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Pedal power: The best e-bikes in which to invest

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SIGN UP TO THE BENEFITS OF BIKING WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT WITH THE BEST E-BIKES



istorically, electric bicycles have been bulky and inconvenient. But e-bikes have undergone a significant evolution. They're lighter, faster and more aesthetically appealing. Whether you're commuting to work or biking across the countryside on a weekend, the best e-bikes can make your **cycling** experience infinitely more enjoyable.

The idea of an e-bike might feel a bit like cheating, but that's not quite the whole story. Sure, e-bikes are a powerful assistant, but they don't take all the effort out of cycling. They're designed to help you pedal, but the motor can only assist you up to the legal limit of 15.5 mph, which means you'll have to put in some effort to go faster. You can also choose from a range of assistance modes to control the effort applied, from battery-saving modes to intense turbo modes. So, while they can help keep you from breaking a sweat on your morning commute, and make a steep incline feel like flat terrain, you can still build cardio fitness.

E-bikes, in case you hadn't noticed, are big business right now. As a result, there are a lot of options on the market. The kind of e-bike you need depends on what you'll be using it for. If you're mainly commuting through the <u>city</u>, an electric hybrid bike with flat bars, an upright ride position and practical accessories like mudguards and lights is the ideal option. Electric road bikes with dropped handlebars and lighter builds would be great for biking across rough country lanes; while folding bikes can be a priority for those short on storage space.

Since e-bikes are considerably more expensive than regular <u>bicycles</u>, consider them investments – like a <u>classic watch</u> or a timeless suit. And sorting through the plethora of options can get a bit intimidating. Happily, we've curated an edit of the best e-bikes on the market right now to help you make the right investment.

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