



techtron® e-scooter

Guidance for users



Where you are allowed to ride an e-scooter rented as part of a government trial, how to travel safely, licensing guidance and the rules of the road.



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Introduction



The government is running trials of electric scooters (e-scooters). This guidance lists the rules for members of the general public who are using e-scooters that are part of trials.

These rules are only for rental e-scooters used as part of trials. The rules for private e-scooters have not changed. It is against the law to use a privately owned e-scooter. If you use an e-scooter illegally:

- You Could Face A Fine
- You Could Get Penalty Points On Your Licence
- The E-Scooter Could Be Impounded

For more details, click here ['UK laws for e-scooters'](#) to read in details.



The **maximum speed** for an e-scooter is **15.5mph**.

Trial e-scooters are limited to this speed and in some areas e-scooters may be limited to a lower maximum speed.

Trial areas

Trials are taking place in these areas:

- Bournemouth and Poole
- Buckinghamshire (Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Princes Risborough)
- Cambridge
- Cheshire West and Chester (Chester)
- Derby
- Essex (Basildon, Braintree, Chelmsford and Colchester)
- Gloucestershire (Cheltenham and Gloucester)
- Great Yarmouth
- Liverpool
- London (participating boroughs)
- Milton Keynes
- Newcastle
- North and West Northamptonshire (Northampton, Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough)
- North Devon
- Norwich
- Nottingham
- Oxfordshire (Oxford)
- Redditch
- Salford
- Solent (Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton)
- Somerset (Taunton, Minehead and Yeovil)
- Tees Valley (Hartlepool and Middlesbrough)
- West of England Combined Authority (Bristol and Bath)
- York

Driving licences

You must have the category Q entitlement on your driving licence to use an e-scooter. A full or provisional UK licence for categories AM, A or B includes entitlement for category Q. If you have one of these licences, you can use an e-scooter.

If you have a provisional licence, you do not need to show L plates when using an e-scooter.

If you have an overseas driving licence, you can use an e-scooter if you:

- Have a valid full licence from an EU or European Economic Area (EEA) country (so long as this does not prohibit you from driving low-speed mopeds and motorcycles)
- Have a valid full licence from another country that entitles you to drive a small vehicle (for example, cars, mopeds or motorcycles) and you entered the UK within the last 12 months

You cannot use an e-scooter if you have an overseas provisional licence, learner permit or equivalent.



Insurance

E-scooters must have motor insurance, but you do not need to arrange this as this will be provided by your e-scooter rental operator.

Helmets and Clothing

You should wear a cycle helmet when using an e-scooter. Helmets are recommended but are not a legal requirement. Make sure that your cycle helmet conforms to current regulations, is the correct size and is securely fastened. Wear light-coloured or fluorescent clothing so that other road users can see you in daylight, poor light and in the dark.



Where you can use a trial e-scooter

You may use a trial e-scooter on the road (except motorways) and in cycle lanes. You must not use an e-scooter on the pavement. Traffic signs with the following cycle symbol apply to e-scooters (unless a sign is displayed prohibiting e-scooters from that particular cycle way):



Registration plates and vehicle excise duty

E-scooters do not need to be registered, display registration plates or pay vehicle excise duty.

Other safety rules for trial e-scooter users

- e-scooters should only be used within the local area hosting the trial
- e-scooters should be used by one person at a time.
- You must not tow anything using an e-scooter
- You must not use a mobile phone when using an e-scooter
- You may use a screen to display navigation information, but this must be set up prior to setting off
- Always ensure bags or other small items you are carrying will not cause a danger to you or others around you – for example, never hang them from the handlebars
- You should not ride an e-scooter while drunk or otherwise intoxicated – you may be prosecuted under drink or drug driving laws as careless and dangerous driving offences also apply to users of e-scooters
- You should also refer to the terms of use of the e-scooter operator before renting a trial e-scooter



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