

Winners Announced for Pedelec Awards

Nine winning pedelecs in 13 product groups



ExtraEnergy Pedelec Awards Ceremony, VELOBerlin 2018, photo from left: Hannes Neupert, President ExtraEnergy e.V./Executive Director EnergyBus e.V., Ralf Klagges, Development and Founder Utopia Velo, Stephanie Panne, Marketing & Communication BBF BIKE, Ákos Mencseli, Countrymanager D/A/CH/CZ/SK Gepida Deutschland GmbH, Katharina Lahner, Marketing Event Coördinator QWIC, Nuscha Vakilzadeh, Account Manager Germany myStromer AG, Matthias Lingner, Founder/CEO myWingWheels Design & E-Mobility GmbH. Photo: Bruno Brandão, www.ExtraEnergy.org.

27th April 2019, VELOBerlin, Germany. The winners of the 2019 ExtraEnergy Pedelec and E-Bike Tests were announced on the 27th April 2019 during VELOBerlin. Nine bikes were honoured for achieving exceptional results in 13 product groups.

The Pedelec Awards for the 2019 ExtraEnergy Test season were presented to high-ranking representatives of the winning companies on the 27th April 2019 during the VELOBerlin exhibition.

Among the winning manufacturers were Dahon, FOCUS, Gepida, M1 - Sporttechnik, myStromer, QWIC, Urban Arrow and Utopia Velo. Gepida was especially successful, with test wins in two product groups, as was Urban Arrow with test wins in three product groups and Utopia Velo with two winning bikes across a total of three product groups.

The Test Winners

A total of nine bikes achieved the highest levels of customer wish fulfilment across 13 product groups.

The easy-rolling Dahon E-Vigor folding pedelec impressed testers with its powerful Shimano E6000 mid motor and agile, sporty chassis. As a gutsy bundle of fun for primarily on-road riding it took the test victory for the Folding Pedelec product group.

The award for the Dahon E-Vigor was handed over to Stephanie Panne, Marketing & Communication BBF BIKE.

Raw power and lurid colours: this is a bruiser of a bike designed superbly for off-road trails, and which also rides as if on rails on-road. So it's a test win for the FOCUS JAM² C Plus Pro in the Sport Offroad Pedelecs product group.

If you're looking for your perfect match the Gepida Alboin SLX 10 is powerful, easy-rolling and harmoniously responsive, and elegant in form and graphics. The excellent pedal assistance in all situations, and harmonious behaviour in all aspects, carried it to the Easy and City-Comfort Pedelecs test victory.

The award for the Gepida Alboin SLX 10 was handed over to Ákos Mencseli, Countrymanager D/A/CH/CZ/SK Gepida Deutschland GmbH.

Good, safe, fast: a bike of superlatives, not just in technology and looks but also in price. At 16,499 Euros the M1 Spitzing Worldcup is by some way the most expensive pedelec that ExtraEnergy has ever tested. Test winner in Sport Road Pedelecs.

Stromer has set a new benchmark with the ST2 S: perfect ride performance, integrated design and top-end specification make this the well-deserved test winner for Business Pedelecs.

The award for the Stromer ST2 S was handed over to Nuschka Vakilzadeh, Account Manager Germany myStromer AG.

A classic, top-class pedelec: the QWIC Premium MN8 combines an upright riding position and low step-through with pleasantly smooth assistance, nippy and agile handling and a gutsy motor. Test winner in the Classic Pedelecs group.

The award for the QWIC Premium MN8 was handed over to Katharina Lahner, Marketing Event Coördinator QWIC.

The Urban Arrow Family CX-500 is a well-engineered cargo pedelec with numerous clever design details, and with many load modules available it's easily adaptable for a wide range of applications. So for good reason it carried away test victories in three product groups: Family Cargo, Commercial Cargo 50kg+ and Commercial Cargo 120kg+.

The awards for the Urban Arrow Family CX-500 were handed over to Matthias Lingner, Founder/CEO myWingWheels Design & E-Mobility GmbH.

The Utopia Velo Kranich Pedelec 11-G Alfine impressed as perhaps the ultimate all-rounder, with top class results for power assistance factor on tour, city and hills tests. Its reassuringly safe handling and perfect balance guided it to test wins in the Touring Pedelec and Family Pedelec product groups.

Frame geometry from 1890, a hammock saddle and a hugely powerful motor propelled the Utopia Velo Pedersen Pedelec 11-G Deore XT to a test victory in the Lifestyle Pedelec product group. Our test bike with its twin battery packs achieved an impressive range of 100.3 km in power mode 3 on the Tour section of the test circuit.

The awards for the Utopia Velo Kranich Pedelec 11-G Alfine and the Utopia Velo Pedersen Pedelec 11-G Deore XT were handed over to Ralf Klagges, development and founder Utopia Velo.

Product groups

Product groups: helping consumers choose

The product groups into which these Pedelec Awards are sub-divided represent a wide variety of intended uses and customer expectations. These groups have been defined as a result of analysing, and then weighting, customer wishes: an approach which is unique in the industry. The weighting of customer wishes, including for example high levels of power assist or good range, reflects different types of end user. A parent, for example, is most likely to value the range and reliability of their electric bike ahead of its looks, while an athletic e-biker will look first for power and a sporty, chic appearance.

So with these product groupings, ExtraEnergy provides a clear response to the growing diversity of the booming electric bike market, by diversifying the test requirements. This categorisation and awards structure provides useful orientation for customers, and it also incentivises industry excellence.

Congratulations to all of the test winners!

Photo gallery for the Pedelec Awards ceremony: <https://tinyurl.com/y22wxfxu>

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About ExtraEnergy

ExtraEnergy has carried out independent e-bike and pedelec tests since 1992. Since then the organisation has established itself as the most influential information, user protection and promotional organisation for light electric vehicles (LEVs) worldwide.

The founders realised from the start that these vehicles need to be experienced first-hand. Since 1997 the Test IT Track has been on the road, and today has three units for the Test IT Show. ExtraEnergy is also rooted at its test facility in Tanna, where 27 years of test reports and LEV history are on display at the LEV Museum.

Other services on offer include presentations and exhibitions at trade and public shows, plus information distribution with the assistance of correspondents worldwide.

Alongside our physical presence, www.extraenergy.org provides a treasure-house of information online. With support from the European Union and the IEA (International Energy Agency), in 2012 the Go Pedelec! Handbook was published in German, English, Dutch, Hungarian, Czech, Italian, Spanish and Chinese, including much new information and best practice studies for electric-assist two-wheelers.

As founding members of the EnergyBus and BATSO (Battery Safety Organisation) associations, ExtraEnergy is also active on both the ISO (International Standards Organisation) Standards Committee, with a focus on mechanical standardisation, and on the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission), and so helps set safety and communication standards for LEVs worldwide.

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