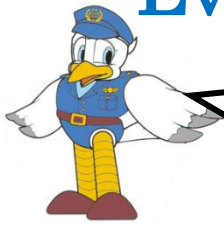


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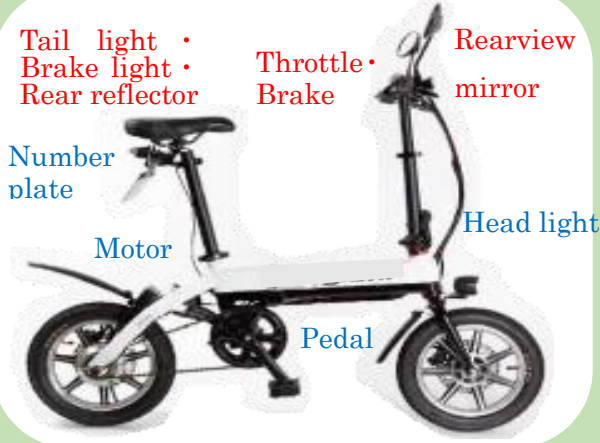


it's a moped.



Please do not mistake it for an electric-assist bicycle.

Moped with pedals



Electric-assist (Bicycle with auxiliary power assistance)



- Legally, it applies to bicycle (light vehicles)
- Under certain conditions, sidewalk travel is permitted.
- A driver's license is not required.
- Without human intervention, the motor will not operate, and the level of assistance is also limited.

Rules necessary for purchasing/owing the vehicle

Rules necessary for riding on the road

- Wearing a helmet and possessing a driving license are required when driving a moped with pedals on the road.
- Mopeds cannot ride the sidewalk in any case.
- Two-step right turns and riding in the leftmost lane on multi-lane roads are required.

- Even though it has pedals, it's a moped.
- Meeting safety standards (installing a headlight, rearview mirror, tail/brake light) and joining in Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance are also required.
- Installing a license plate is required, too.

In addition, further points to be noted are as follows:



All the above driving patterns, 1, 2 and 3 are classified as **driving a moped!**

① : Pedaling to travel

Motor off

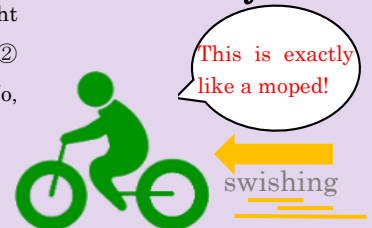


② : Combination of motor and pedals



You, who thought both ① and ② were bicycles! No, you were wrong!

③ : Traveling with motor only



Powered solely by human effort, by a combination of human effort and motor, or by the motor alone, all these patterns constitute the original usage of a moped, therefore, they are classified as "riding" a moped.



Even when pedaling, a license and helmet are required. It's not allowed to ride on sidewalks!

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