvement over the previous model and currently stands as the best in the industry.

Other changes in the 2021 Ranger consist of a battery charger port in the Ranger 1000 and XP 1000 models and 14" rims for XP 1000 models. The battery charger port is a welcome change because it means you can be sure you won't find your Ranger's battery dead after a long period of storage. Otherwise, you would need to hook up a battery maintainer to the battery itself, which is a lot easier to forget.

You can also upgrade to LED headlights with the Ride Command package if you have the XP 1000 Ranger, and if you have the Trail Boss or NorthStar Ultimate model, they are standard. Another option for the Ranger 1000 is a geofencing kit. This allows for impressive controllability; you can control speed down to as low as 4 mph and set operating boundaries.

New Special Edition 2021 Polaris Ranger Trail Boss Edition Vehicle

Another change in the Polaris Rangers for 2021 is the introduction of their special edition Ranger. They replaced the Black Country edition with the Trail Boss Edition. The new Trail Boss is great for those who want to carry a lot of weight in their vehicle as it has load adaptive rear shocks. These shocks are specially designed to adapt automatically to support any weight that is added to the UTV. Plus, you can further upgrade the car by adding the NorthStar package.

It also has a high-capacity charging system that will allow drivers to add a lot of accessories. The Trail Boss also has a three-mode throttle control that is engaged directly from the dashboard. So, it can easily adapt power to suit any driver's needs.

Purpose Driven Models

The Polaris Ranger has models that are designed to meet the needs of certain drivers. They have an edition for big game hunters and even an edition for waterfowl hunters.

The Big Game Edition is meant to drive over rocks, up mountains, and handle steep descents. Whereas the Waterfowl Edition has high-mounted air intakes so that you can navigate the water.

It also has arched A-arms with high clearance to allow you to drive over logs and a camo pattern to help you blend in when waterfowl hunting. This edition also has high-output LED headlights for early morning hunting.

Final Thoughts

Whether it's for working off-road, enjoying some general riding, or for any form of hunting, Polaris Ranger's new lineup is built to handle it. With purpose-driven models that can provide greater clearance for water or arched A-frames for logs, there is an option for any terrain.

These new models start the year following the strongest demand for UTVs in Polaris' history, and to keep up the New Ranger lineup is sure to bring nearly as much comfort off the road as on it. So, no matter your offroading needs, the new Polaris Ranger lineup is guaranteed to satisfy even the most demanding of outdoor enthusiasts.