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What is the legal status of electric/battery powered scooters?

The use of these types of scooters has become very popular in recent years, especially with children. The legal position is that if one of these scooters **can be powered by mechanical or electrical power alone, and does not require pedalling or scooting for propulsion, then the scooter is considered to be a mechanically propelled vehicle (MPV)** in terms of road traffic legislation, irrespective of engine capacity. If such scooters are to be used in any public place, they require insurance and road tax as with any other MPV. The driver would also require a driving licence and is obliged to wear a crash helmet. If the user of such a scooter cannot fulfil these legal requirements, then the scooter should only be used on private property.

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means that the usual legal requirements applicable to MPVs also apply to certain electric scooters. For example, the need to have a licence, tax and insurance, wear a helmet and ensure that the vehicle is registered and roadworthy.

The law

The RTA defines an MPV as including “a vehicle the means of propulsion of which is electrical”. **The Garda Síochána (Irish police force) has clarified that, if an electric scooter requires pedalling or an initial manual scoot to take off, and the motor only kicks in once already in motion, it is not considered an MPV.**

However, if an electric scooter can be propelled from a stationary position by a motor alone, then it comes under the definition of MPV, irrespective of engine capacity. Users of such models in any public place must, therefore, ensure that the scooter is roadworthy, have a licence, tax and insurance, and wear a helmet. Also, with the exception of motorised wheelchairs, MPVs are not permitted in bike lanes or on foot

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2. Step on the deck with one foot, and slowly kicks off the other on the ground

3. When the scooter starts to coast, put both feet on the deck and press the accelerator (the accelerator initiates once the coasting speed exceeds 3.1 mph)

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FAQs on E-Bikes, Pedelects or Battery Scooters

What is an electric bicycle? An electric bicycle, also known as an e-bike or booster bike, is a bicycle with an electric motor. There are many types of e-bikes, from e-bikes that only have a small motor to assist the rider's pedal-power (pedelecs) to more powerful e-bikes which don't need to be pedalled at all (power on demand), unless the rider wishes.

What is an electric / battery powered scooter? An electric scooter is a small platform with two or more wheels that is propelled by an electric motor. Besides the motor, the rider can also propel the electric scooter forward by pushing off the ground.

What is the law on e-bikes / pedelecs / battery powered scooters? Regardless of the type of bike, the rule is as follows: **if it can be powered by mechanical or electrical power alone (i.e. it can go without you pedalling or scooting it) then it is considered to be a mechanically propelled vehicle (MPV).** Under Road Traffic Law, if an MPV is used in a public place it is subject to all of the regulatory controls that apply to other vehicles. Therefore, it must be roadworthy, registered, taxed and insured. The driver of the vehicle must hold the appropriate driving licence and is obliged to wear a crash helmet.

What is the definition of 'mechanically propelled vehicle'? The Road Traffic Act 1961 at Section 3(1) (a) and (b), defines a mechanically propelled vehicle as: “a vehicle intended or adapted for propulsion by mechanical means, including:

- (a) a bicycle or tricycle with an attachment for propelling it by mechanical power, whether or not the attachment is being used,
- (b) a vehicle the means of propulsion of which is electrical or partly electrical and partly mechanical, but not including a tramcar or other vehicle r

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