



## Legal - Are Electric Bikes Legal in the UK?

### What are the main legal issues for electric cycles being used on UK roads?

#### Electrically-assisted bicycles are Road Legal in the UK provided:

- The electric cycle weighs 40kg or less
- The motor rating is not over 200 watts continuous power output
- Powered speed does not exceed 15mph
- The cycle has working pedals
- Riders are aged 14 or over

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### Are licences, Insurance or MOT's required electric bikes?

No - Unlike motor cycles there are no legal requirements for Insurance, MOT's or Road Tax provided the products meet the requirements outlined above.

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### Are motor cycle helmets needed?

No - The same rules and recommendations that apply to cycles, apply to electrically assisted cycles.

So wearing a cycle helmet is recommended, but not a legal requirement for use on the road.

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### Speed limit - Is the maximum speed 15mph?

No - this maximum only applies to the use of electric power, riders can travel beyond 15mph with pedal power alone.

A pedal sensor ensures that electrically assisted power is cut when speed exceeds 15mph.