

## **BEFORE EACH RIDE CHECK AND ADJUST AS NECESSARY:**

- tightness of quick release levers, nuts and bolts;
- tyres air pressure (recommended tyre pressure is on each tyre);
- tyres if not damaged;
- brake function;
- brake pads and their contact with rims;
- brake cables;
- lights function if riding in dark.

## **WHEN SCOOTING**

- Always wear a helmet;
- keep in mind that the standing platform has low clearance;
- follow all traffic and safety laws, rules, and ordinances (see RTA safety advice and linked law below)
- for turning signal, use your leg;
- keep both your hands on a handlebar;
- while braking try to keep your centre of gravity low;
- many parking's and side streets have speed bumps installed. The height of some of them might be higher than the clearance of your footbike. If you hit the ground you can scratch the bottom of the footplate (that is not any issue because the footplate is reinforced underneath) or you might suddenly stop and fall down;
- learn to change your legs;
- get used to the balance and feel of steering and brakes;
- recommended shoes are running shoes with a low heel and a stiff sole;
- we also recommend padded biking gloves as they absorb unpleasant vibrations when riding on rough surfaces. All the footbikes have exceptionally good grips to absorb the vibrations well;
- we recommend to avoid skirt hems and trouser legs as that might end up among spokes;
- avoid loose shoelaces.

## **RTA SAFETY ADVICE**

On the footpath, riders of footbikes should ensure their riding does not threaten pedestrians, especially the elderly. They may need to slow down or dismount in busy areas.

In the interests of safety and enjoyment, footbikes are best ridden in recreational areas designated for their use.

Footbikes riders should wear a helmet and protective gear such as knee and elbow pads.

The use of footbikes on the road is not recommended for school-aged children or younger.

## **WHAT THE LAW SAYS**

A pedestrian includes "a person in or on a wheeled recreational device or wheeled toy". This includes rollerblades, a skateboard, scooter, unicycle, or similar wheeled device.

Footbikes, skateboards and rollerblades may be ridden on footpaths unless there are signs that specifically prohibit them. However, riders must keep to the left and give way to other pedestrians.

Powered foot scooters cannot be registered and therefore can only be used on private land.

On separated bicycle and pedestrian paths, footbike riders must use the section designated for bicycles, but must keep out of the path of any bicycle.

Footbikes can be used on the road only during daylight hours. They cannot be used on roads with a dividing line or median strip or a speed limit greater than 50km an hour, or a one-way road with more than one marked lane.

Source: Transport, Road & Maritime Services - RTA website (Australia)

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/pedestrians/skateboardsfootscootersandrollerblades/index.html>