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Tested: Volt Metro LS Electric Folding Bike

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How practical is the new Volt Metro LS electric folding bike while cruising? Laura Hodgetts puts it to the test to see if it is worth keeping onboard



The Volt Metric LS Electric Folding Bike can charge in 3-4 hours. Credit: Laura Hodgetts

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Your yacht is home when cruising new waters.

But ashore, when provisioning or exploring, you're back on foot, dependant on public transport, bicycle, or scooting – but with limitations when carrying shopping, or arriving at the local yacht club a little dishevelled.

Imagine if you could fit a Vespa on board... Well, the Volt Metro LS folding electric bike has stowable dimensions of 838 x 457 x 762mm.

You can use it on cycle paths and yet cover up to 40 miles without breaking a sweat, unless you wish to – by increasing exertion or turning the power off (0 mode).



The Volt Metro LS electric folding bike was easy to fold, but surprisingly heavy.

It has a comfortable seat plus suspension in the seat post, making it easy to travel over gravel tracks or grassy fields if anchored remotely.

The bike can be fitted with a basket or storage bag.

The electric propulsion kicks in when you push the pedal; it's a joy to ride and simple too.

Press the power button on the battery; tap the keycard on the handlebar's display, toggle through the five different pedal-assist levels – and off you go.

There are 8 speed gears and a smooth braking system. For front and rear lights, long press the '+'.

Verdict on the Volt Metric LS Electric Folding Bike

I loved this bike. The only downside was the weight.

Made from lightweight aluminium, it folds easily but at 22.7kg, it's comparable to an inflatable tender or an aeroplane hold bag.

A conventional folding bike would be a lot lighter and cheaper but wouldn't expand your shore-side horizons as far or be so much fun.

Specification of the Volt Metric LS Electric Folding Bike

- **Frame:** 15in
- **Weight:** 22.7kg (including battery)
- **Maximum Speed:** 15.5mph
- **Battery:** Lithium Ion 36V (Panasonic)
- **Charge time:** 3-4 hours
- **Power:** 36V Standard 400Wh
- **Warranty:** 2 years
- **Price:** £1,599
- **Website:** voltbikes.co.uk