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GOCYCLE G2

Tony Scudder gets some help from the

GOCYCLE

Whilst ducking between motorhomes big and small at the February NEC show, I came across the sleekest-looking fold-up bike I've ever seen - I thought Apple had diversified into assisted travel (*I do think they'll surprise the world with an electric car soon, trust me*), but no, the Gocycle is a fully-British creation. Model one was launched in 2009, and the second-generation G2 followed in 2011. Not only does it look like something out of the new 'Star Trek' movies, it's hidden lithium battery means you can shoot up hills at warp speed.

The whole thing folds down into a smart suitcase that has two wheels for pulling as you wouldn't want to carry the Gocycle for



Gocycle have their own Gocycle to Work scheme where they essentially offer an approved company 20% off the purchase of a Gocycle for its employees.



Visit www.gocycle.com to view information about Gocycle G2

Frame Colour	So White
PitstopWheel®	Detachable, side-mounted
PitstopWheel® Colour	Silver
Pedal Torque Sensing	Yes
Smart Device Connectivity	Bluetooth®
Riding Modes	Multiple, programmable through interactive dashboard functions
Speed Range	25km/h (15.5 mph) Up to 64km (40 miles), depending on pedal input
Motor	Gocycle G2 proprietary motor gear drive 250 watt continuous
Battery Charging	Lithium, 10.75Ah, 22V 5.5-hour full recharge
Motor Controller	Gocycle G2 proprietary
Handlebar Display	Integrated dashboard display with fuel gauge
Shifting	Gocycle electronic Predictive Shifting™
Transmission	Patented Cleandrive®
Gear Development	Shimano Nexus 3-speed 1st=35 in, 2nd=53 in, 3rd=71 in
Brakes	Hydraulic disk, front and rear
Tyres	Gocycle Performance Tyre (406-50, 20 x 1.75 in/BMX)
Front Motor Fork	Gocycle G2 proprietary, single-sided, fixed
Rear Suspension	Gocycle Lockshock™ 25mm (1 in) travel
Saddle	Velo D2 Comfort
Frame Size and Fit	Universal Vgonomic™
Handlebar Stem	Quick-folding
Head Angle	70°
Seat Tube Angle	68°
Wheelbase	1065mm (42 in)
Bottom Bracket Height	275mm (11.5 in)
Stowable Dimensions	600mm x 760mm x 300mm (with folding pedals)
Approximate Weight	15.6kg (34.3 lbs)
Maximum Rider Weight	100kg (220 lbs), including clothing and luggage



WHERE CAN YOU VIEW & RIDE THE GOCYCLE?

28th July
Reigate Cycle Festival
Priory Park, Reigate

3–10 August
Cowes Week
West Cowes, Isle of Wight

18th August
Guildford Cycle Festival
North Stoke Park, Guildford



long (although it is the lightest production electric bike at only 15.6kg, compared to it's closest "rival" the Smart ebike at 26kg. The Gocycle weighs no more than an old mountain bike.)

With it's intelligent onboard computer system (which you view via an upcoming app on your smartphone as well as the handlebars 'dash', a combination of red lights that I'd liken to KITT from the 80's Hasselhoff show 'Knight Rider'), there are a multitude of different ways you can ride the **Gocycle**. You can even tweak these settings with the app.

To put it simply, the **Gocycle** will help you as little or as much as you'd like. If you want torque-sensing assistance on flat roads, you can have it, and you'll go faster than you would if you were relying purely on your own pedal power. But where the **Gocycle** really excels, and where personally I would snap one up right away under the right circumstances (we'll come to that), is that it positively zips up hills. I recently bought a bike to ride to work, which is a 46-mile round trip. I'm not a cyclist, but I am fairly fit. One ride to work seems to, so far, virtually fin-

ish me off for the week. My route is up and down hills for much of the distance. I cannot physically attempt the distance again for a few days, and then laziness gets the better of me and I jump in the car. With the **Gocycle**, I hit the boost button (on the left handlebar) every time I came upon a hill, and the charge ran dry as I arrived at work. On my pedal-powered bike, the twenty-three mile trip takes a shade over two hours. On the **Gocycle**, it took one hour and twenty minutes, a

HUGE time saving of forty minutes. And the best thing of all was that I'd had a very pleasant ride and didn't feel tired at all. I still felt the same way after the return journey home that evening, and while the **Gocycle** recharged over five and a half hours at work, the electricity cost came to 3p.

I can confidently say that the **Gocycle** allows me to ride nearly two hundred and fifty miles to work every week for only 30p cost and a nice relaxing workout!

Other pluses are the ability to pull away at roundabouts or lights with no fear of getting beeped by too-eager cars, it's incredibly straightforward and obvious to put together and pack away (earning some 'man-points', I proudly didn't need to look at the instructions), and of course, it's enviro-friendly!

Now the bad news - the **Gocycle** G2 will set you back £2,799. That's a hefty fee, and is more expensive than other electric bikes on the market (roughly £700 - £1,500). However, if you want the 'Bradley Wiggins' of the electric bike world, a bike that you just want to stroke, revel in it's power, and admire the craftsmanship, then the **Gocycle** G2 is the one for you. I'm missing it already - what can anyone offer me for an old VW Golf?