



Pros

- ▶ A contender for the best electric folding system
- ▶ Bafang two-speed automatic gearhub is brilliant

Cons

- ▶ Some delays in shipping, so check with local stockist

Specs

Stated weight 19.5kg

Frame material

Smoothweld aluminium

Motor Bafang dual-

speed hub motor, 45Nm

Battery LG 10Ah, 36V

Stated range Not stated

Gearing Gates belt drive

and two-speed auto hub

Brakes Shimano MT200

hydraulic

Saddle Eovolt

Wheels 20in aluminium

Tyres Schwalbe Pick-Up

20in (6-layer puncture protection)

Eovolt Afternoon Pro

Update delivers smooth twin-gear hub motor and a seamlessly efficient folding system among a host of improvements

Coming in hot this year is a long-teased update from Eovolt to its family of electric folding bikes – the Eovolt Morning with its 16in wheels, the larger Afternoon (20in) and the larger still Evening (24in).

The most popular of the three, and the model featured here in Pro guise, is the middle-ground 20in Eovolt Afternoon, which we were lucky enough to get a chance to ride in prototype form. And we're happy to confirm that an already good package is now even better, thanks in part to domestic investors throwing their weight behind the brand.

Eovolt's designers have made nearly 40 individual changes to the bike, in the process securing new patents for the fold, the battery design and many other clever tweaks. The

end result is a bike that very possibly has the fastest fold of any bike we've tested to date, in large part thanks to a new latch system that automatically locks when unfolded.

Additionally, the folded package functions in a cohesive way. Where some folded bikes clunk around the train station platform, a unique catch at the dropouts prevents that from happening here, and when wheeled along it tracks well without fear of unlatching.

There are plenty of other highlights, and in our test ride we grew particularly fond of the Bafang two-speed automatic hub motor. This system senses your speed and pedal pressure to select internally between the two gears, and the motor blends its power output seamlessly. The overall output of up to 45Nm is delivered smoothly and efficiently, ideal for when you arrive suddenly at an incline.

Having tested the Afternoon at the Eovolt factory in France, our only disappointment is that we're still not able to get hold of one, though we're reliably informed stock will land from early in the summer.

- ▶ £2,999
- ▶ eovolt.co.uk