



# Vehicle Modifications Assistive Technology (AT) – the What, When, Who, and Why

## What is Vehicle Modifications Assistive Technology?

Assistive technology for vehicle modification includes:

- Ramps
- Hand controls for braking and accelerating
- Modified steering controls
- Adjustable driver's seats
- Automatic door openers

## Where and when do I need to use Vehicle Modifications Assistive Technology?

Vehicle modification options are available on almost any vehicle. The type and severity of disability and whether you are riding or driving will determine if your vehicle can accommodate the needed modification.



## Who needs Vehicle Modifications AT?

People with upper body or lower limitations in strength, range of motion, or coordination may need vehicle modifications to drive. Anyone who needs to access their vehicle from a wheelchair will need vehicle modifications.

## Why are Vehicle Modifications important?

Access to a vehicle and the ability to drive means independence. However, people with physical disabilities are often unable to drive a vehicle, and families with a family member who has a disability can be limited in transporting that family member. Access to a vehicle with modifications makes a significant difference in the lives of people with disabilities. They can safely ride in or drive a vehicle.

Technology has many advantages, but careful consideration is needed to meet an individual's unmet needs in the community, educational, and employment settings. To learn more about navigating the world of Vehicle Modifications AT, visit [Vehicle Modifications – Explore AT from AT3 Center](#). The assistive technology solutions provided on this site are intended as examples to give an idea of the types of Vehicle Modifications AT currently available in today's market.

Also, remember to [contact your AT Act Program](#) to learn more and explore services available to help make an informed purchasing decision and obtain the AT needed.

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