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The Gocycle is superb in busy traffic... It accelerates quickly from junctions
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enough to do but I would have liked a stronger magnet or even a strap system like the Gocycle's to keep the folded halves together.

Both bikes can be wheeled along when folded by extending the seatpost and/or handlebar. It's just as well; you wouldn't want to run along a station platform carrying these bikes. With practice, you should be able to fold either bike in under 30 seconds. Folded sizes are broadly similar. The Gocycle rests nicely on its kickstand, while the folded Tern can also be stood up on the rear rack, which I actually found the most stable position.

Components

The Gocycle G4 had a design update a couple of years ago which, as well as new frame materials and a carbon fork, saw the introduction of an all-new G4drive front hub motor. This is quieter and has more torque than its predecessor, despite its discreet appearance. Like almost every element of the Gocycle, the hub motor is the manufacturer's own design. It's paired with a 300Wh battery, which is neatly hidden in the frame. When the bike is folded, you can slide the battery out to



Top: Supernova LED lights are wired in to the main battery
Bottom: As well as a telescopic seatpost, the seat angle is slacker so the reach extends more for taller riders

recharge it away from the bike. The Gocycle's battery can be used to charge other devices as there's a 1A USB-C outlet on the handlebar.

The Tern has an efficient, reliable and superbly smooth Bosch mid-drive motor. As an Active Line Plus unit, this isn't the most powerful in the range but then the Vektron isn't an e-MTB or full-blown cargo bike, and the lower torque rating compared to top-end mid-drives doesn't seem to dent its hill-climbing ability, which is excellent. The Vektron Q9 (there's also an S10) gets a frame-mounted and removable 400Wh Bosch Power Pack battery as standard. It's

compatible with 300Wh and 500Wh Power Packs as well.

Both the Gocycle and Tern come with fast (4A) chargers with estimated charging times of three and four hours respectively. The handlebar displays are very different. The Tern has an easy-to-use Purion display. Gocycle owners can choose between the minimalist Fuel Gauge display (a line of red LEDs in the handlebar that show battery capacity and the selected assistance mode) or the Gocycle app; you'll need to attach your phone to the handlebar via the rubber

Tech spec GOCYCLE G4

Price: £3,399.

Sizes: One size with telescopic seatpost.

Folded size: 88x39x61.5cm (with kickstand up).

Weight: 18.1kg (39.9lb)

Frame and fork:

Carbon fibre mid-frame, hydroformed aluminium front frame, magnesium Cleandrive transmission casing. Carbon fibre single-sided fork.

Wheels: 406-60 Gocycle tyres, 20in magnesium one-piece wheels on stub axles.

Transmission:

Folding pedals, 32t chainring, Shimano Nexus 3-speed hub gear with magnesium-enclosed Cleandrive

cover, 12t rear sprocket. Three ratios, 39-73in.

Electronics: Gocycle G4drive front hub motor with traction control. Gocycle frame-integrated, removable 300Wh battery. Fuel Gauge display.

Braking: Hydraulic disc brakes.

Steering and seating: Folding handlebar stem with integrated handlebar featuring Gocycle's LED Fuel Gauge display and 1A USB-C charging port. Telescopic seatpost, Velosport saddle.

Equipment: Supernova LED lights front and rear, full-length mudguards, kickstand.
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