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When buying directly from the Volt website, you can add on accessories from bags and locks to helmets.

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Fuel for the summer
The Volt Urban has an LCD display with a USB-C socket, so you can recharge your phone while you ride.



Volt Urban

What's the story?

We've already covered the 'urban' base with the Carrera Subway E on p62, sure. But this new e-bike from British brand Volt is a very strong candidate for any e-commuter. It's fitted with a belt drive instead of a chain, which is perfect for those of us who don't particularly enjoy bike maintenance – there's no need to oil it or clean it after every ride, and it won't leave that distinctive mark on your leg or clothes.

Alongside this, the Urban uses a Bafang 3-speed automatic rear hub motor that keeps things super-simple. The motor and hub do all the work for you, so you don't even have to think about shifting up or down.

And this is a really good example of an automatic shifting system. No, you're

not going to be in the correct gear 100% of the time, but that's merely because it's 3-speed rather than 9, 10 or 11. For cruising on the flat or small inclines, it's hard to fault.

Is it any good?

I really enjoyed having this e-bike in the fleet. Whether for quick dashes to the shops or further afield for lunch, it was a true pleasure to ride. The 19in frame won't work for everyone, but there are step-through options with a lower top tube suited to smaller riders.

The battery isn't the biggest but Volt reckons you can get up to 55 miles from a charge, and that's a fair estimate if you ride on flat terrain and in favourable conditions. I like that it comes with mudguards and durable tyres already

installed. And they're full-length guards too, which is ideal for the unpredictable British weather.

What makes it great for commuters is not just its simplicity, but also its adaptability. There are all sorts of accessories you can buy for the Volt Urban, including pannier racks and bags, which only add to the usability of the bike for commuting purposes.

The 360Wh battery is removable, which means you don't need to bring the bike inside to charge it – another reason it's so commuter-friendly.

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Key specs

● Bafang 3-speed rear hub ● 360Wh removable ● 500W ● 55 miles ● 19.5kg

STUFF SAYS Sleek, minimalist and good value, this is our pick for city riding ★★★★★