The 7 Best Electric Scooters for Commuting in 2020

An eco-friendly way of traveling to work

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Nowadays, it's common to see electric scooters during commutes to work, school, or just a trip into town. Free of oil and gasoline, electric scooters provide a clean and quiet option for commuting locally and don't carry the same maintenance costs of cars or other larger vehicles. In urban environments, electric scooters are not only a green way to travel but are a more efficient solution for crowded cities. If you're looking to break into the scooter world, there are a slew of options for different needs—whether you need a quick ride to work, or merely something to ride around the block for fresh air and enjoyment.

Electric scooters are also available in different shapes and sizes, with some options presenting a standing board, while others include a full seat and a bit of cargo area (just in case you need to pick up some groceries after work). No matter your commuting need, we have an electric scooter for you.

Best Overall: Glion Dolly

$430 Prime

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Need an affordable ride around town that won't break down? The Glion Dolly is a great value. Featuring a 238 Wh battery that can push the scooter up to 15 mph with a 15-mile range, the Dolly won't take you too far, but it still makes a great companion for urban travel. On the other hand, this commuter scooter doesn't skimp on the Dolly's construction as it employs an aircraft-grade aluminum alloy frame and 8-inch honeycomb never-flat tires.

For individuals who might want to carry around their ride, this scooter weighs only 28 pounds and can be folded up and dollied around with a retractable handle. Additional features with the Glion Dolly include a built-in headlight and a pedestrian bell. It comes in black and has a maximum riding weight of 255 pounds.

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Best Design: Xiaomi Mi Electric

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Known for its smartphone and consumer electronic offerings, Xiaomi also carries their own electric scooters. The Mi Electric Scooter brings a stunning modern design with an aerospace-grade aluminum black frame and red accents. It features a 500W capable motor that can travel up to 15 mph and a distance of 18.6 miles. When low on a charge, this commuter scooter will take about five hours to charge up from an empty battery. The unit is also IP54 dirt-, dust-, and splash-resistant for your travels.

Coming from Xiaomi, the Mi Electric packs in a collection of extra technology, everything from short circuit protection to under-voltage protection, but also more rider-facing features such as a regenerative battery, LED notification lights, front headlights, and rear brake lights. A smartphone app also allows you to control and view stats about your ride.

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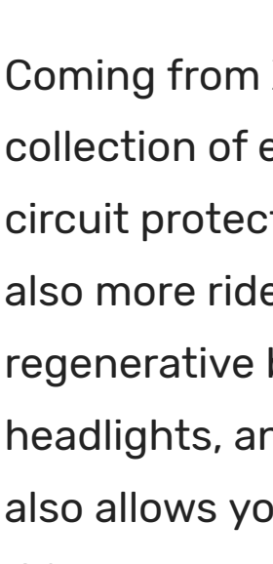
Best for Short Commutes: Razor EcoSmart Metro



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If you're seeking out a comfortable commuter scooter with storage, but only need to travel short distances at a time, then Razor's EcoSmart Metro scooter is an excellent choice. With a max speed of 18 mph, this scooter can travel up to 40 minutes on a single charge (that's about 12 miles of range).

A decent-sized rear basket can also carry small cargo if needed. Beyond the range of the EcoSmart Metro, the other downside to Razor's scooter is its maximum rider weight. While the unit is large enough for an adult, the rider can weigh no more than 220 pounds. Besides the shorter range and low weight limit, this scooter is great for those quick commutes. The bamboo wood deck is a nice detail, but you won't find any other amenities as the EcoSmart Metro lacks both turn signals and headlights.

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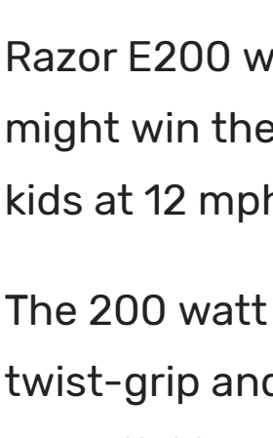
Best for Teens: Razor E200



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Electric scooters are also an excellent way for teens to get around town or to their first part-time job without a license or car. Featuring a standard, barebone design (though pretty affordable), the Razor E200 won't be winning any awards, but it might win the hearts of parents who can limit their kids at 12 mph travel speeds.

The 200 watt motor under the deck is operated by a twist-grip and can carry up to 154 pounds; thus, it's essential to make sure your teen falls within these limits. Razor quotes the E200 travel distance as 12 mph for up to 40 minutes, which equates to around 8 miles on a charge. Beyond the included retractable kickstand, no other amenities are included, so with the unit's lightweight design, it's recommended to get a bike lock to keep it secure from theft.

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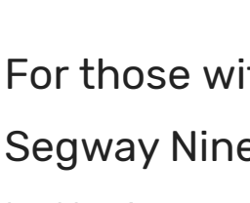
Best for Long Commutes: Segway Ninebot ES4



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For those with longer commutes to work, the Segway Ninebot ES4 packs a punch with dual batteries, up to 800 watts of power, a top speed of 19 mph, and a travel range of up to 28 miles. The powerful commuter scooter can also accommodate users up to 220 pounds. Still, it's lightweight and portable, thanks to a one-step folding system that allows you to store and travel anywhere with the scooter. The front and rear wheel shock absorbers, along with the mechanical and electrical anti-lock brakes, ensure a safe, comfortable ride, too. Although Segway's scooter comes with a hefty price tag, you also get advanced tech features including an LED display, Bluetooth capabilities, cruise control, customizable lights, and connectivity to Segway's own app to help manage your rides.

Best Budget: Gotrax GXL V2

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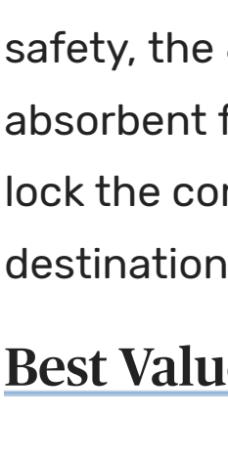
Most electric scooters can be costly, but the Gotrax GXL V2 is a budget-friendly, practical alternative. Ideal for shorter trips, this 250-watt motor scooter has a maximum speed of 15.5 miles and a weight limit of up to 220 pounds. Its 36-voltage battery allows the scooter to travel up to 12 miles on a single charge, with a recharging time of four hours. For safety, the 8.5-inch inflated tires are shock-absorbent for tackling bumpy roads. Easily fold and lock the commuter scooter when you get to your destination.

Best Value: Swagger 5 High Speed



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This no-frills, affordable electric scooter from Swagtron is foldable, powerful, and durable. With a 250-watt motor, this scooter rides with a speed of up to 18 mph and can handle inclines as steep as 20 degrees. Travel up to 11 miles with cruise control and recharge the scooter's lithium-ion battery in just 3.5 hours. The commuter scooter is also made of a rugged aluminum frame, features 8.5-inch tires, and supports users up to 320 pounds.

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