

## Scooter Riding Instructions and Safety Tips

- 1. Got your helmet on?** Make it a habit! Always ride with protective gear and brightly-colored clothing. Wearing elbow and knee pads will also help keep your scooter riding safe and enjoyable. Protect yourself on the road and always ride responsibly!
- 2. Ride on smooth pavement.** Electric scooters are designed to be ridden only on smooth, dry pavement. **Caution:** Riding off-road in the dirt or riding in wet conditions will damage your scooter, so don't do it. Your Limited Warranty will not cover damages sustained by off-road riding.
- 3. Ride straight.** Do not stunt ride or jump the scooter! Scooters are not designed or built for stunt riding or jumping, and if riders abuse and damage the scooter by riding in that manner the Limited Warranty will not cover it.
- 4. Ride alert.** Whenever you ride, follow all traffic regulations, especially stop signs, traffic signals, pedestrian crosswalks, etc. If you have to cross a busy street or many lanes full of traffic, cross safely by walking your scooter in a designated crosswalk zone.

**Note:** If you want to know if any special laws govern scooters and their operation in your locale, contact your local police station or Department of Motor Vehicles for further information.

- 5. Ride defensively.** When in doubt, always yield the right-of-way to the other guy. Always assume the other drivers, pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists just don't see you there. Or won't ... until it's too late. And because electric scooters are very quiet on the road, other riders and drivers often cannot hear you coming.
- 6. Ride smart.** DO NOT ride your scooter at night unless you equip it with a functioning CPSC-approved bicycle headlight and taillight. Here are three tips for riding smart – **note them well:**
  - a) Find a loud bell or horn, mount it on your handlebars, and use it to warn others that you're coming.
  - b) Wear a brightly-colored shirt or jacket to increase your visibility to other drivers and riders.
  - c) DO NOT deliberately skid your back tire when stopping. Skidding leads to a loss of control and will quickly damage your tire, shortening its useful life and costing you money.
- 7. Ride safe.** Always give yourself plenty of room to stop. Electric scooters travel much faster than non-powered scooters – and they carry the additional weight of a motor and battery pack. Both the faster speed and the additional weight of your electric scooter extend the safe stopping distance compared to non-powered scooters.

**Warning:** Wet conditions can increase stopping distances by as much as six times the normal dry-pavement stopping distance. And skidding caused by braking on wet pavement is inherently dangerous and should be strictly avoided.

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- 8. DO NOT let others ride your scooter until they read the manual and fully understand how to operate it first.** Since you read the manual, they can too! Another important safety rule worth remembering is: **No Passengers!** Your scooter is designed to carry only one passenger, and within the specific weight limit noted in your Owner's Manual and any subsequent updates.
- 9. Do not ride your scooter until the initial charge has completed.** This could take six hours or more. Every charge afterwards should be no less than four hours, even if your charger shows a green light in less time.
- 10.** Check the battery connector under the deck plate (the part that you stand on) regularly. Make sure that the connector is attached firmly to keep your scooter running properly.
- 11.** Always turn the scooter off when it is not in use. Always turn the scooter off when charging the battery pack.
- 12.** Never drop the charger. Dropping, shaking, dragging, or kicking it will cause it to fail.
- 13.** If you are storing the scooter for any long period of time, fully charge the scooter again for up to 24 hours before you take it out for a ride.
- 14.** To keep the battery pack conditioned to work best, run the scooter for about 10 minutes every two weeks and recharge the batteries afterwards for more than four hours – even if the charger light is solid green. Doing this can significantly increase the life of your batteries.
- 15.** Your scooter uses a fuse. If the scooter is over-stressed due to excessive rider weight or a steep hill, it may pop to protect the rest of the electrical components and the scooter will shut itself off. The fuse is located under the deck plate, in the compartment in front of the battery pack. Only replace a blown fuse with one of exactly the same type, color, and rating.  
  
(The Owner's Manual for your scooter should always be your guide to the location and specification of mechanical and electrical parts.)
- 16.** Replace the charger if its lights are not working correctly or not working at all.
- 17.** Always keep the charger in a clean, dry, well-ventilated place and use only under adult supervision.
- 18.** Never twist the handlebars too far in either direction. This can damage the throttle and the brake wires.
- 19.** Never ride your scooter near swimming pools. Never ride your scooter on loose gravel.
- 20.** Never ride your scooter in wet weather; in snow or rain; through puddles, or oil, or any other liquid substance; or through mud or on wet grass.

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- 21.** Never tow or pull anyone or anything. Never tow or pull anyone or anything.
- 22.** Never wash your scooter with a hose. Simply cleaning your scooter with a damp towel will do just fine.
- 23.** Check for proper air pressure in your tires (again, refer to your Owner's Manual) and oil the chain regularly.
- 24.** Remember to follow all applicable laws and rules of the road when riding your electric scooter. Laws vary from state to state and within communities. When in doubt, contact your local police department or Department of Motor Vehicles for further information.

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