



BE SAFE

While we want you to enjoy the summer and ride those electrical bikes.
DO YOU KNOW THE RULES.

In Texas, a motorized bike is street-legal only if it qualifies as an **electric bicycle (e-bike)** under state law. Legal e-bikes must have fully operable pedals, a motor of less than 750 watts, and a maximum assisted speed of 28 mph. If a bike lacks functional pedals, has a larger motor, or exceeds 28 mph, it cannot be ridden on public streets, sidewalks, or bike paths. [1, 2, 3, 4]

Electric bicycles in Texas are categorized into three classes, all of which are permitted on streets: [1, 2]

- **Class 1:** Pedal-assist only, up to 20 mph.
- **Class 2:** Throttle-assist, with or without pedaling, up to 20 mph.
- **Class 3:** Pedal-assist only, up to 28 mph (riders must be at least 15 years old). [1]

Motorized bikes that do not fit these specific criteria—such as gas-powered motorized bikes, pocket bikes, mini-motorcycles, and electric dirt bikes—are generally considered illegal to ride on public streets, highways, or sidewalks. These vehicles often lack street-legal equipment like headlights, turn signals, brake lights, mirrors, and valid registration, making them restricted solely to private property. [1, 2, 3]

You can find the exact state statutes regarding e-bike operation on the [Texas Department of Public Safety](https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/vehicle-inspection/unique-vehicles) website or verify local requirements through the City of Houston Bikeways program. [1]

- MINIATURE MOTORCYCLES ARE ILLEGAL TO OPERATE ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS. THE MINIATURE MOTORCYCLES, ALSO KNOWN AS POCKET BIKES AND POCKET ROCKETS, CAN ONLY BE OPERATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- POCKET BIKES DO NOT MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF A MOTOR ASSISTED SCOOTER AS STATED IN CHAPTER 551.351 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE. THEREFORE THEY CANNOT BE REGISTERED AS VEHICLES AND THEY DO NOT MEET EQUIPMENT STANDARDS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL AND TEXAS LAW.
- [HTTPS://WWW.DPS.TEXAS.GOV/SECTION/VEHICLE-INSPECTION/UNIQUE-VEHICLES](https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/vehicle-inspection/unique-vehicles)

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