



FACTS ABOUT OUR E-SCOOTER BIKES WITH MOTORS UNDER 200WATT

- THEY ARE... considered Bicycles in Victoria (Check other State/Territory Laws)
- THEY DO NOT require Registration to be used on Public Roads
- THEY DO NOT require Insurance
- THEY DO NOT require a Drivers License to be Riden
- You Must always obey the relevent road rules when riding your Bike
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New Legislation Relating to Electric Bicycles (Victoria)

New Government Laws effective since late 2004 clarify the rules concerning the use of motorised vehicles on Victorian roads.

Last year we witnessed explosive growth in the demand for pocket bikes and motorised scooters. Riders as young as 5 years of age were riding our streets without helmets on vehicles capable of speeds in excess of 50Kph.

For motorists and pedestrians alike they became a menace, causing havoc with traffic and frightening both parents and other road users. Unfortunately for several reasons our Police force were powerless to do anything to prevent this menacing behaviour. Something had to be done to alleviate the problem and so Government stepped in to satisfy a social demand for change.

Itnabit Managing Director, Mr Mark Robinson was seriously concerned what impact the new laws may have on the company line of electric bikes being offered to the Australian public. He therefore maintained close contact and requested formal confirmation in writing that EACH & EVERY bike offered with a motor less than 200Watt falls within the new guidelines and is classified as a bicycle. Thus the following has been determined to apply to our bikes: (See the original email received by our Managing Director, Mr Mark Robinson on the next page.)

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-----Original Message-----

Received: Tuesday, 21 December 2004 5:04 PM
To: mark@itnabit.com

Subject: **Electric Bicycles**

Dear Mr Robinson

The Road Safety Act 1986 declares that vehicles with a motor are motor vehicles unless exempted under the provisions of Section 3. By an Order of the Executive Council published in the Victorian Government Gazette of 1 March 1988, pedal cycles to which are attached one or more auxiliary propulsion motors having an aggregate maximum power output not exceeding 200 watts were declared not to be motor vehicles for the purposes of the Road Safety Act 1986. Consequently, bicycles fitting this description do not require registration, nor do their drivers require licensing in order to be used on the road. Riders must obey the road rules which apply to bicycle riders, including the wearing of a bicycle helmet.

The recent clarification of the rules concerning the use of motorised scooters, designed to allow Police to better enforce the long standing restrictions on maximum engine power output do not apply to pedal cycles with auxiliary motors. Consequently pedal cycles are not prevented from having petrol driven auxiliary motors, nor are they limited to a maximum speed capability. They must, of course, still be ridden within the speed limit, and the maximum power output of any auxiliary motor or motors must not exceed 200 watts.

Insofar as any electric bicycle can be propelled by human power through the use of pedals, and the auxiliary motor fitted is not more than 200 watts maximum power output, they may be legally used on the road in Victoria. All rules relating to cyclists apply to riders of such vehicles. I attach the text of the 1988 Order in Council below. It is not affected or revoked by the Order published in the Victorian Government Gazette S263 of 14 December 2004.

regards

Jeff Potter
Manager-Road User Behaviour
Road Safety Department
VicRoads

Victorian Government Gazette - S15 - 1 March 1988 p3

Road Safety Act 1986

MOTOR VEHICLES DECLARED NOT TO BE MOTOR VEHICLES

The Governor in Council under section 3(2)(b) of the Road Safety Act 1986 by this Order declared the following classes of motor vehicles not to be motor vehicles for the purpose of that Act:

1. Pedal cycles to which are attached one or more auxiliary propulsion motors having an aggregate maximum power output not exceeding 200 watts.
2. Self propelled motor vehicles that ---
 - (a) are designed to be controlled by a person walking with that vehicle; and
 - (b) have a maximum attainable speed of less than 7 kilometres an hour.

Dated 23 February 1988

Responsible Minister:
J.H.KENNAN
Minister for Transport

LAWRENCE. A. FISHER
Clerk of the Executive Council