

Welcome to the first YikeBike newsletter.

Below are a few snippets of news and comment from our blog with links to the full posts. The testing video was lot fun to put together and it really does nicely show off the performance of the YikeBike [click here](#).

Our apologies to those of you who have had slow responses from us since launch - we have been totally overwhelmed with interest.

Always happy to hear any [feedback](#)

Kind Regards



YikeBike team



YikeBike testing

Below is the latest video of us testing the YikeBike. We had a lot of fun trying to find things the YikeBike couldn't do but it kept impressing us - it really is a very cool little machine to ride. Most of the video shows situations you are unlikely to encounter in a city. We do not recommend doing these things but it does show you what the YikeBike is capable of.



In this video you can see how well the YikeBike handles pot-holes, curbs, hills, braking, water, turning circles, acceleration, manoeuvrability, etc. In several places we also have a bicycle in the video and that is not necessarily to show it is better than a normal bike but just gives some reference to a vehicle that we are all familiar with.

These are some of the reasons why we have such a safe stable vehicle:

- We have a larger front wheel than the majority of folding bikes and this allows the YikeBike to handle bumps and pot holes easily
- Our brakes are the first in the world on a bike to be electronic anti-skid (ABS on a bike!)
- The wheel base is smaller than a normal bike but not that much smaller (70%) and it feels remarkably balanced
- The speed is limited to 20km/h so it is never faster than you can run
- If things do get unstable or in an emergency you just jump off the front holding the bike behind you - no handle bars to trip you up and catapult your head forward

We have had a few questions about the meaning of a "cattle stop" in the first part of the video. Apparently it is a New Zealand only term so apologies for that. Sometimes also referred to as a Cattle Grid, they are used for letting vehicles ride over them while keeping live stock in (also stops stray Hobbits).

Wow - what a launch!

Posted on September 11th, 2009

We thought there may be some niche interest in what we are doing but were quite surprised at the quantity of media coverage. As a result we have been swamped and so apologies to those still waiting for us to get back to you...

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Launch of the YikeBike at EuroBike 2009 in Germany



Why is the range so small? - 9-10 km is rubbish compared to other e-bikes!

Posted on September 21th, 2009

The YikeBike is not an entire transport solution - it doesn't fly or go under water either... It is designed for all those small journeys that are too far away to walk yet too much of a hassle to use a car or large bike. If you need to go 15-30 km it makes sense to use something faster and bigger. The key thing you can do with a YikeBike that you can't do as easily with anything else is take it with you on the car or train to give you more freedom at either end and store it under your desk or in a cupboard...

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Surely the YikeBike will make you fat!

Posted on September 28th, 2009

Well no more than an automatic washing machine... Did you know that if you had to hand wash your clothes for an average family it is the equivalent of running a half marathon each week? History is full of products that take away the drudgery of life giving you more free time to do as you please. The YikeBike is the same – it frees you up to rapidly move around congested cities in an efficient, environmentally friendly way. Hopefully you can use the extra time in your life to run and play with your kids, take a walk with a friend or get adventurous with your loved one.... Sure if you use this extra spare time to sit on the couch eating chips your belly will bloat but most people are not that stupid...

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