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2012 ARGO 8x8 750 HDi and 8x8 Centaur

The Most Capable, Low-Impact, Amphibious and Extreme Performance Vehicles for Drilling, Exploration and Mining Fleets

Mining and mineral extraction involves overcoming many difficult challenges; maintaining an all-season, all-terrain vehicle fleet should not be one of them. Work crews and equipment must have the freedom to traverse miles of undeveloped wilderness for prospecting new mining sites, conducting environmental surveys and managing drilling rigs during any time of the year over an endless variety of solid and semi-liquid terrain. ARGO's flagship HDi and Centaur models offer the best of all worlds for Fleet Managers operating in remote areas. These unique machines have a low relative cost, in comparison to tracked hydrostatic vehicles or helicopters, and balance a low terrain impact with a high payload capability for both personnel and gear. ARGO's HDi and Centaur lineup provides the best value, extreme-terrain capable solutions for delivering work crews and the ability to deliver equipment anywhere it is needed. Areas inundated with temporary flooding, criss-crossed by small streams, or dominated by a tailings pile are no match for these vehicles. Decades of experience in the most rugged places on earth help ARGO to offer machines that are low-maintenance and extremely reliable!

Why utilize a fleet of different tracked vehicles, UTVs, trucks, snowmobiles and small boats? One amphibious ARGO, carrying cargo and up to six passengers, can do it all! Fully enclosed cab and track kit options will ensure that valuable personnel resources stay productive and will allow work to be completed in an efficient manner regardless of the environment. In addition, ARGOs have an endless variety of accessories and customization solutions that capitalize on the expansive rear cargo area (ARGO) or mounting frame (Centaur). Options for exploration and drilling fleets are almost limitless, including cargo boxes, drills, cranes, tool kits, and much, much more! Mounting systems for extra fuel or a spare tire, a winch, or a cargo bed liner to protect the vehicle from abrasive tools and mineral samples are also readily available.

2012 ARGO HDi and Centaur – a low cost <u>solution</u> to replace expensive hydrostatic vehicles when people and equipment transport is required

ARGO has outfitted its top-of-the-line **2012 ARGO 8x8 750 HDi** with the advanced features that exploration utility fleet managers are looking for:

Lighter steering effort for all-day ease-of-use, a more powerful drive train for accomplishing the most rugged tasks, comfortable seating, massive storage space, and a more durable



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www.ARGOutv.com E-mail: sales@ARGOutv.com design to maximize utilization - getting the job done anytime of the year. The 2012 ARGO HDi and Centaur fleet is fuel efficient, simple to maintain, and environmentally friendly due to its very low ground pressure.

The patented ADMIRAL transmission takes the driving experience of the full skid steering system to a level never seen before in this price range. The all season 2012 ARGO 8x8 750 HDi pairs the ingenious triple-differential ADMIRAL steering transmission with a powerhouse 31-hp fuel-injected engine to create something truly unique: an all-terrain, amphibious off-roader that turns with ease in high gear, while maintaining its amazing, on-the-spot maneuverability in low gear. For 2012, ARGO is introducing a new high torque alternative, allowing the operator to improve performance and mobility in extremely difficult terrain conditions.

ARGO's 2012 models continue to benefit users with a quiet muffler and improved engine compartment cooling. For more comfort, all liquid cooled 8x8 ARGO models can be equipped with optional suspension seats and a convenient entry step.

The heavy duty Centaur 8x8 DT, with its 3 cylinder liquid cooled 34 hp turbo diesel engine, provides more power and load capacity when the mounting of cranes, drills, cargo boxes and fire & rescue equipment is required. In addition, the Centaur comes with a wide range of track solutions for extreme terrain performance.

The Freedom to Develop and Manage Valuable Resources

This remarkable vehicle family offers a suite of premium features not found anywhere, including the ARGO's unique 25" off-road amphibious tire, providing greater ride comfort, all-terrain traction and propulsion over water. In addition, ARGO offers a wide selection of extreme performance tracks that virtually go through any terrain. Large triple-sealed outer bearings and heavy-duty axles enhance durability and life expectancy in demanding off-road conditions.

The overall result: a superior amphibious UTV for up to 6 passengers that is simply in a different league. The 2012 models reflect ARGOs industry-leading advancements in steering efficiency, low maintenance and ergonomic design.

For 2012 there is wide selection of ARGO models: ARGO 8x8 750 HDi Special Edition, ARGO 8x8 700 HD, ARGO 6x6 650 HD, ARGO 8x8 700 HD EU, with road approval for Europe, as well as the entry model ARGO 8x8 Frontier 650, providing great value at the most attractive price.

All 2012 ARGO vehicles are available in tundra, yellow, blue, black, and red. In addition, ARGO is introducing an advanced environmentally friendly Gardobond® metal coating process providing significantly improved performance and durability, without containing any hazardous heavy metals. In summary, ARGO's new 2012 HD Series are a quantum leap in all-terrain extreme versatility, performance, comfort, power, and ruggedness. When mining



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www.ARGOutv.com E-mail: sales@ARGOutv.com personnel experience the versatility and power of these incredible vehicles, all other options pale by comparison!

<u>Click here</u> to find out more and <u>book your test drive today</u>.

The ARGO product line is designed for mining, resource exploration, utility construction and maintenance, the public sector, as well as agriculture and forestry. This versatile all-season workhorse can be equipped with optional accessories such as rubber tracks, convertible top, receiver winch, windshield, bilge pump, spare tire and fuel carriers, cargo box liner and many other endless custom solutions for any given task.

Engineered and produced continuously since 1967, every ARGO is backed by decades of unrivaled experience in the design and manufacturing of off-road vehicles. Today, ARGO is the world's leading manufacturer of lightweight amphibious vehicles and innovative off-road platforms.

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