





With a Skoot, the dream of integrated transport becomes a practical proposition. Ride where you want to go, and fold the Skoot

away, in seconds, into its case. Then carry it into offices, restaurants or hotels, or take it further on trains, buses, trams, or taxis. All without hassle, loss of dignity or greasy hands. It packs away neatly in 30 seconds, even on a crowded pavement. Unpacked, it's a street-legal cycle with an adult-size frame for road use, with 12" (203) pneumatic tyres, front and rear lighting, reflectors and calliper brakes. The single-speed transmission has a 5:1 pedal ratio and the chain is completely enclosed to protect your clothing. If you Skoot to work, you can carry a stylish briefcase or lap-top computer inside the frame. There's no need to lump a lock around: the Skoot never needs to be left outside a building where it could be stolen. Packed away, a Skoot is as unobtrusive as a small suitcase and will fit neatly under a desk at work, or in a cupboard at home. It weighs around 31lb (14.5kg) and has large roller wheels for pulling it along. Folded dimensions are 569x797x138mm. The rigid space-frame is made of rugged TIG-welded cro-mo tubing, with custom-machined stainless steel and aluminium parts. The colourful ABS shell mouldings are available in many designs, from corporate grey (with your own company logo) to canary yellow, or even zebra stripes! The Skoot is a great combination of fun and practicality, giving

### *Sidebar*

In the UK, the Skoot costs around £850.

### *Manufacturer*

Vincent Fallon is a product designer who has been working freelance with European manufacturers for 20 years. He teamed up with some friends who are consultants in aerospace engineering and between them they came up with Skoot 'from scratch'. The brief they set themselves was to come up with a form of personal transport which could be taken inconspicuously into buildings. Vincent and his son Vaughan set up a company in Colchester to manufacture the Skoot and market it worldwide. The team's lack of preconceptions led to some unconventional design solutions - such as the removable cranks and handlebars which fold to become only 130mm wide. Importantly for such a radical design, it conforms to British Standards BS6102/1 for strength, safety and impact tests. A range of Skoot branded attaché and lap-top cases, waterproof clothing and helmets is also available. The Skoot is available direct from the manufacturers, and can be

instant mobility without the drawbacks usually associated with taking along a bike. Take it on holiday to explore towns and cities, or just to get down to the beach as quickly as possible. You could even take it on a cruise liner or yacht, to explore interesting ports of call.

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