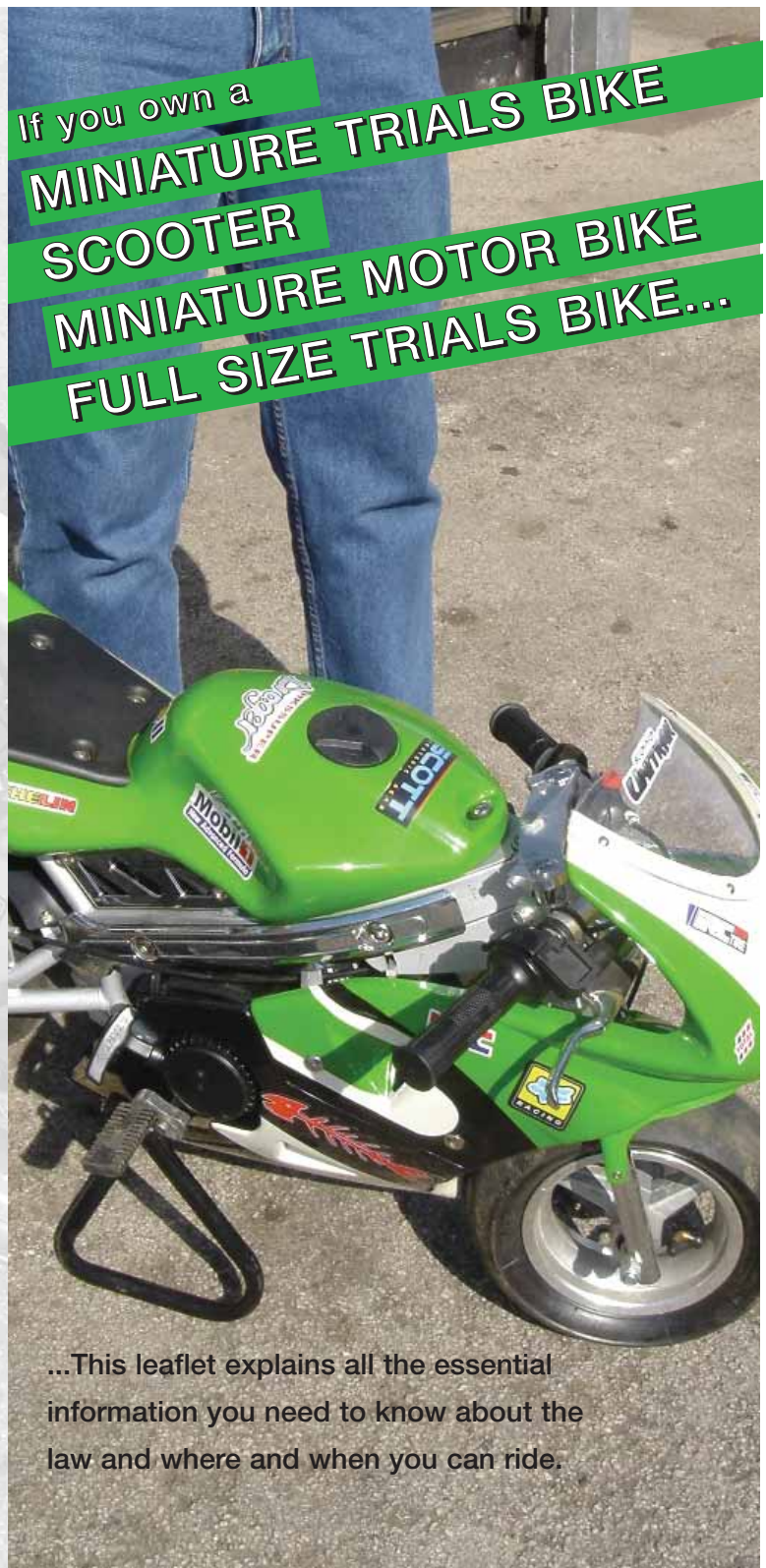


If you own a
MINIATURE TRIALS BIKE
SCOOTER
MINIATURE MOTOR BIKE
FULL SIZE TRIALS BIKE...



...This leaflet explains all the essential information you need to know about the law and where and when you can ride.



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Every day we receive complaints concerning the use of mini motor bikes, miniature and full-size scrambling bikes and powered scooters.



If you own or ride one of these vehicles it is your responsibility to know the laws covering riding and owning them.

Simply Put

The Road Traffic Act (RTA) 1988 is the act which governs vehicles of this type. It says that

“Any machine capable of travelling in excess of 5 miles per hour (mph) is subject to the full extent of the Road Traffic Act 1988”

If you ride on the road or footpath you require the following:

- Insurance
- Registration with the DVLA
- Whole Vehicle Type Approval (So far we are not aware of any models that have been approved)
- Registration plates
- Excise Licence (Tax Disc)
- Brakes and lights

The rider needs to be OVER 16 YEARS of age and must:

- Have a driving licence to ride a moped
- Display L Plates if the licence is provisional
- Wear an approved crash helmet
- Have taken Compulsory Basic Training (CBT)

Parents Beware

Parents of an underage rider may be prosecuted for causing or permitting illegal use.

The Police Reform Act 2002 addresses the anti-social use of these motor vehicles.

“If a motor vehicle is being used in a careless and inconsiderate manner and is causing, or is likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public, police have certain powers.”

These powers allow police officers to require the person to stop driving/riding the motor vehicle and, following a warning, the motor vehicle may be removed and seized if use is continued or repeated.

Put simply, legislation deals with anti-social activity on common land, moorland or land which is not part of a road, footpaths, bridle ways and restricted byways (pretty much everywhere).

Think carefully if you or your children are using these vehicles on the road, footpath or other areas.

“So where can I ride these vehicles?”

The only legal option is to ride them on private land with the permission of the landowner.

Mini-Moto

Miniature motor bikes were primarily meant as an affordable introduction to motor sport. There are venues throughout the UK catering for the growing sport of Mini-Moto. They provide a safe and legal environment for you to use your mini motor bike.

Sob Story

Recently a 17-year-old rider in Warwickshire was prosecuted for riding a scooter on the footpath.

He was given an 18-month rehabilitation order, a 70-hour community punishment order and six months' disqualification from driving. His licence was endorsed and he was ordered to pay £50.00 costs.



BE A RESPONSIBLE OWNER AND RIDER