

URBAN BIKES

Taken for a ride

What is the best bike for you?

→ Just like motor vehicles, there is a bike for every person's lifestyle. Spacing has rated different characteristics of bikes to help readers understand which bike is best suited to their needs. While we've selected 12 types of bikes to profile, there are many other variations of these styles available.

OUT OF 10

SPEED 1=slow, 10=very fast

EASE OF MAINTENANCE 1=lots of work; 10=very durable

FASHION FRIENDLINESS 1=ruins pants; 10=can wear a suit

CARRYING CAPACITY 1=not practical; 10=little need for car



PRICE RANGE
\$50-200

SPEED
[Progress bar: 3/10]

EASE OF MAINTENANCE
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FASHION FRIENDLINESS
[Progress bar: 10/10]

CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

3-SPEED

The most standard bike in use (can also be one, two, or five speeds) and often the cheapest. Good for short trips



PRICE RANGE
\$700-\$1,300

SPEED
[Progress bar: 5/10]

EASE OF MAINTENANCE
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FASHION FRIENDLINESS
[Progress bar: 10/10]

CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

DUTCH

This stylish, durable bike has fenders and guards that protect pant legs and other clothing. Upright position good for vision, comfort



PRICE RANGE
\$300-\$800

SPEED
[Progress bar: 10/10]

EASE OF MAINTENANCE
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FASHION FRIENDLINESS
[Progress bar: 10/10]

CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FIXED GEAR

A single, low-gear bike with pedal brakes and no extras. Loved for its low maintenance and sleek look; coloured rims the lone frill



PRICE RANGE
\$500-\$1,200

SPEED
[Progress bar: 10/10]

EASE OF MAINTENANCE
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FASHION FRIENDLINESS
[Progress bar: 10/10]

CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

TRIKE

Grown-up tricycles are great for carrying stuff (or kids). Perfect for older riders who want a safe and low-speed ride



PRICE RANGE
\$300-\$1,500

SPEED
[Progress bar: 10/10]

EASE OF MAINTENANCE
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FASHION FRIENDLINESS
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CARRYING CAPACITY
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FOLDING

Can be easily tucked away under desk at work or in cramped apartment or condo. Perfect for commuting transit riders



PRICE RANGE
\$500-\$4,000

SPEED
[Progress bar: 10/10]

EASE OF MAINTENANCE
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FASHION FRIENDLINESS
[Progress bar: 10/10]

CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

ROAD / RACING

The fastest bike on the road. Made for dreamers of the Tour de France. Needs a lot of fine-tuning, attention, and deep pockets



PRICE RANGE
\$1,200-\$3,500

SPEED
[Progress bar: 10/10]

EASE OF MAINTENANCE
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FASHION FRIENDLINESS
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CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

TOURING

Similar to a racing bike, but has fenders, more durable tires, and racks for panier bags. Perfect for the long-distance commuter



PRICE RANGE
\$1,400-\$6,000

SPEED
[Progress bar: 10/10]

EASE OF MAINTENANCE
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FASHION FRIENDLINESS
[Progress bar: 10/10]

CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

RECUMBENT

This is the most efficient way to ride but is considered unsafe on the road by many due to its low visibility. Loved by gear-heads



PRICE RANGE
\$100-\$1,500

SPEED
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EASE OF MAINTENANCE
[Progress bar: 10/10]

FASHION FRIENDLINESS
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CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

MOUNTAIN

With wide tires and a lot of gears, this bike is good for gravel and dirt trails. Ideal for city roads that collect small, sharp objects



PRICE RANGE
\$500-\$2,000

SPEED
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EASE OF MAINTENANCE
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FASHION FRIENDLINESS
[Progress bar: 10/10]

CARRYING CAPACITY
[Progress bar: 10/10]

DOWNHILL

With shocks and fat tires, this bike is a mix between mountain and BMX. Mostly used for "bike park-our" and downhill racing



PRICE RANGE
\$200-\$700

SPEED
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EASE OF MAINTENANCE
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FASHION FRIENDLINESS
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CARRYING CAPACITY
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BMX

A single-gear bike that is primarily targeted at young males. Used mostly for ramp jumping or tricks



PRICE RANGE
\$3,500-\$7,000

SPEED
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EASE OF MAINTENANCE
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FASHION FRIENDLINESS
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CARRYING CAPACITY
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CARGO

The front-loaded cargo bike is great for transporting kids or groceries. Perfect for families in a dense area wanting to go car-free or drive less